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PHOTO CONTEST

When we announced that the first of the four prize-winning photos would appear in this issue, we miscalculated a bit. Since the deadline for this issue (nicely kept by all) was December 15th, 1971, and the deadline for the photo contest was December 31, 1971, we couldn't very well publish a winning picture in the February 1972 issue.

The first of the four pictures planned for publication will therefore appear in the May 1972 issue.

Editor

NINE YEARS OF BIRD BANDING AT FOUR AREAS IN NEW JERSEY:

IV. CORVIDAE AND PARIDAE

By Raymond E. Kerlin, William C. Carter, Oscar Sussman, and Martin Goldfield

Birds of the Families Corvidae and Paridae were captured during a nine year period at four areas in New Jersey (Sussman et al 1971). The areas are known as Great Swamp, Forked River, Oceanville, and Estell Manor.

Bands were placed on 1,369 birds of Family Corvidae and 1,713 birds of Family Paridae. The only member of Corvidae was Blue Jay. The most frequently banded bird of the Paridae was Carolina Chickadee. (Table I)

A record was maintained for each bird which repeated or returned. These records were used to prepare tables showing the number of individuals of each species captured each year. The tables were expanded to show the number of those individuals recaptured in subsequent years. For this purpose, any bird was counted only one time in any calendar year, although many birds were actually captured several times per year.

BLUE JAY:

Blue Jays were captured at Great Swamp (1961-1968), Forked River (1961-1968), Oceanville (1961-1968), and Estell Manor (1960-1968). At Great Swamp, the fewest individuals captured in any calendar year were five in 1968 when very little netting was done at that area. During the years of more active netting, the number of individuals handled varied from 25 in 1967 through 162 in 1963. (Table II).