



LATE BANDING OF BALTIMORE ORIOLE - - - MRS. R.W. FOY

A Baltimore oriole was first sighted on one of our feeders on 11/5/72 in Ship Bottom New Jersey. We trapped him and promptly banded this late straggler as HY-M on 11/12/72.

To our knowledge this may be the first Baltimore oriole to be banded so late in winter. To date he has been sighted each and every day since banding.

He gets along well with the numerous House finches, Starlings, Redwings and Evening grosbeaks, but is constantly harassed by a resident female Cardinal, shades of "Territorial Imperative."

Grapes and sunflower seeds seem to be his main staple, although he will partake of the regular bird seed and Quaker Oats!

Audubon Field Notes Christmas Count (26(2), April 1972) which covers Christmas of 1971 states..... "two Baltimore Orioles were found in Cape May - 3rd record." Birds were "sighted inland but none right on the coast except those two in Cape May."

Banding Data:

Banded 11/12/72

Sex: Male

Age: HY

Weight 38.7 gr.

Wing: 92 mm

Fat Class: 3

Repeated: 12/17/72 - weight 38.0 gr., fat class 2

12/27/72 - weight 28.0 gr., fat class 2

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