

RECOVERIES OF SWAINSON'S HAWKS BANDED IN SASKATCHEWAN

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Recoveries of Swainson's Hawks banded in Saskatchewan.

Note: Squares represent direct recoveries (same year).

Circles represent subsequent years.

The migration pattern of the Swainson's Hawk is slightly to the west of that of the Red-tailed Hawk, but otherwise is very similar (*Blue Jay* 25:111, Sept. 1967). Apart from Reuben Lloyd of Davidson, who had two recoveries from only three banded, Charles F. Holmes of Dollard had the highest recovery rate with five recoveries from 16 birds banded (31%). On the other hand, George H. Lang of Indian Head banded 19 and had no recoveries to appear in the following list. The proportion of "direct" recoveries (birds killed the same year as banded) is remarkably low, comprising only three of the first 14 recoveries and only seven of the total of 21.

A hawk banded by Hartley Fredeen, shot in Alberta 11 years after banding, exceeds the previously published longevity record for this species by nearly four years (*Ring*, 3 (34) : 178, Feb. 1963).

The recovery from Selma, Alabama is the only record for this species for that state and justified the inclusion of the Swainson's Hawk in Imhof's *Alabama Birds* (University of Alabama Press, 1962). The recovery of one of Hartley Fredeen's hawks from Argentina, although from the known wintering grounds of this species, is the furthest south recovery of any bird banded in Saskatchewan.

- Banded by R. H. Carter, Jr., Muscow, Sask. (504-1035) (3 banded):**
 Aug. 10/24. Shot Sept. 18/26 (2 yr.) Ellendale, N.D. (460-0983).
- Banded by Reuben Lloyd, Davidson, Sask. (511-1055) (3 banded):**
 Aug. 14/31. Found dead May 9/34 (-3 yr.) in Nebraska (420-1023).
 Aug. 14/31. Shot Nov. 24/32 (1 yr.) Anson, Texas (324-0995).
- Banded by Chas. F. Holmes, Dollard, Sask. (493-1083) (16 banded):**
 Aug. 1/32. Shot Sept. 28/32 (direct) Stacey, Mont. (454-1055).
 July 12/34. Shot April 21/40 (-6 yr.) Ray, N.D. (482-1031).
 Aug. 4/34. Shot Aug. 4/37 (3 yr.) Thoeny, Mont. (485-1065).
 Aug. 12/34. Shot Oct. 12/34 (direct) Clinton, Okla. (353-0985).
 July 12/36. Shot May/38 (-2 yr.) White Bear, Sask. (505-1081).
- Banded by Ralph O. Hedlin, Renown, Sask. (513-1052):**
 July 12/38. Shot Aug. 13/38 (direct) Farrerdale, Sask. (513-1055).
- Banded by W. F. Hammond, Cupar, Sask. (505-1041) (5 banded)**
 July 12/39. Shot May 21/40 (-1 yr.) La Bolt, S.D. (450-0963).
- Banded by F. J. H. Fredeen, Macrorie, Sask. (511-1070):**
 July 7/40. Shot May 10/41 (-1 yr.) in Oklahoma (355-0992).
 July 21/40. Shot Dec. 23/41 (1 yr.) Estancia, Cordoba, Argentina
 (33° south 62° west or -330-0620)
 July 21/40. Shot Sept. 8/51 (11 yr.) in Alberta (520-1100).
- Banded by Dick Bird, Avonlea, Sask. (500-1050):**
 July 9/41. Shot July 19/45 (4 yr.) Truax, Sask. (495-1045).
- Banded by C. Stuart Houston (50 banded):**
Near Yorkton (511-1023 and 515-1020):
 July 6/46. Shot before 10/46 (direct) Selma, Alabama (322-0870).
 July 10/53. Trapped Oct./53 (direct) Whitehall, Wis. (442-0911).
Near Dilke, Sask. (504-1051):
 July 31/55. Shot before Aug. 11/56 (1 yr.) Ree Heights, S.D. (453-1033).
 July 31/55. Shot May 10/56 (-1 yr.) Tripp, S.D. (431-0975).
Near Saskatoon, Sask. (520-1065 and 515-1061):
 July 5/66. Shot Aug. 13/66 (direct) Saskatoon, Sask. (520-1063).
 July 10/66. Shot Aug. 7/66 (direct) Bradwell, Sask. (515-1061).
- Banded by Wm. Anaka, Spirit Lake, Sask. (513-1024) (8 banded):**
 July 13/58. Band obtained April 19/59 (-1 yr.) in Texas (291-0982).
 (Note: 513-1024 means 51° 30' north and 102° 40' west)