

MAURICE G. STREET

One of the Continent's Outstanding Bird Banders

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REGINA LEADER POST.—A feathered visitor to Saskatchewan this past summer has ended up as dinner for a cat in Tennessee. The bird was a Tennessee Warbler, so perhaps the cat figured such was legal prey for a Tennessee cat.

In any event pussy's action added to the records of science for the bird wore a small metal band on its leg showing that had been banded Aug. 23, 1952 at Nipawin Sask., by Maurice G. Street.

The bands each bear a number and are used to trace the migration routes and life habits of birds. While the vast majority of the bands are never recovered the odd one, such as in this case, is forwarded to the United States fish and wild life service which acts as a clearing house for the bird banders.

The department advised Mr. Street that the band had been sent to them by Lee R. Herndon of Elizabethton, Tennessee, after a cat had caught the warbler at Fish Springs on Watauga lake, Garter county, Tennessee, Oct. 4, 1952. The Tennessee Warbler breeds chiefly north of the United States and winters in southern Mexico to Colombia and Venezuela.

Mr. Street is one of the continent's outstanding bird banders. This past year he banded 462 warblers of this one particular species, a figure more than double the yearly average of all banders combined. Bird banding is his hobby and in the past seven years he has banded over 6,000 birds. He has also discovered the nesting sites of 120 different kinds of birds, a record with few parallels in Canada.

BIRDS BANDED AT NIPAWIN, SASK.

JAN. 1/52 to DEC. 31/52

M.G.S. B.M.

<i>(The figures in the first column represent the number of birds banded by M. G. Street and in the second column those banded by Billy Matthews.)</i>				
	M.G.S.	B.M.		
American Bittern	1	.....	American Crow	3
Mallard .....	.....	10	Black-capped Chickadee ...	14 4
Canvas-back .....	.....	1	Hudsonian Chickadee	1
Lesser Scaup .....	.....	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	4
American Merganser .....	.....	1	Brown Creeper	1
Red-tailed Hawk .....	.....	3	House Wren	11 4
Marsh Hawk .....	.....	5	Catbird	7
Ruffed Grouse	1	.....	Eastern Robin	39 19
Coot	1	.....	Hermit Thrush	4 1
Black Tern .....	.....	2	Olive-backed Thrush	8
Long-eared Owl	8	.....	Gray-cheeked Thrush	10
Short-eared Owl .....	.....	1	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Nighthawk	1	2	Bohemian Waxwing	2 1
Yellow-shafted Flicker	1	.....	Cedar Waxwing	44 1
Hairy Woodpecker	1	.....	White-rumped Shrike .....	..... 7
Downy Woodpecker	1	.....	Blue-headed Vireo	2
Eastern Kingbird .....	.....	5	Red-eyed Vireo	2
Least Flycatcher	2	.....	Black and White Warbler	3
Barn Swallow .....	.....	13	Tennessee Warbler	462 3
Canada Jay	3	5	Orange-crowned Warbler..	5
Blue Jay	2	.....	Nashville Warbler	4 3
American Magpie .....	.....	4	Yellow Warbler	1
			Magnolia Warbler	3
			Cape May Warbler	45
			Myrtle Warbler	248 19
			Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
			Bay-breasted Warbler	23
			Black-poll Warbler	5