

Canadian Zone breeding grounds. Banding data from the Manomet Bird Observatory for the 1970 spring migration suggests that this "desert effect" may not be as pronounced as at one time believed. Of the 334 warblers banded in the period of April-June, 222 were of the resident Black and White Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellowthroat and Redstart category. Of the remainder, 129 were Magnolia, Blackpoll, Mourning, Wilson's, and Canada Warblers. This figure is high enough to suggest that there may be a distinct contingent of these species which don't deliberately avoid the Southeastern coastal route like the Parula, Myrtle, Black-throated Green and Chestnut sided Warblers seem to do. This is given further substantiation in that these birds were obtained over the whole migration period and note merely on one or two days of "freak" conditions. Continued spring banding at Manomet should further help elucidate this situation.

Other highlights at MBO were the capture of two hybrid Flickers, an almost regular migration specialty at MBO. Data obtained on these clinal variants shall eventually be published as a separate paper. Late returning Boreal Chickadees on 31 May and 11 June were stragglers from the incursion of the preceeding fall and winter. Eight White-eyed Vireos were netted in May, some of which were color banded to help better appraise their breeding status at the Observatory.

The most impressive single days at MBO, were 23 and 24 May and 8 and 9 June. 141 individuals were banded on 23 May and on 8 June, 15 Mourning Warblers and 16 Empidonax flycatchers were netted. A total of 17 Mourning for a two day period, 8 and 9 June, is undoubtedly an all time high for southern New England.

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On page 259 of this issue, we indicated a reorganization of AFR. Every fall, about 40 stations participate in banding of migratory birds. Reports of these activities are generally printed in EBBA News, under the masthead of "Atlantic Flyway Review", the year following the year of banding. Up to now this was done by one person, myself. We have divided the fourty stations in six groups and each group will be headed by a regional coordinator. He will collect all the reports and forward them to me, to meet the deadline of the particular issue of EBBA News, his story is slated for. He will contact each station leader in his group personally (by mail) and advise you what to do. A list of the regions, stations in each regions and coordinators will be found on page 251 of this issue. Continued on page 251. (Editor)