

Kiptopeke we had only two single banding incidences?

Why didn't we band, or recover, more of the permanent residents such as Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice and Pine Warblers, which we band rather commonly in the Fall? I have a very distinct feeling that the ratio of birds in the nets to birds in the woods is much lower in the Spring than in the Fall.

The Meadowlark was a banding "first" for Kiptopeke. Now that I think of it, I never remember hearing or seeing one there in the Fall, yet they were common in the Station area in Spring. As permanent residents, what gives? Do they breed in one local area and winter in another?

And finally, how many, if any, of the birds we banded this Spring will show up during our Fall Operation?

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A SUMMARY OF SISKINS

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Although we had operated a banding station in Wyncote, a suburb of Philadelphia, since 1928, our Pine Siskin banding began in 1946 with a single bird.

We were banding at 20 East Bells Mill Road, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. There were two elm trees, a hemlock, a pine and a maple, as well as five flowering crabapple trees in the yard. A stone retaining wall separated us from the property above and a bayberry hedge atop a bank divided our place from the neighbor below us. A small flower bed and a few shrubs completed the planting. Our neighbors on either side were within fifty feet of our house. We used about eight traps. We began using two nets in 1957.

In June 1969 we moved to our present location at 445 East Abington Avenue in Chestnut Hill, about a mile and a quarter southeast of our previous home. We have more ground here because the lot is somewhat larger and the house covers less ground. The property is bounded on two sides by a hemlock hedge. The other two sides are planted fifteen feet deep with azaleas, rhododendrons, laurel, dogwood, small evergreens, holly, one or two flowering cherry and star magnolia trees. The planting is approximately twenty years old. There are three hollowed stone bird baths and two cement baths. Holly, firethorn, azaleas, andromeda, etc., are planted against the walls of the house. The trees on the place consist of one maple and twelve oaks.

We use twelve to fifteen traps and four nets, weather permitting. We have had an unprecedented influx of Pine Siskins in 1972, 90% of which were captured in traps, the remainder in the nets.

A summary of our siskins banded, follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Total</u>
1946		October 16	1
1947	February 10 - April 28		31
1948			0
1949	March 28 - April 6		31
1950	April 18 - April 22		8
1951			0
1952		October 19 - November 8	13
1953	March 1 - March 27		105
1954		October 23 - October 25	18
1955	January 19 - April 10		89
1956	March 30 - April 28		51
1957		October 31	1
1958	February 4 - May 14		176
1959	April 19 (1)	November 9 (2)	3
1960	March 9 - April 9		6
1961		October 28 - December 4	20
1962		November 6	6
1963		December 19	1
1964	February 21 - April 25		13
1965		October 17 - November 28	71
1966	April 4		1
1967			0
1968			0
1969	February 11 - April 25		42
1970	January 12 - April 18		17
1971			0
1972	January 6 - May 12		980
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>1684</u>

Birds banded by W. & M. Pepper, recovered elsewhere:

- 27-32722 banded 03-06-58 recovered 05-28-58 by A.L. Earle,
St. John, N.B. Canada
- 27-32787 banded 03-15-58 recovered 04-20-58 by Dr. P. Fluck,
Washingtons Crossing, N.J.
- 1260-92013 banded 01-22-72 recovered 02-06-72 by Mr. F. J.
Neuman, Huntington Valley, Pa.
- 1260-92351 banded 02-17-72 recovered 04-26-72 by Dr. Robert
Yunick, Schenectady, New York.
- 1260-92446 banded 03-06-72 found dead 04-15-72 by Mrs. Merritt
Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Birds banded elsewhere, recovered by the Peppers:

<u>Band Number</u>	<u>Date banded</u>	<u>Bander</u>	<u>Place Banded</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
120-87444	01-23-72	F.J. Neuman	Huntington V., Pa.	2-9-72
120-87489	02-06-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	03-23-72
120-87504	02-12-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-26-72
120-87518	02-26-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-18-72
120-87538	03-19-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	03-20-72
120-87580	04-08-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-30-72
1280-29284	04-01-72	Dr. E.W. Marshall,	Ardmore, Pa.	04-17-72
1280-29293	04-01-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-17-72
79-35160	01-19-72	Raymond Hendrick,	Doylestown, Pa.	
				04-18-72
79-35351	01-29-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-27-72
79-35499	02-24-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-05-72
79-35777	04-04-72	<i>idem</i>	<i>idem</i>	04-18-72

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