

bird-banding and in securing scientific results, or may even bring in reports of banded birds, that seems to me their greatest value.—GRACE COIT MELENEY, 200 Chatterton Parkway, White Plains, New York.

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**A Fox Sparrow with the Trap Habit.**—That indifference to being trapped and handled is not limited to one or two species seems proved by the following records of a Fox Sparrow (*Passerella i. iliaca*), 190169A, taken first on November 14, 1930. A flock of a score or more of this species had been about this feeding and trapping station since October 27th, and nine had been taken and banded at odd days before this individual was taken. Being busy with other Sanctuary duties, especially forestry im, provement, I place the sparrow-trap on the feeding station at odd periods and birds can enter at will, and go out if they have the instinct or brain-development to remember the way, this latter ability being highest in the Chickadee. This particular Fox Sparrow repeated on November 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 28th (five times), and 29th, and on December 4th, 10th, 13th, and 15th. Few if any other Fox Sparrows were to be found in the vicinity after November 20th, but this individual seemed loath to leave the spot despite the repeated handling. Doubtless if constant attention could have been given to the trap, the bird could have been taken many times each day during its stay.—LESTER W. SMITH, Stone Bird Sanctuary, Babson Park, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

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**Song Sparrow, Junco, and Purple Finch Recoveries.**—At my banding station, "West Wind," at Oliverea Post Office, New York, a Song Sparrow (*Melospiza m. melodia*) 165752, was banded July 26, 1925. This bird was captured by F. J. Williams at Hookerton, North Carolina, January 9, 1927. Another one, banded October 4, 1926, was dropped by a Shrike, April 15, 1927, at Landsgrove, Vermont, and was found by E. Earl Richardson. Landsgrove is some eighty miles northeast of "West Wind".

Slate-colored Junco (*Junco h. hyemalis*) 66726, banded April 20, 1928, was found dead by Paul G. Sheriff at Portage, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1929, and another bird of this species, A168501, banded October 19, 1929, was captured by A. Whitsill, February 1, 1931, at Heiberger, Alabama.

A Purple Finch (*Carpodacus p. purpureus*) banded May 3, 1929, was killed by a cat at Kentville, Nova Scotia, May 26, 1930.—FLORENCE K. DALEY, "West Wind", Oliverea P. O., Ulster County, New York.

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**Moulting of Adult Female Purple Finches.**—Observations at my Peterboro, New Hampshire, banding station during the summer and fall of 1930 seemed to indicate that some adult female Purple Finches complete their moult much later than the average. Mr. M. J. Magee writes me that moulting of old Purple Finches, in case of many birds, usually begins in July, often by the first of the month, although other birds do not begin moulting until early August; also, that he has noted an occasional male not through moulting as late as October 24th. He sends me several records of females with moult about completed by September 17th or the 20th. In *Bird-Banding*, Vol. I, n. s., No. 3, pp. 136 to 139, he states that "the first female apparently through moulting . . . was trapped September 16th and the first adult male apparently through moulting was trapped