

The North American Nest-Record Card Program Center reports that the Laboratory of Ornithology's ninth annual book, The Living Bird, to be published in late 1970, will contain an article on the Eastern Bluebird, by Dr. Peakall. For this article, he has made the first major analysis of nest-record card data by means of a computer. A total of 8000 records were used in this analysis. The calculation of breeding season, clutch size, and breeding success required an execution time of 1.8 minutes on the computer!

At this time, the Laboratory of Ornithology urges all individuals, as well as Regional Centers- to return any completed nest-record cards that have not been sent to the Laboratory. The address is: North American Nest-Record Card Program, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850.



LONG-LIVED HOUSE FINCH

By Roy F. Frock, Jr.

On 14 November, 1969 I retrapped a male House Finch 54-73941, in my yard at Feasterville, Pennsylvania. The Banding Laboratory advised me that it had been banded on 6 January, 1962, by the late Louis Reichel at Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania. Huntingdon Valley is a little over five miles southwest of Feasterville.

The bird was "at least one year old" when banded, so at the time it was retrapped it was at least eight years old. This seems to be a ripe old age for so small a bird.

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THE WANDERING GRACKLE

Mr. Patrick K. Garland of Saratoga Springs, New York, informs us that he banded a Common Grackle at Wilton, New York on 5 July, 1964. Peculiar as it may seem, this Grackle, No. 723-94046, was found dead in Denver, Colorado! ...Writes Larry Hood of the Bird Banding Laboratory: "This is the first recovery we have ever had of a Common Grackle, banded in the State of New York and recovered in Colorado."

Mr. Garland sent this tidbit to us, because he felt it was worthy of publication. We agree with him, it seems most extraordinary. Some of these peculiarities only come to light, when they are submitted to a regional journal. Mr. Garland lives at RD#2 Edee Road in Saratoga Springs, New York 12866.