

A NOTE ON BANDING SUCCESS
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For the five years 1961-1965 a record was kept of the species of birds observed in my yard (a suburban type of area) to find what per cent was caught in my bird-banding station (25 traps: 1 All-purpose, 18 Char-donneret and 6 Potter).

The record shows:

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| 1961 | 48 | species with | 77.0% | taken |
| 1962 | 50 | " " | 78.0% | " " |
| 1963 | 57 | " " | 75.0% | " " |
| 1964 | 46 | " " | 71.1% | " " |
| 1965 | 45 | " " | 73.3% | " " |

The range: 45 to 57 species with 71.1 to 78.0% captured and a five year average of 74.8%.

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NYLON BAGS TO COLLECT BIRDS IN
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This Minnesota bander is indebted to EBBA for the suggestion someone made about using nylon mesh bags to collect birds in -- that someone is a genius! This method has changed my whole banding procedure 100%. I find that I can put 10 warbler-vireo size birds very comfortably in one, or 2 robin-blue jay size birds in one. I love the fact that I can see beforehand what I'm to band. . . .and more than that, the birds can breathe good clean Minnesota air.

I find there is practically no fighting among birds in the bag. They seem too occupied trying to get out. If I have a Cardinal or a Grosbeak, though, I put them in separate bags.

Four bags for me are adequate, even during heavy movements of birds, such as I've never seen the likes of before during this last month of September (1965).

For those who haven't switched to this procedure, I strongly recommend it. I threw my gathering buckets out 2 months ago.

Not every store carries these bags, but the Sears Roebuck catalog (winter 1965) has them. The number in the catalog is 11G6073 (80¢ each) in case anyone wishes the information.

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