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BIRD-BANDING at ORDWAY: A REPORT.

In twelve years of tenure at Ordway we have carried on a general study of the bird population through trapping and banding live birds. As in many similar endeavors the results do not mean much until a considerable mass of data has been gathered. A total of 13,581 birds have been banded and released; these comprise a total of 138 species but not all of these have been trapped on Ordway property. The initial year of 1970 was not at all representative, a total of 25 birds of three species being banded.

Herewith is a recapitulation of some of the data:

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	Total
Indiv.	53	1002	1693	1536	1316	1671	1493	1884	831	1125	977	13,581
Species	10	62	83	83	68	74	82	80	66	75	60	138.

In the eleven years during which an active program was pursued there are a number of ups-and-down which were caused by varying periods of inactivity - absence, death, etc. - but in general the program of trapping was carried out on a daily basis, season-through-season in order to obtain a continuing picture of the bird population here at Ordway. Some interesting - and unexpected - things have shown up in the banding program. In 1981 a White-eyed Vireo was trapped and banded, the most northerly capture of this species in Minnesota; also our results during the past four years have given good indication of an extension of the range of the Orchard Oriole. No bandings have been made of aquatic or game birds.

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