

Summary

The 1965 invasion of Saw-whet Owls was easily the largest recorded for this species. Ninety-one birds were reported in the Marine Region from September 28 to November 30 and nearly 400 were reported from Ontario south to the Middle Atlantic States from September 8 to early December. Of this latter figure about 285 were reported by banders operating mist nets at night. The bulk of their migration fell between October 3 and November 10 with a peak October 14-18 when 117 were reported from the above localities. By the last week of November most Saw-whets had established winter territories and could be found roosting at the same places from day to day. In an area 12 miles long by $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide along the Delaware River in New Jersey, a bander captured 43 roosting Saw-whets from the last week of November to January 31. The wintering population on coastal Long Island was also high, and many birds were found dead on the highways.

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JAMAICA BANDER'S FIRST VISIT TO THE U. S. A.

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The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a master Bird-Banding Permit to the Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies. Mr. Roger W. Smith is one of the most active banders under that permit. Since 1963 and by the end of 1965, the Jamaican groups have banded a total of 8575 birds. They also recovered a number of birds banded in the U. S. A. In May, 1966, Roger (his wife and 3 children), taking leave from his work in the growing and production of cocoa in Jamaica, spent his leave time in their native England. Wishing to visit the U. S. A. on their return trip to Jamaica, the family, traveling by air, arrived in New York on August 26. Roger visited one of the Operation Recovery stations on Long Island. On August 28, they arrived in Washington, D. C., and stayed for 2 days with Arthur Fast in Arlington, Virginia. (During his 4 winter trips to Jamaica, Arthur has visited with the Roger Smiths; and he has found Roger very helpful with the Jamaican birds.) There some birds were banded, and walks were taken in nearby birding areas. Roger added quite a number of birds to his life list. The family enjoyed a hurried look at the sights of Washington, and said it might be an agreeable place in which to live. Their next stop was Miami, Florida, for a 2-day visit. No report has been received of their impressions of Miami. From all indications, one of the highlights of their various travels has been their first trip to the U. S. A.

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