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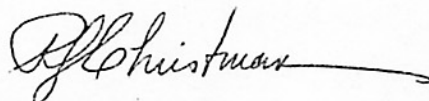
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Subject: BIRD-BANDING at ORDWAY. (2)

Our program for studying the bird population at Ordway continues and we have been quite busy during the month of October since that is the time of the principal migrational movement southward. In the period since our last bulletin (No. 5) on this subject (April 17, 1972) we have examined and released 1219 birds representing 62 species; 604 of these since September 15, 1972. This is to give some idea of the amount of activity which is involved in our bird studies but of course, mere numbers are not a complete indication of the type or importance of the studies. Much more is required than merely snatching a bird and banding him and such programs call for more and more attention as they develop.

Each person who reads this is in a position to be a potential help to us in making a practice of noticing dead birds which have been banded. If we can obtain information on such specimens it will help to put together the large mosaic of bird behavior and population. If you see a dead robin or "sparrow" turn it over with your foot and observe whether or not it carries an aluminum band on its leg; if so please recover the band (or at least the number printed thereon) and inform us (Tel.: 455-6204).

The birds which are currently showing up at Ordway are mostly the Slate-colored Junco, many of whom will stay the winter; Tree Sparrows, likewise winter residents; Chickadees and Nuthatches, both year-'round residents. During the past week we have also had Purple Finches and one (final?) Fox Sparrow. As yet our Bluebirds have not flown south.



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