

PREDATOR BANDINGS AND RECOVERIES
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Since the spring of 1959 I have banded some 2,339 birds of prey--nestlings, adults, and flying immatures--mostly in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. Without getting into the details of banding techniques, dates and places of recovery, etc., I would like to present the following chart of recovery rates per species which I have been experiencing:

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>RECOVERED</u>	<u>RECOVERY RATE</u>
Sparrow Hawk	600	17	2.83%
Red-tailed Hawk	699	36	5.15%
Red-shouldered Hawk	223	8	3.58%
Broad-winged Hawk	107	2	1.86%
Rough-legged Hawk	4		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9		
Cooper's Hawk	57		
Goshawk	45	2	4.44%
Marsh Hawk	20	1	5.00%
Osprey	12	1	8.33%
Bald Eagle	5		
Turkey Vulture	9		
Black Vulture	1		
Shrike	1		
Great-Horned Owl			
Screech Owl	223	13	5.82%
Barred Owl	193	14	7.25%
Barn Owl	48	1	2.08%
Snowy Owl	50	1	2.00%
Short-eared Owl	10	3	30.00%
Saw-whet Owl	2		
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TOTAL BANDED:	<u>2,319</u>	RECOVERED: <u>99</u>	OVERALL RECOVERY RATE: 4.27%

It goes without saying that most of the individuals recovered were either "shot" or "found dead."

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