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MILLET FOOD PATCH ATTRACTS BOBOLINKS

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Last spring an experimental two acre wildlife food patch of corn and millet was planted at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, Rhode Island on the southeast tip of Aquidneck Island. The purpose of the planting was threefold.

First, it was planted to arrest erosion and rebuild topsoil which had been depleted through unwise farming practices on a rather steep hill. Secondly, it was intended to serve as an example of good farming practices as a strip crop, contour plowed field. Thirdly, as indicated above, it was meant to provide food for migratory and resident birds. Happily, the area has been successful in all three respects. It is the third mentioned purpose with which this article is concerned.

On August 27, a large flock of migrating Bobolinks was seen in the food patch. Two Japanese mist nets were set in one of the millet rows and by the end of the day (16 net hours) 31 of the "rice birds" had been captured, banded, and released. Examination of a few birds collected as reference skins showed that the collected birds, at least, had fed almost entirely on millet.