

the juvenal female on the feeder. This was the first time that a juvenal had been seen to be fed at the feeder. The juvenal male was later fed by the adult in a maple and this juvenal then made several passes at the perch but did not alight on it. None of the birds sat on the perch although formerly they had used the clothes line in the same location for a perch. The birds were seen off and on until 9:10 A.M. when the adult shucked a few seeds and then flew away with the juvenals following her. There was a heavy thunder storm in the evening and no grosbeaks were seen again during the summer at this location despite constant observing.

Although no photographic record of these juvenals was possible, a number of reliable birders corroborated the presence of these birds and consequently the record is well substantiated. It had been thought previously that nesting records would be established in the Berkshires rather than in the Connecticut Valley but this has apparently not been so. The most surprising consideration is that 21 years had to elapse before the second Massachusetts breeding record was established and despite the great southern winter penetration of the Evening Grosbeak during 1958 there is still no record of juvenals south of Hadley, Massachusetts.

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GENERAL NOTES

Homing by a Female Cowbird.—A female Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) was given band 55-187923 by me on April 21, 1958, at Groton, Mass. She repeated six times in May, but not thereafter.

On April 26, 1959 this bird returned, and repeated on May 23, 25, 26 (three times), 30 (twice) and 31. On the last date she was taken to New Ipswich, N. H.—about 18 miles NW—and released. On June 1 she was retrapped at Groton, and released at a point about 5 miles W. On June 2 she was retaken, and released near Fitchburg, Mass., about 12 miles W.

Back in her favorite trap on June 4, she was given the opportunity to accompany me to a forestry meeting at Wilmington, Vt.—about 68 miles WNW—and there turned loose at 6 P.M. Not to be daunted, this determined bird was again in her trap at 10:30 A.M. on June 7.

On June 14, a relative of mine was leaving Groton for his home in Ithaca, N. Y.—about 265 miles, a little south of due west—and agreed to take my bird with him. On the morning of June 15 he released her at his farm near Ithaca, and reported she took flight towards the east. Despite long spells of cloudy, rainy and foggy weather, on June 29 at 6 P.M. this canny bird was again in my trap here, and in good condition.—William P. Wharton, Groton, Mass.

Robin Banded in Massachusetts Recovered in Nova Scotia.—Up to the fall of 1958, no Robin (*Turdus migratorius*) banded at my station in Groton, Mass., had been recovered at any point north of there, with two exceptions—both in southern Maine, and both banded in October. A Robin banded by me as an adult male on October 21, 1957 was found dead on October 7, 1958 at North Sydney, Cape Breton County, Nova Scotia. This bird was evidently a migrant when banded,