

as far to the east as the Belle Mina vicinity. They remained at least until July 26 and never lost the reddish wash from heads and backs.

Jim, Keeler, Buddy English and Jack Tanner, visiting Wheeler Refuge on August 2, spotted a lone Mississippi Kite on the White Springs islands and a Black-bellied Plover in partial breeding plumage along the White Springs dike. David found Least Terns on July 14 and July 21 and a single Pinewoods Sparrow on July 23 and again on August 2.

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Brownsboro (Huntsville) --

Our spring migration was a great disappointment. We noticed no waves of birds, and the Warblers we saw and heard did not linger. Our first migrant Warbler was a black and white on March 26. Blue-gray Gnatcatchers came on April 7, and the first Scarlet Tanager on April 8. On April 11, we had our last Purple Finches, and on April 14 our first Indigo Buntings, Prairie Warblers and Chuck-will's-widow. Several Whip-poor-wills were heard, and White-eyed and Yellow-throated Vireos seen on April 15. On the 16th, we heard a Black-throated Green Warbler, caught a Ruby-throated Hummingbird in a mist net, saw a Wood Thrush, and saw an Anhinga in a blackberry patch on the side of our mountain. These were some of our firsts of the season. Yellow-breasted Chats started coming through on April 26. This was the only specie seen in greater than usual numbers. There seemed to be fewer Thrushes, Warblers, and Vireos and definitely fewer Flycatchers than we have had the past two years. We banded one Rose-breasted Grosbeak on May 8. This was the only one banded this spring, compared with 9 in 1961--all banded before May 8.

A record for the Tennessee Valley area was the adult male Connecticut Warbler netted and banded on May 20.

Our birding and banding have lagged this summer as a result of the dry weather and heat. We have maintained a small pool in the woods near the house. This is one of the few sources of water in the surrounding valley and has attracted birds from the varying habitats around us. The pool seems to have made more Wood Thrushes nest close by, and our feeders must be responsible for a rise in the Chickadee and Downy Woodpecker populations.

We hope we will have more of interest to write of the fall migration, but if dry weather was responsible for the birds passing us by this spring, we can't hope for many to stop this fall as this area is drier than it has been for years.

Margaret Robinson

### The Bander's Corner

#### Birmingham

During the first 6 month of 1962, we banded 477 birds, using baited wire traps. 21 species are represented:

Mourning Dove	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	Evening Grosbeak	52
Blue Jay	6	Purple Finch	165
Brown Thrasher	5	Cardinal	19
Mockingbird	5	Rufus-sided Towhee	35
Tufted Titmouse	10	Goldfinch	5
Carolina Chickadee	2	Slate-colored Junco	4
Robin	1	Chipping Sparrow	55
Pine Warbler	1	Field Sparrow	24
Myrtle Warbler	56	White-throated Sparrow	27
Summer Tanager	1		

Of the 27 returns, there were 1 Summer Tanager, a Titmouse, a Cardinal, a White-throated Sparrow, a Myrtle Warbler, and a Field Sparrow, each of which was 4 or more years old, and one Chickadee 7 years old. (Chickadee banded as an adult 6-2-56 and last seen 7-30-62).

D.O. and Harriet Wright

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Jet Age Jay — A banded Blue Jay found April 1962 in Chatom, Washington County, Ala. was banded in New Jersey 8-14-61.

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#### 1962 Nature Camp Another Success

A total of 53 campers attended Blanche Dean's Nature Camp held June 7-14 at Cheaha State Park. The leaders of the Bird Section were three of our able A.O.S. members, Blanche Chapman, Idalene Snead and Cecil Hornady. An excellent list of 81 species of birds was identified and studied by this enthusiastic group. The high spot of each day was the song of the Oven Bird heard just at dusk.

Other group leaders were Judge William Bibb--Indian Lore; Amy Mason--Flowers; Ruth Brabston--Insects; Clustie McTyeire--Mushrooms; Bob Ham--Trees; Blanche Dean, the originator of Nature Camps in Alabama, led the Fern Group.

We all feel this was an interesting and worthwhile effort in the field of Conservation.