

in taking it with scarcely a mark, and the specimen is now in the collection at the Provincial Museum in Regina.—LAURENCE B. POTTER, *Eastend, Saskatchewan, July 1, 1928.*

**Some Returns of Banded Mallards.**—One of the outstanding events in bird banding in the west during the last year has been the large number of returns received from Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), banded by Frank H. Rose, at Moiese, Montana. During September, October and November of 1927, Mr. Rose, who is Warden of the Montana National Bison Range, banded 4019 Mallards on this reserve, where no hunting of ducks has been allowed since 1909. Prior to May 8, 1928, 738 of these birds were reported as killed during the preceding shooting season, or 18% plus. The locations of 705 of these returns are shown in figure 84, where each small circle indicates the locality where one of these ducks was killed, and the figures inside of some of the circles indicate the number reported from localities where more than one was killed. The radiating lines connecting these localities with the larger circle at Moiese, Montana, indicate the direction of movement of the birds as shown by these returns, although, of course, it is not to be supposed that any of them moved in such direct courses between the two points of record. The total returns, by states,

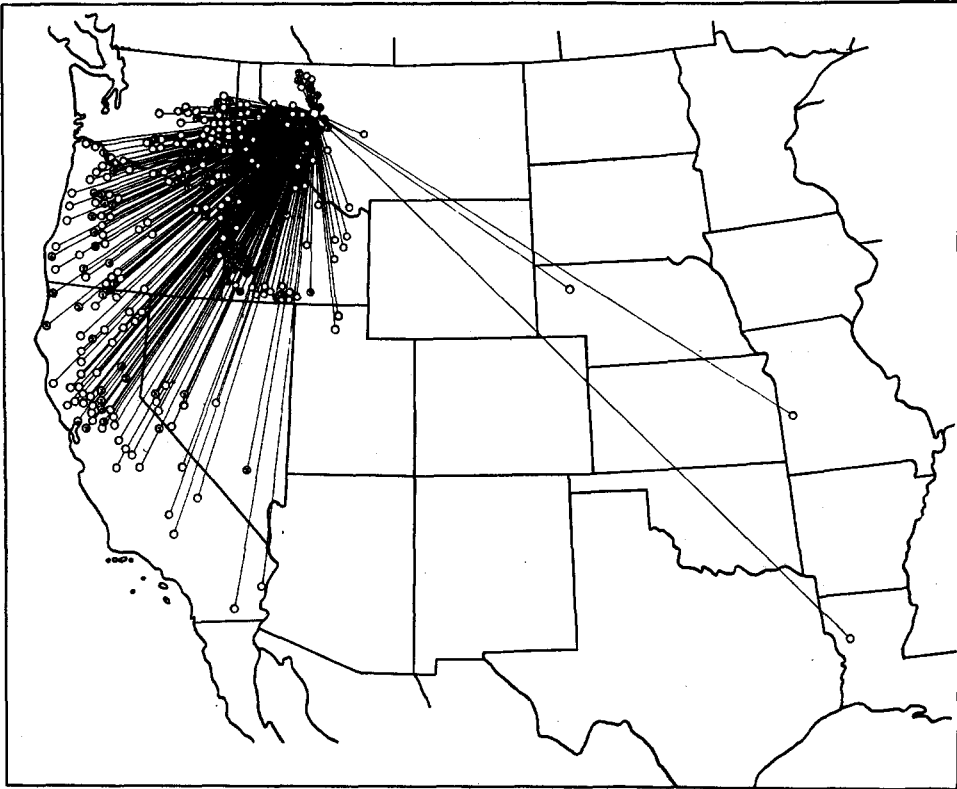


Fig. 84. MAP SHOWING RETURNS OF MALLARDS BANDED IN 1927 AT MOIESE, MONTANA.

shown here are as follows: Montana 162, Idaho 231, Washington 89, Oregon 133, California 73, Nevada 12, Utah 2, Nebraska 1, Missouri 1, and Louisiana 1. Mr. Rose is planning to band an even larger number of ducks next fall, and further interesting returns are to be expected.—JOHN MCB. ROBERTSON, *Buena Park, California, May 29, 1928.*