
Averill Park, NY 423-0733
J.C. Covert III

Weekend banding was done from late August until the 2nd weekend in October, with the exception of Labor Day weekend.

The best weekend was 29-30 August, with 91 birds of 22 species. 17 Gray Catbirds, 17 Purple Finches, and 14 Blue Jays made up more than half the birds banded. The best September weekend was the 12th and 13th, with 53 birds of 17 species, including 12 Black-capped Chickadees, 8 Gray Catbirds, 7 Blue Jays, 6 Swainson's Thrushes, but only 3 Purple Finches. 10-11 October was nearly as productive as the September weekend, with 48 birds of 16 species; Dark-eyed Juncos dominated, as 22 were netted and banded.

The most notable changes from the previous fall were Gray Catbirds, down to 40 from 109 (about 10 below the 1977-78-79 average); Purple Finches up from 2 to 35; and House Finches at 22 (the first House Finch capture was only 2 years ago). The warbler family, in general, increased from 9 species to 14, but we have banded only 1-3 of each species both years with the exception of Ovenbirds, with 6 banded in 1981 and 8 in 1980. Five members of the thrush family experienced decreases: Swainson's from 32 to 18, and Wood Thrush from 30 to 9, headed the list.

The Tufted Titmouse is not usual for this station in the fall; however, 6 were banded in October and others remained in the area into the early winter months.



Hellertown, PA 403-0752
Elaine & Donald Mease

The fall banding season began 4 September and ended 2 November 1981. Five 12-meter nets were used. The netting was done on weekends, 2-4 hours in the early morning and for 2 hours before sundown.

Weather conditions were normal this year, although there seemed to be strong winds on the days we could band.

Daily catches were higher later in the season when sparrows and other ground- and shrub-birds moved in. Our largest daily catches were on 25 October, with 44 birds; 5 October, with 32 birds; 29 October, with 29 birds; and 9 September, with 28 birds (almost all warblers).

A total of 289 birds of 42 species were banded. There were no foreign encounters. We had 7 returns: 4 House Finches, 1 Field Sparrow, 1 Dark-eyed Junco, and 1 White-throated Sparrow.

History of EBBA (cont.)

by Mrs. Roger W. Foy

1941

President: Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Swarthmore, PA
Vice President: Dr. Harold B. Wood
Secretary: Geoffrey Gill, Long Island, NY
Treasurer: George Dock, Jr., Scarsdale, NY
Publication: EBBA Nus, Vol. 4, No. 1 through 12
Editor: Geoffrey Gill

EBBA Nus grew into a monthly *Friendly Report* to Members of the Eastern Bird Banding Association.

With the March 1941 issue of EBBA Nus a ballot was attached. The purpose of this ballot was to determine (among other things) the locality of future annual meetings and election of officers.

The fourth regional meeting of the members of EBBA from Long Island was held 22 March in the Manhasset Junior-Senior High School.

In the May issue of EBBA Nus the officers were listed: President, Secretary, and Editor were the same as above. Another Vice-president was added — Miss Lisa von Borosky, Brooksville, FL. Treasurer: Robert K. Ungemah, White Plains, NY.

On 29 November, Long Island and neighboring banders held an outdoor meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the area adjacent to the athletic field of the Manhasset Junior-Senior High School.

1942

President: Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Swarthmore, PA
Secretary: Horace Groskin, Ardmore, PA
Treasurer: Robert K. Ungemah, White Plains, NY
Publication: EBBA Nus, Vol. 5, No. 1 through 12
Editor: Geoffrey Gill, Long Island, NY

This was the year that EBBA members started receiving *Inland News* as part of their membership dues. *Inland News* was sent to the members six times a year, attached to EBBA Nus.

Dues were still one dollar (\$1.00) a year. For this amount members received, in addition to the above two publications, *Bird-Banding*.

On 25 April the banders of southern New York State and nearby areas met at the banding station of Robert Ungemah in White Plains.

The year 1942 saw many members entering the service for World War II. The board of Directors was announced: Beecher S. Bowdish, NJ; George Dock, NY; Geoffrey Gill, Long Island, NY; Horace Groskin, Ardmore, PA; Raymond J. Middleton, PA; Jesse V. Miller, Long Island, NY; Robert Ungemah, White Plains, NY; LeRoy Wilcox, Long Island, NY; and Dr. Harold B. Wood, Harrisburg, PA.