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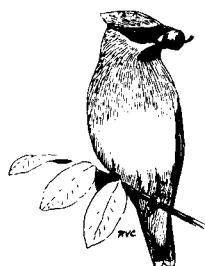
13 recovery reports of 9 species of birds were received from BBL during 1980. 9 of these (representing 8 different species) were of birds banded at Powdermill and eventually found elsewhere; the other 4 birds (of 3 species) were banded at other stations and later recovered at the Reserve. This year the American Goldfinch led the list with 4 recoveries. With 20 such recoveries now in the Powdermill files, this species is second only to the Evening Grosbeak (with 168 recoveries) in the frequency of recovery. Third place is held by the Cedar Waxwing with 17 recoveries. The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker is new to the recovery list.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: #871-26132 banded at Powdermill as an immature female 5 October 1978. Found dead 20 January 1980 in Pinch, Kanawha County, WV by Mrs. Dennis Rogers. Pinch is about 160 miles (250 km) SW of the Reserve. Age: about 1 yr. 7 mo.

Brown Thrasher: #822-70558 banded at Powdermill as an immature 9 October 1979, during fall migration. Found dead 1 May 1980 in the mountains of western VA at Bland by F.M. Hoge, probably in its spring migration.

American Robin: #822-70262 banded at Powdermill as an adult male 15 March 1978. Found dead 17 January 1980 in St. Petersburg, FL by Mrs. C.A. Barnes. Age: minimum of 2 yr. 7 mo.

Cedar Waxwing: #1231-95436 banded at Powdermill as an immature 24 August 1979. Found dead 5 months later 26 January 1980 in Dallas, TX by Chris Henderson. (This is the second recovery in winter in Texas of a waxwing we banded. The first was banded at Powdermill 24 May 1972, found at Llano, Texas 26 January 1974). Other winter recoveries of waxwings have come from NC, LA, Mexico (3), and Guatemala.



Yellow-rumped Warbler: #1530-15185 banded as an immature female at Powdermill 9 October 1979. Found dead 15 January 1980 in St. Cloud, FL by Sara S. Lewis.

Yellow-rumped Warbler: #1520-66068 banded as an adult female near Bittering, MD 7 May 1980 by Mrs. Dorothea M. Malec. Netted at Powdermill on 14 May 1980 — just one week later. (The bird was undoubtedly in migration. The 2 stations are located about 45 air miles apart; but it is interesting to note that, in using this northwesterly migration route, the bird had crossed both the Allegheny Mountains and Laurel Hill — two major Appalachian ridges).

Brown-headed Cowbird: #851-82542 banded as an SY male at Powdermill 26 April 1978. Shot in Bells, TN (approximately 650 miles SW of Powdermill) 9 February 1980. Age: about 2 yr. 8 mo. and was probably on its wintering grounds.

Evening Grosbeak: #871-26559 banded as an adult female at Powdermill 12 February 1979. The following winter this bird was trapped and released by another bander, Joseph M. Cadbury, at a station located 4 miles southeast of Waldboro, Maine.

Dark-eyed Junco: #1530-56635 banded by C.S. Adkisson 18 March 1979 near Blacksburg in the mountains of western VA. Trapped and released at Powdermill 20 March 1980. At the time of recapture the bird could be identified as a male by its plumage and wing length, and would then have been a minimum of 1 yr. 9 mo.

American Goldfinch: #1470-54235 banded at Powdermill as an immature (SY) male 3 February 1978. Recaptured by another bander, Bruce L. Steger, the following winter at Severna Park, MD 18 February 1979.

American Goldfinch: #1530-16430 banded at Powdermill as an adult (ASY) male 1 March 1980. Found dead by Peter E. Burrell near Rector, PA about 4 miles NNE of Powdermill 6 May 1980.

American Goldfinch: #1440-66380 banded as an adult (AHY) female near Cumberland, MD by Kendrick Y. Hodgdon 21 March 1977. Trapped and released at Powdermill 30 September 1979, when the bird would have been at least 3 years old.

American Goldfinch: #1450-0718 banded as an immature (HY) male 8 September 1978 near Weld, Maine by Jalmar N. Nelson. Trapped and released at Powdermill 28 October 1979.

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