

An Old White-breasted Nuthatch.—In the *Bulletin*, Volume IV (1928), pages 29 and 110, something of the history of White-breasted Nuthatch No. 56530 banded by Mrs. G. H. Caughey at Antrim, New Hampshire, was published. Under date of December 29, 1929, Mrs. Caughey writes that this bird, a male, banded May 4, 1923, repeated September 30, 1923; June 11, 1924; March 5, May 2, August 18 and 22, October 19, and November 15, 1925; February 11, 1926; May 5 and October 2, 1928; and May 25 and December 2, 1929. This bird is apparently a permanent resident, and on the last date given he was at least seven and one-half years old.—C. L. W.

"Der Vogelzug," a New Ornithological Journal—Bird-banding in several European countries, notably in Germany and England, has been carried on longer and more intensively than in the United States or Canada. In Germany in particular migration studies have been made by two thoroughly organized banding stations as parts of Vogelwarten, or bird observatories, located about four hundred and fifty miles apart east and west, one located at Rossitten, situated on a sandspit about forty-five miles long separating a large lagoon from the Baltic Sea in northeastern Germany. The other is located on the island of Helgoland in the North Sea, made famous by Gätke's long period of bird-observation. Bird-banding and bird-observation on Helgoland are conducted by a division of the German Biological Station located here. The Helgoland banding station is equipped for general biological research and has laboratories devoted to work in connection with bird-banding, which is conducted primarily to study bird-migration.

The banding work at both Helgoland and Rossitten is in charge of trained scientific observers. Dr. Rudolf Drost directs the work at the former station, and Dr. Ernest Schüz at the latter station.

The new journal is published under the auspices of these two observatories and banding stations and the German Ornithological Society, of which Dr. Erwin Stresemann is General Secretary. Dr. Drost and Dr. Schüz are also the editors of *Der Vogelzug*.

The new journal will be issued quarterly. The first number, which appeared in January of this year is reviewed in this number of *Bird-Banding*. This publication, backed as it is by well-known ornithologists and the leading German ornithological society, should serve to increase interest in bird-banding in the United States and in Canada.—C. L. W.

A Wood Thrush Return-1 S.—Miss Cora M. Teot, of New Haven, Connecticut, reports taking a Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) Return-1 S at her station. This is the first instance of a returning bird of this species that has come to our attention. It should be stated, however, that only a few individuals of this species have been banded.—C. L. W.

A Song Sparrow Return and Recovery.—The Biological Survey reports that a Song Sparrow banded by Dr. E. G. Rowland at Belchertown, Massachusetts, September 3, 1925, was trapped by Verdi Burch at Branchport, New York, September 12, 1929. This bird, which was at least four years old when last recorded, was also a return August 8, 1926, repeating in September, 1926, on the 8th and 15th, and was probably on its nesting-area when banded. That it should have been in western New

York in the latter part of September, 1929, is an unexpected record and indicates that the bird moved westward from Belchertown after the nesting season was over, or that it did not again return to its old nesting area in 1929.—C. L. WHITTLE.

A White-Throated Sparrow Return-4 W.—White-throated Sparrow No. 181124, which was banded by me at Summerville, S. C., on March 2, 1926, returned this year for the fourth time. The bird was taken each successive year in the same place. It had a bright head when banded, and has retained it ever since. Following is the record by dates:

Banded Mar. 2, 1926	
Returned Feb. 3, 1927	Repeated Feb. 11, 12.
Returned Jan. 7, 1928	Repeated Jan. 20.
Returned Jan. 18, 1929	
Returned Jan. 17, 1930	

—WILLIAM P. WHARTON.

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The Secretary of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association announces that there are no longer any full sets of the *Bulletin* available for distribution. Five numbers are lacking: Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2, and 4; Vol. II, No. 4; and Vol. V, No. 2. There is considerable demand from scientific institutions and individuals for these numbers to complete sets. If there are any banders having any of these numbers in duplicate, Secretary Charles B. Floyd will very much appreciate having the extra copies sent to him.

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With this number of *Bird-Banding* we are mailing an Index of the five volumes of the *Bulletin*, prepared by James MacKaye.

We believe that this index will be particularly serviceable since it is not confined to authors, titles, and species, but includes subjects as well, so that everything the Bulletin contains of any ornithological interest is made readily available to the user.

The officers of this Association greatly appreciate Mr. MacKaye's services in preparing the index and the thoroughness of his work.

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