

Bird Banding.

In 1922 I became interested in bird banding, a project carried on by the Biological Survey, Washington D.C. I obtained the federal permit and supplies and carried on until 1931. Farming being time consuming, my banding operations were carried on mainly during the spring and fall migration periods. Compared to results of numbers banded, my total number of bands placed on birds, the total was small. Present day banders, with the time for the work, band in one month more than I did during these years. One big factor was improvement in methods and traps. Especially the mist net process gave a terrific boost to the number of bands placed each year. After 1931 illness in the family and other factors caused me to suspend operations. About a year later I received notice from Washington to send in my permit. The letter was cold and ill worded. I wrote making known my trouble without going too much into details. I suggested that we have a sort of "leave of absence" until I could resume, which I very much had in mind. I did not hear anything in response. A month or two later I had a visit from the federal game warden, who had orders to lift my permit and any supplies on hand. This together with a quote from the letter received, that I "probably had lost interest" decided me to drop the whole project. The species and number banded by me follows.

Song Sparrow 106	Swamp Sparrow 185	Slate-colored Junco 1380	Fox Sparrow 24
Wht. Throated Sparrow 199	Bluebird 170	Lincoln Sparrow 64	House Wren 93
Wht. Crowned Sparrow 19	Blue Jay 10	Tree Sparrow 93	Brown Thasher 26
Cardinal 37	Poebe 4	Chickadee 40	Field Sparrow 46
No Yellowthroat	White-breasted Nuthatch 18	Robin 19	Catbird 18
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2	Mourning Dove 5	Red-tailed Hawk 4	Red-bellied Woodpecker 5
Chipping Sparrow 11	Downy Woodpecker 7	Red-headed Woodpecker 4	Hairy Woodpecker 6
Cowbird 11	Prairie Horned Lark 1	Vesper Sparrow 16	Bronzed Grackle 4
No. Flicker 2	Owl 4	Red-winged Blackbird 11	Ovev Bird 1
Olive-backed Thrush 1	Gray-cheeked Thrush 2	Brown Creeper 1	Towhee 2
Barn Swallow 14	Grinnells Waterthrush 9	Number of species 42	Number of birds banded. Number banded 3384.

Returns.

Song Sparrow 158396 banded Giard, Ia. March 27 1927. Recovered by Verdi Burtch, Branchport, N, Y, Apr. 26 1927.

S.C. Junco. Banded Giard, Ia. 198745 reported killed by slingshot Feb. 29 1932 at Grayport, Miss. Banded here Apr. 6 1930

Song Sparrow. 158414 Banded Giard, Ia. May 12 1927 Recovered same spot Apr. 26 1930.

S.C. Junco. B102814 Recovered same spot Mar. 25 1931. Banded Nov. 21 1930.

S.C. Junco. 146697. Banded Dec. 24 1924 Return to same spot Dec. 9 1927. Giard, Ia.

S.C. Junco. 121152. Banded Giard, Ia. Feb. 10 1924. Returned Jan. 3 1925.

S.C. Junco. 146698. Banded Giard, Ia. Dec. 24 1924. Returned Oct. 19 1926.

Downy Woodpecker. M. 510234. Banded Dec, 18 1927. Killed on highway in Giard Apr. 10 1928

S.C. Junco. 211152. Banded Giard, Ia. Feb. 10 1924. Return Dec. 27 1924.

Song Sparrow. 192777. Banded Giard, Ia. Apr. 11 1930. Return Apr. 11 1932.

Catbird. 627210. Banded May 7 1928. Killed by hawk at Ryan, Ia. May 7 1928
Reported by Clement S. K3hoe.

Red-bellied Woodpecker. 248960. Banded Giard, Ia. Dec. 15 1927. Return Jan. 14 1929

Red-tailed Hawk. Giard, Ia. 309391. Killed at Howard Lake, Minn. May 16 1926. By akePykles.

S.C. Junco. 680072. Giard, Ia. Banded Mar. 25 1929. Return Apr. 1 1933.

Field Sparrow. F 29514. Giard, Iowa. Banded Apr. 30 1932. Return. Apr. 15 1933.

Whit. Breasted Nuthatch. Giard, Iowa. . Banded Jan. 3 1928. Return Jan. 27 1929.

Blue Jay. Giard, Iowa. Banded Apr. 2 1929. Return Apr. 14 1930.

Great Horned Owl. Giard, Ia. Banded Nov. 6 1932. Found dead by Herman Snyder at Beaulh, Ia. Jan. 21 1933.

Hairy Woodpecker. Giard, Ia. Banded Dec. 22 1927. Killed on highway Jan. 3 1929