

Brownsboro (continued)

The Bander's Corner

In our opinions the most interesting catches of the year included a Black Skimmer at Dauphin Island; Black-billed Cuckoo, Whip-poor-wills, Least Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireos, Connecticut Warbler and Wilson's Warbler at Brownsboro.

BIRMINGHAM

In 1962 I established a banding station on my property on Pike Road in Ensley, Birmingham, where I moved in December 1961. During 1962 I banded 528 birds of 61 species. I now operate up to 8 nets and 8 traps and now that I've banded in the same locality for a year, I am beginning to get returns and to find out who my steady customers are. Outside of Birmingham, I banded 80 birds on Dauphin Island during the Fall A.O.S. meeting. The following species were banded in greatest numbers: Whitethroat, 105; Cardinal, 51, Robin, 46; Towhee, 41; Savannah Sparrow, 34; Brown Thrasher, 24; Catbird, 23; Myrtle Warbler, 23; Field Sparrow, 19; Mockingbird, 17; Starling, 10; and White-eyed Vireo, 10. This total included a Screech Owl, 3 species of Empidonax and 73 Warblers of 19 species. I obtained 20 returns (birds recaptured at the same place after 90 or more days) but no bird more than a year from original banding because my station has not been operating long enough: Cardinal, 3; Towhee, 6; Whitethroat, 4; Field Sparrow, 3; Blue Jay, 1; Carolina Chickadee, 1; Carolina Wren, 1; Catbird, 1.

On November 3, 1962, James T. Aycock of Center Point (suburban Birmingham) visited his hunting lodge in Greene County 16 miles north of Eutaw and found a dead and dehydrated Black-throated Green Warbler with a band on it. Banding headquarters informs us that the bird was banded by Karl Bartel at Blue Island (suburban Chicago), Illinois on September 30, 1962. The condition of the bird indicated that it had been dead at least a week and apparently made the trip from Chicago in less than a month! (In 1948 a banded Myrtle Warbler made the trip from the Chicago area to Birmingham in 23 days!) On January 31, 1963 at Roberts Field, Birmingham, I caught a Savannah Sparrow that I had banded on November 22, 1958, over 4 years and 2 months earlier!

Tom Imhof

An adult Harlan's Hawk was collected on November 27, 1962 at Geiger, Sumpter County. This is, apparently, the first Harlan's specimen for Alabama.

Bob Skinner

1962 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

AUBURN, ALABAMA

The Christmas Bird Count was made at Auburn, Ala., December 20, 1962. The center of the 15 mile diameter circle was the Auburn Post Office. Composition of the area: mixed woods, 50%; pastures and open field, 30%; water and mud flats, 20%; Weather was clear. Temperature varied from 34 to 52 degrees F. Winds, 5-10 mph, westerly. 22 observers making 8 partial trips spent 51 party hours, drove 171 miles, walked 25 miles, by boat 3 miles.

The following species and numbers were seen:

Pied-billed Grebe	4	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2
Great Blue Heron	4	Brown-headed Nuthatch	46
Common Egret	1	Brown Creeper	11
Mallard	2	House Wren	1
Wood Duck	4	Winter Wren	1
Ring-necked Duck	53	Bewick's Wren	2
Hooded Merganser	2	Carolina Wren	47
Turkey Vulture	21	Mockingbird	85
Black Vulture	127	Brown Thrasher	19
Cooper's Hawk	1	Robin	139
Red-tailed Hawk	9	Hermit Thrush	8
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	Eastern Bluebird	61
Marsh Hawk	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1
Sparrow Hawk	11	Golden-crowned Kinglet	34
Bobwhite	31	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	168
Coot	25	Water Pipit	21
Killdeer	39	Cedar Waxwing	313
Woodcock	1	Loggerhead Shrike	25
Common Snipe	16	Starling	30,000
Mourning Dove	57	Blue-headed Vireo	1
Barn Owl	1	Orange-crowned Warbler	2
Great Horned Owl	1	Myrtle Warbler	68
Barred Owl	1	Pine Warbler	26
Belted Kingfisher	2	Palm Warbler	1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	38	House Sparrow	116
Pileated Woodpecker	2	Eastern Meadowlark	176
Red-bellied Woodpecker	21	Red-winged Blackbird	540,000
Red-headed Woodpecker	4	Rusty Blackbird	30,000
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	7	Brewer's Blackbird	100
Hairy Woodpecker	5	Common Grackle	270,000
Downy Woodpecker	19	Cowbird	30,000
Phoebe	10	Cardinal	203
Blue Jay	89	Purple Finch	17
Common Crow	58	American Goldfinch	138
Carolina Chickadee	77	Rufous-sided Towhee	107
Tufted Titmouse	29	Savannah Sparrow	23