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Chestnut-backed Chickadee: The oldest bird verified by the BBL was 7 years and 9 months old. #1790-58682 was first captured in July 1992 as a HY, recaptured on four occasions, and was last captured in December 2001. This Palomarin resident had an estimated age of 9 years and 6 months.

Varied Thrush: The oldest bird verified by the BBL was 4 years and 9 months old. This thrush, #0702-74337, was originally captured as an AHY by PRBO in January 1978 and last recaptured in March 1982. An older bird and new record, #0752-20380, was first captured in December 1984 (age not taken), recaptured on six occasions, and was last captured in January 1990. This Palomarin winter resident was at least 5 years and 7 months old.

Orange-crowned Warbler: The oldest bird verified by the BBL was 6 years and 9 months old. #3500-04816 was first captured as a HY in October 1995, recaptured four winters, and was last captured in November 2002. This Pine Gulch winter resident had an estimated age of 7 years and 5 months.

Wilson's Warbler: The oldest bird verified by the BBL was 6 years and 10 months old. #1930-29827 was first captured as an AHY at Palomarin in May 1993, recaptured on eight occasions, and was last captured in June 1999. This Neotropical migrant breeder had an estimated age of 7 years.

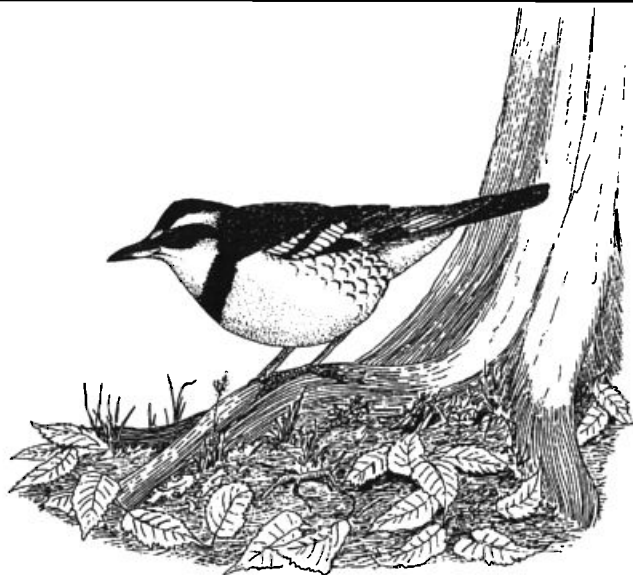
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West Nile Virus - What Ornithologists and Bird Banders Should Know

Get the facts at: <<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/WNV.html>>. Posted on the web 15 Apr 2003 by the Ornithological Council, this is a four-page summary of what banders need to know about West Nile Virus (WNV). From the introductory paragraph: "The Ornithological Council—a consortium of 11 scientific ornithological societies in the Western Hemisphere—consulted with a number of experts to compile this fact sheet about the risks of WNV to ornithologists and bird banders and to provide the most up-to-date public health recommendations for those handling live birds, carcasses, or tissue that is potentially infected with WNV."



Varied Thrush
by George West