

1963 and 1964, they returned and I banded 112. Then for six years again only sporadic single birds, until the winter of 1971. Up to this time I had been feeding chiefly commercial "wild bird seed," but in 1971 acquired a "Droll Yankee" feeder and started adding thistle seed for the goldfinches and siskins which was an added attraction. In 1971 and 1972 I succeeded in banding 198, and in December, 1972, 46, so that it appears that the winter of 1973 would be a good goldfinch winter.

Returns on these goldfinch are somewhat disappointing as of 519 birds only 10 or 2% have returned for a second year (as compared to 60% for chickadees). Of these 10, six have returned a second year, two a third, and one each a fourth and fifth. My oldest bird 31-92180, banded 03-03-60, was last trapped 03-31-64.

I have had no foreign returns of birds that I have banded. I have trapped two banded elsewhere as follows:

102-64112, trapped 05-02-64
banded 12-20-61 by J. Blodgett, Sterling Jct.,
Massachusetts
122-78895, trapped 02-03-71
banded 04-18-70 AHY-F H. McEntee, Ridgewood, New
Jersey

In only one year (1971) local birds brought their young to my feeders, and in 1972 I trapped one stray in August. Otherwise, I have had no success from June through November, although my traps are manned (part time) throughout the year.

TABLE I

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1956					2							
1957												
1958	2	2	10	1								
1959	1	1	19									4
1960	3	3	1	1	12							
1961												2
1962	1			3								2
1963	7	5	35	9	7							3
1964	8	6	11	14	5							
1965	1											3

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1966					1							
1967												1
1968												21
1969			7									29
1970	9				2							
1971		12	92	21	5			10				3
1972	24	10	4	5	22			1				46

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CORRECTION

In EBBA NEWS, 36(SUPPLEMENT):4, 1974, an error was made. In "Eye Line on Swamp Sparrows", the last line of the first paragraph should have read: on birds incompletely ossified and therefore HY-SY.

EDITOR'S NOTES

A note of thanks is in order for all those loyal EBBA members who participated in the production of EBBA NEWS. Since the August 1973 issue, the copy has been typed by Miss Sharon L. Snyder, who deserves my fullest appreciation (Ye Editor isn't the easiest to get along with, especially when it concerns EBBA NEWS), Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Swinebroad, for spending arduous hours proofreading Miss Snyder's copy. Further thanks are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Christopher N. Rose, who spend many hours beyond the call of duty to try to deal with the U.S. Postal Services. To the printer, Mr. Edward M. Johnson, for not raising prices on us so far, and for his constant help and cooperation. To all authors who've participated. To all of you, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all of us at EBBA NEWS!

Many prices are going up for us in 1974. Besides higher postal rates, we're also expecting increases in printing costs. As a result, the issues in Volume 37 will be smaller than they currently are. This means that it would be better if we do not promise out space in specific issues for the time being until we're in a better position to gauge the effects of these increases. Thus, all authors who have manuscripts pending with us, will have their contributions printed as soon as space becomes available. Future contributions will be accepted on the same basis. We will keep in touch with you about this. EDITOR