

The third pair to return have been seen together only once, but the visits of both individuals have been few so far as known. In this case, too, one bird, F23148, lost its mate of last year after their return in the fall and chose another, also a new bird of the year, which was banded in December, 1932.

Only two of the twelve returns were banded prior to 1932. Of these one was banded in February, 1931, and the other, A87173, was banded December 19, 1927. The latter, whose return record was given in *Bird-Banding* for January, 1933, is therefore at least six and one half years of age. Apparently age commands no respect among Chickadees for our six-year-old, who appears now to have no intimate, is repeatedly driven from the shelves by the other birds, even by the upstarts of the new generation.—DOROTHY A. BALDWIN, Hardwick, Massachusetts.

A Towhee Recovery.—On July 25, 1932, Towhee A239521, an immature male, was banded at our summer station at East Chop, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. On November 4, 1932, it was trapped by Mrs. Marie V. Beals at her station at Elmhurst, Long Island, New York, and repeated that day and each of the five succeeding days. The few instances already on record are quite inadequate to prove that certain land birds tend to migrate by land when possible, even when the route involves digression in an east-to-west direction, rather than to start on an extended overseas journey, such as that from Martha's Vineyard to Cape May, New Jersey, for instance. Nevertheless each new recorded instance of this kind tends to strengthen the theory.—MABEL GILLESPIE, Glenolden, Pennsylvania.

Some Unusual Barn Swallow Nesting-Sites.—While there has been no reduction in the number of barns that would cause Barn Swallows (*Hirundo erythrogaster*) to change their normal nesting-habits, as noted in the following instances, I am adding three more New Hampshire cases of their doing so, supplementing those recorded by Charles B. Floyd in *Bird-Banding* for April, 1932, page 74.

At Hampton, at the home of Mr. Thomas Caugher, for several years a pair of Barn Swallows have nested on a timber directly beneath the upper floor and over the open barn floor, where several automobiles often pass within eighteen inches of the nest day and night. For three seasons young from this nest have been banded.

At Raymond, in 1932, a pair built on the right side of the window-sill of the window to the right of the main entrance to the church, five feet above the ground. No protection was afforded the nest from three directions.

At East Westmoreland, where a barn had in 1932 apparently become quite crowded, one pair repaired to a level board nailed beneath the north eaves of the building, and reared their brood outdoors; but as all the twenty-one inside nests were not used in 1933, this nesting-site was abandoned.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, East Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

Three Great Blue Heron Recoveries.—On an island in the Illinois River at Depue, Illinois, I banded twenty-three Great Blue Herons (*Ardea h. herodias*) during the month of July, 1933. All the birds were young and nearly ready to leave the nest when banded. They were captured by first frightening them from their nests by making a loud noise. After they had clumsily flown to the ground, they were readily caught.

During July and August three of the birds were recovered, all in Illinois. C632806 was found dead on August 3, 1933, at LaSalle, some twenty-five