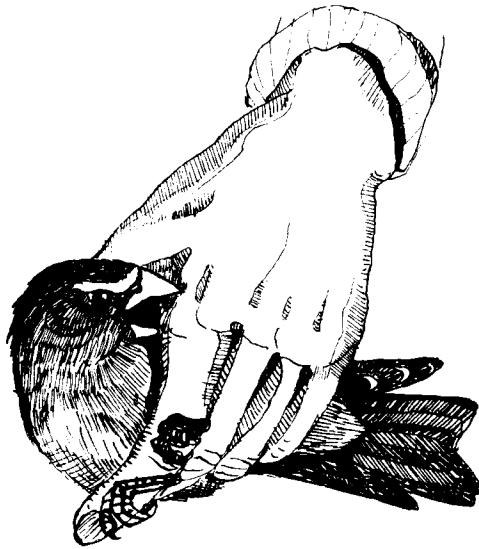


The 1977-78 invasion of grosbeaks and siskins

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At the time, I felt that the winter of 1976-77 had a real invasion of Evening Grosbeaks, when I banded 1,192. However, the winter season of 1977-78 far exceeded that figure, with 2,895 Evening Grosbeaks and also 2,680 Pine Siskins — a grand total of 5,575 birds of these two species banded.

The Evening Grosbeaks were the first to arrive, on 12 November 1977, and the first Pine Siskins on 8 December 1977 — approximately a month ahead of schedule. The last Evening Grosbeak was banded on 16 May 1978; while 18 May 1978 was the last day for the siskins.

Some of the best banding days for the grosbeaks were 19 December (108); 7 January (113); 19 April (74); and 5 May (62). For Pine Siskins: 22 December (177); 29 December (117); 27 April (91); 7 May (78); and 17 May (53).

There were 30 foreign Evening Grosbeaks and 3 Pine Siskins trapped. (One foreign House Finch was also captured.)

Evening Grosbeaks banded by month: November, 473; December, 761; January, 765; February, 356; March, 145; April, 220; May 175; total 2,895.

Evening Grosbeak sex data: 1,455 males; 1,440 females.

Pine Siskins banded by month: December, 917; January, 499; February, 93; March, 156; April, 630; May, 385; total 2,680.

Pine Siskin sex data: 15 males; 189 females; 2,476 unknown. ♀

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Evening Grosbeaks

Date banded	Date trapped	Bander and location
05-06-76	11-20-77	Mrs. A.M. Bacon, Hamburg, NY
02-24-74	11-27-77	Dr. J. Ludwig, Bemidji, MN
11-01-77	11-27-77	H.K. Meahl, Jefferson, OH
03-15-76	11-29-77	F.A. Clinch, Watertown, NY
02-17-77	12-09-77	D.F. Clark, Elton, NY
11-24-77	12-11-77	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
01-01-75	12-13-77	Dr. H.C. McDade, Franconia, NH
02-29-76	12-13-77	Mrs. E.M. Rifenburg, Woodstock, NY
02-07-76	12-13-77	R. Ashworth, Scary, WV
01-06-77	12-15-77	Dr. H.C. McDade, Franconia, NH
04-04-75	12-18-77	J. Bray, Eddy, NY
02-20-75	12-19-77	Mr. & Mrs. F. Loery, Litchfield, CT
12-04-77	12-19-77	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
01-26-77	12-19-77	G.R. Andrews, Ridgway, PA
03-01-76	12-20-77	Raccoon Ridge Bird Obs., Bevans, NJ
12-31-75	01-07-78	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
03-09-74	01-07-78	J.B. Willetts, Eckhart, MD
04-20-76	01-08-78	K.Y. Hodgdon, Cumberland, MD
12-08-77	01-21-78	J.M. Cadbury, Port Clyde, ME
03-06-77	02-01-78	Dr. R.B. Angstadt, Montoursville, PA
03-13-76	02-02-78	E.M. Olliver, Azggregate, WV
11-25-77	02-05-78	Mrs. V. Freer, Ellenville, NY
01-17-76	02-05-78	Dr. K.C. Parkes, Stahlstown, PA
04-15-76	02-10-78	K.Y. Hodgdon, Cumberland, MD
01-15-78	02-12-78	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
11-24-77	02-24-78	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
04-11-76	03-15-78	L.T. Simmons, Winnepeg, Manitoba
04-09-77	04-19-78	F.A. Clinch, Watertown, NY
01-18-75	04-19-78	Dr. W.D. Merritt, Pittsfield, MA
04-20-74	04-26-78	L.G. Albertine, Ware, MA

Pine Siskins

Date banded	Date trapped	Bander and location
02-02-78	04-01-78	Mrs. R. Foy, Beach Haven, NJ
12-29-77	04-24-78	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ
12-25-77	05-06-78	H.R. Spendelow, Marlton, NJ

House Finch

Date banded	Date trapped	Bander and location
11-18-77	03-18-78	R.J. Middleton, Norristown, PA