

The above observations in Choctaw and DeKalb Counties were also by my wife Elberta and that in Bullock also by her and Lynn and Fritz Woehle.

It is certainly hoped that such a beneficial bird and beautiful songster as the Bewick's Wren will return to its former numbers in the Southeast, so observers might be on the watch in hopes of finding more evidence of its presence.

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BANDER'S CORNER

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Banding this winter provided its usual share of interesting records. I banded my first Evening Grosbeaks this year at the home of Bob and Elberta Reid. These birds are always a pleasure to be around and help to brighten any winter's day. While at the Reid's, I also captured a Carolina Chickadee which was already wearing a band. I reported the band number and discovered that this bird had been banded seven years earlier by my friend and a former president of AOS, Michael Lee Bierly.

Other interesting birds banded this winter include a Grasshopper Sparrow at Courtland (winter records from the Tenn. Valley for this species are scarce) and White-crowned Sparrows at Courtland, Ballplay and Lakeland Farm.

This spring came complete with the usual excitement of returning summer birds, especially warblers. One of my most outstanding memories this year was provided by the White-eyed Vireo when Tom Imhof and I banded a combined total of over 100 on April 7 at Fort Morgan. (For other totals see the Season column in this issue.)

An interesting recovery of a Barn Swallow I banded occurred last spring. It would seem that a young man from Huntsville, Mr. Charles Droost, was following the progress of a Barred Owl nest when he discovered the tail-feathers and a leg of a bird in the nest. The leg had a band which he reported to the Fish and Wildlife Service. This band was placed by me on a Barn Swallow at Town Creek, Alabama--nearly 100 miles west of the Owl nest. I suppose we shall never know how a relatively agile, diurnal bird became food for the slow, nocturnal owl, but it probably reflects one of the many hazards of annual migration.

Here is an interesting series of recaptures I thought you might enjoy:
Catbird Band #821-34845 - banded by Peavy on 10-24-73
(All captures at Fort Morgan)

caught by Imhof on 11-06-74
caught by Peavy on 04-06-75
caught by Imhof on 04-25-75
caught by Peavy on 04-04-76
caught by Imhof on 04-09-76

Nothing like taking turns, is there?

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