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### GENERAL NOTES

**Two Interesting Age Records.**—Blue Jay B272177, banded at Summerville, S. C., on March 18, 1934, was found dead about half a mile from the place of banding in early June, 1944. As the bird was an adult when banded, it must have been at least eleven years old when it died.

A banded male Cardinal has been reported as still coming to the feeding shelf of a farmer next door neighbor in Summerville on May 25, 1944. As no males of this species were banded there after the spring of 1936, it is fair to assume that this bird, also banded as an adult, is at least nine years old. He is reported as feeding his mate, which appears to be a young and vigorous bird.—WILLIAM P. WHARTON, Groton, Massachusetts.

**Catbird Returns.**—From May, 1937, to June, 1944, one hundred and eighty-six Catbirds were banded at the Ardmore, Pa., station. Twenty-eight individuals of this number returned, which represents about 15% of the number banded. The 28 individuals made a total of 48 returns.

While a 15% return is about the average expected in Catbird returns, yet this percentage would not have been reached in my Catbird returns had it not been for a fortunate capture of a special group of 13 Catbirds banded during the month of May, 1941. Seven of these 13 birds, or 60.7%, returned. Without these 13 birds and the seven returns they developed, my return percentage on the remaining 173 Catbirds would have been about 12% instead of 15%.

It is evident that in order to determine an accurate return percentage of most species, it is necessary to have a large series covering a considerable period of time.

The returns of the seven particular birds were interesting, and are as follows: One returned three years after banding.

Two returned one and two years after banding.

Four returned one, two and three years after banding.

Since all seven returns were adult birds when banded in May, 1941, five of them are now at least four years old.

Another Catbird returned not included in the seven returns mentioned above, is an adult female banded in May, 1940, and returned each year in May, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944. This Catbird is now at least five years old.—HORACE GROSKIN, 210 Glenn Road, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

**Unusual Nesting of House Wrens.**—For many years Baltimore Orioles, one or more pairs, have built their nests in the lower branches of a large elm tree near my home at Lily Pond, Cohasset, Mass. During the nesting season I always put short pieces of colored yarn on the lawn which the orioles use by weaving into the nest with other materials.

Last year the nest was built in the elm and hung on a level with the second story windows. The birds reared a brood and vacated, whereupon a pair of House Wrens took over and reconstructed the nest for their own use by carrying in the usual sticks which filled it almost completely. A brood of young wrens was