

**Longevity of the Sooty Tern.**—In March, 1944, a letter was received from an Air Corps officer stationed at Ascension Island inclosing band 277014, which had been taken from a "Wideawake" (Sooty) Tern about March 6. This bird was "run over by a jeep of a roving patrol which is in operation in the endeavor to keep the birds from nesting at the end of the runway. They create a hazard to planes taking off." The band proved to be one that had been issued to George Finlay Simmons of the Cleveland Museum for use on the museum's expedition in the South Atlantic. The exact record of banding is not available but it is reasonable to suppose that the tern was banded at or near Ascension Island. The expedition worked on Ascension from November, 1925, to March, 1926, so it is probable that the band was placed on a nestling during that period.

Another Sooty Tern wearing 275893 was captured July 7, 1942 (see *Bird-Banding*, Vol. 16, 1945, p. 18). The letter reporting this band tells that the birds begin coming in from the sea about 4 P.M. and by 8 P.M. they are coming in to roost by the thousands. The height of the breeding season there is reported to be in November. Therefore these birds were probably banded in the late fall of 1925.—MAY THACHER COOKE, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.

**Recoveries from Colombia.**—Three recoveries from Colombia seem to warrant publication since they represent species that are apparently rare in that country. All were birds of the year when banded.

*Pintail* 42-615618 banded at Vaughn's Lake, 8 miles south of Amarillo, Texas, October 14, 1943, by A. S. Hawkins, was shot January 9, 1944, near Bogotá, Colombia. This appears to be only the second record for this species in that country, another banded bird having been taken near Cali, January 10, 1940 (see Lincoln, *Auk*, Vol. 59, 1942, p. 433).

*Osprey* 41-808663, banded at Gardiners Island, New York, July 3, 1941, by LeRoy Wilcox, was "found" at Guapi, Cauca, Colombia, in March, 1943. This locality is on the Pacific coast about 2½° north of the border of Ecuador.

*Royal Tern* 40-518090, banded at the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, North Carolina, July 16, 1940, by H. T. Davis, was found dead at Santa Marta Bay, Colombia, February 16, 1944. The published records of this species are from the same region.—MAY THACHER COOKE, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.

**Catbird at Least Six Years Old.**—An adult female Catbird was banded with band number 39-169280 on May 25, 1940, at Ardmore, Pa., and has returned each year for five years as follows:

1st return May 23, 1941  
2nd return May 9, 1942  
3rd return May 10, 1943  
4th return May 21, 1944  
5th return May 19, 1945

This Catbird has nested on our place, close to the house, each year, and repeats many times throughout the summer. She is now at least six years old.—HORACE GROSKIN, 210 Glenn Road, Ardmore, Pa.

**Five-Year-Old Song Sparrow.**—Since five-year-old Song Sparrows are uncommon, it may be of interest to record the following:

On August 1, 1940, an immature male Song Sparrow (whose sex was determined by the wing measurement of 65 millimeters) was captured in a trap at Ardmore, Pa., and banded with band number 39-169364. He repeated August 3, 1940, August 4, 1940, and September 28, 1940.

Nearly three years later he made his first return on May 2, 1943, and two years after that, he made his second return on May 19, 1945. He may have returned during other years, but was not captured.