

SEQUENTIAL RETURN OF TREE SWALLOW AND SAVANNAH SPARROW

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On June 4, 1967 I banded Tree Swallow 56-26535 at 5:30 a.m. and at 6:00 a.m. I banded Savannah Sparrow 56-26536. Both of these birds were caught in a 12 meter net set in a small orchard of dwarf apple trees. The orchard is bounded on three sides by open fields and on one side by a large patch of raspberry bushes. This particular net lane has been in operation every year since 1963 from May through September, and has yielded many interesting returns. Therefore, I was not too surprised at the return of Savannah Sparrow 56-26536 at 9:50 a.m. on May 30, 1968. But I certainly was surprised and excited to find Tree Swallow 56-26535 in the net at 10:50 a.m. on the same day. One cannot help but wonder if these two birds had returned to their nesting sites together in both years. It might be of interest to note that between 1962 and 1967 I had banded 62 Tree Swallows with 4 returns, and in the same period of time 31 Savannah Sparrows had been banded with 2 returns.

To further illustrate the activity at my banding station on the dates these two birds were banded and returned, on May 30, 1968 one net was set at 8 a.m. and was in operation until 5:15 p.m. During this time 12 birds of 12 species were banded, besides these two returns. The Tree Swallow 56-26535 was netted with an unbanded Tree Swallow. On June 4, 1967 two nets and one Potter trap were in operation from 5:00 a.m. until 12 Noon, at which time 15 birds of 10 species had been banded, with one return, an Ovenbird banded June 6, 1964.

<u>Band No.</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Banded</u>	<u>Returned</u>
56-26535	Tree Swallow	06-04-67 5:30 a.m.	05-30-68 10:50 a.m.
56-26536	Savannah Sparrow	06-04-67 6:00 a.m.	05-30-68 9:50 a.m.

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FOREIGN RECOVERY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A number of foreign retraps have been reported since this column was last published. They are listed below; if any numbers look familiar, please check your records and if a number is yours, send the Editor full banding particulars. These and recovery details will be published in the next issue of EBBA News.

Black-capped Chickadee	116-82701	Evening Grosbeak	58-156728
Myrtle Warbler	116-83117	"-	66-122059
Purple Finch	73-39542	"-	69-114006
American Goldfinch	27-62242	"-	65-173234
Evening Grosbeak	682-01778	"-	702-74745