

HAWK MIGRATION—HUNTSVILLE (BROWNSBORO)

We had been asked by Adele West of Chattanooga to participate in observations of the annual hawk migration. Members of the Tennessee Ornithological Society man various fire towers and mountains around Chattanooga and record the numbers and species of hawks seen going over. Adele wondered if some of the birds observed there fanned out in our direction. We thought we would be unable to help out, as we did not have the time or baby-sitters required for all-day watches at a tower, but were pleasantly surprised to find that our house and lot are as good as a tower. We are situated on a slope between two mountain ridges running north and south. Our valley seems to act as a sort of funnel for a large, low area north of us. On September 22, 50 Broad-winged Hawks, 2 Marsh Hawks, and 2 unidentified Buteos were seen, and on September 23, 87 Broad-wings and one unidentified Buteo. On the 24th, 14 Broadwings, 1 Red-tailed Hawk, and 1 Sparrow Hawk went over.

The hawks came in from the northeast, circled to gain altitude, and sailed off over one or the other of the ridges, heading south or southwest. It would be very interesting for other members of our Society to take part in these observations next year. Anyone who has not done this before might send for information to Chandler Robbins, Population and Distribution Studies, Branch of Wildlife Research, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland.

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One Least Tern was seen at a small pond opposite the Fayetteville, Tenn., Golf and Country Club on August 21, 1960, by Jim and Margaret Robinson.

The American Egret at the Birmingham Waterworks Filter Plant, which we reported in our last issue, remained until August 27th. By way of farewell, it circled the impoundment three times and then headed southeast for parts unknown.

THE BANDERS' CORNER

BANDING REPORT—JIM AND MARGARET ROBINSON

Since August 6, 1960, we have banded 577 birds of 67 species. Of this total, 92 birds were banded at Dauphin Island. Birds banded in greatest numbers at Brownsboro are: Swainson's Thrush, 35; Cardinal, 35; Magnolia Warbler, 33; E. Wood Pewee, 27; Wood Thrush, 27; Indigo Bunting, 23; Catbird, 22; Tennessee Warbler, 20; White-throated Sparrow, 19; Field Sparrow, 16; Red-eyed Vireo, 15; Hooded Warbler, 15; White-eyed Vireo, 13; Ovenbird, 12; Gray-cheeked Thrush, 12; Kentucky Warbler, 10.

Species of particular interest are: Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Screech Owl, 2; Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 4; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, 2; Acadian Flycatcher, 7; Traill's Flycatcher, 2; Least Flycatcher, 2; Lincoln's Sparrow, 1; Swamp Sparrow, 3; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 5; Scarlet Tanager, 7; Philadelphia Vireo, 1; Yellow-throated Vireo, 1; Worm-eating Warbler, 4; Nashville Warbler, 1, on September 30; Orange-crowned Warbler, 1; Chestnut-sided Warbler, 6; Blackburnian Warbler, 1; Louisiana Water Thrush, 1; MOURNING WARBLER, 1, Immature female, on September 28; and Canada Warbler, 8.

27 species (92 birds) were banded at Dauphin Island, Ala., October 14 through 18. Most numerous were: Indigo Bunting, 28; Blue Grosbeak, 7; Catbird, 7; Tennessee Warbler, 5; and Common Yellowthroat, 5. Of interest were the immature White-crowned Sparrow and the immature Dickcissel on October 17.

Returns: Rufous-sided Towhee, female, banded 4/9/59; caught 8/8/60.
Tufted Titmouse, banded 3/31/59; caught 10/4/60.

(A young Flying Squirrel caught in a mist net on September 26 has made a very lovable pet.)

NASHVILLE BIRDS RECOVERED—AMELIA LASKEY, 1521 GRAYBAR LANE

Robin, 1st year bird, banded August 31, 1956—shot on a farm at Livingston, Ala., December 25, 1959. Bluebird, nestling, banded August 7, 1956, was found dead north of Valley Head, DeKalb County, Ala., in March, 1960 (date not given). Both of these reports were forwarded from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington.