

BAND RECOVERY IN AN OWL PELLET

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While going through some owl pellets at the Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum, one of the boys on the Museum's Junior Staff discovered a bird band in one of them. He reported the band to me, the number of which was 703-77027. The band was one that I had put on a mourning dove that was AHY - M on January 7, 1971. The pellet had been picked up in a pine grove on the Museum property just over 100 feet away from my banding station. The owl dropping the pellets is a barred owl who roosts in a small white pine grove where the band was discovered. Pellets are removed regularly from the grove to analyze their contents, so that this particular pellet was no more than two weeks older than the time of its discovery which was April 2, 1972. Up to this point we had found no indication of birds in this owl's diet. Doves are common in the area and have been observed going to roost in this same grove.

--Mid-Fairfield County Youth Museum
Westport, Conn.

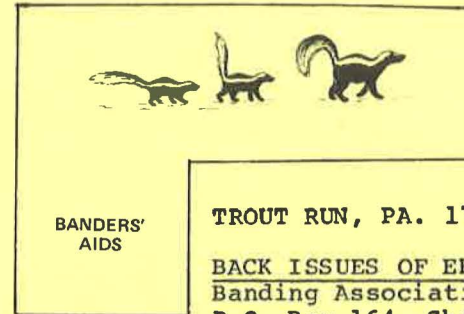
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MOCKINGBIRD DATA WANTED

The South Shore of Massachusetts has seen a population explosion of mockingbirds in the past ten years. From one known breeding location (Jones River, Kingston, Mass.) the species can now be found in any town with little effort.

The undersigned is interested in any work done on sexing mockingbirds by wing length. Published data on mockingbirds is slim. If you have wing lengths on birds of known sex, would you please forward them to MBO. Any other banding data would be appreciated.

--(Ms.) Jean L. Nichols, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box 0, Manomet, Mass. 02345



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