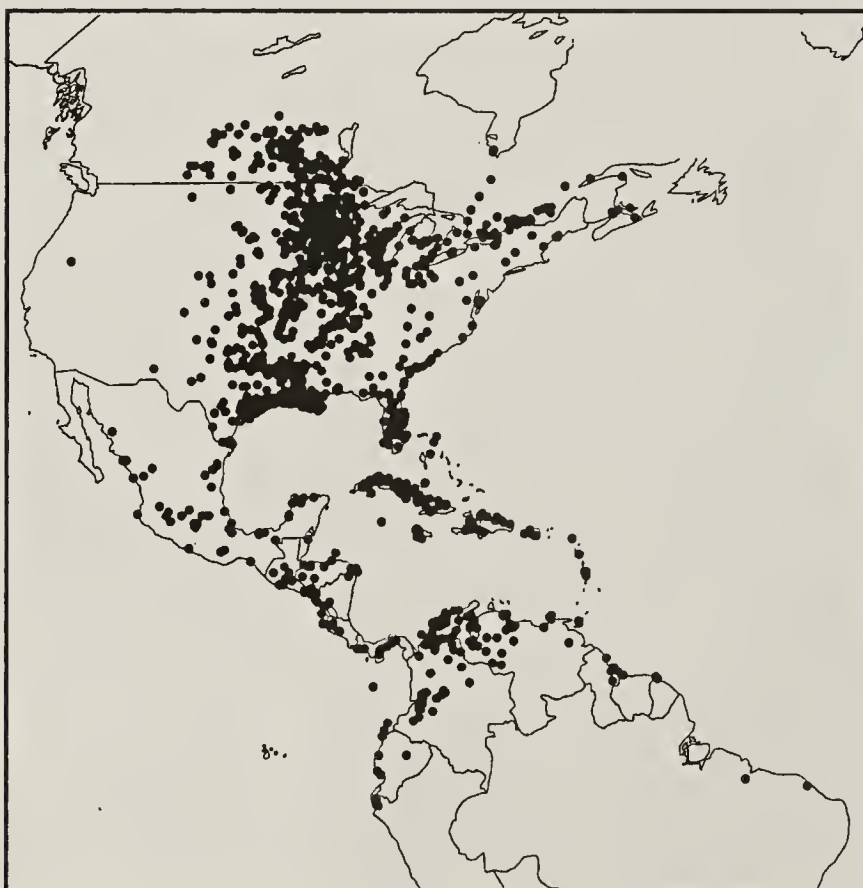

MYSTERY PHOTO

SEPTEMBER 2003 MYSTERY PHOTO



This object was found on a beach on the shore of the Beaufort Sea in the Northwest Territories but it could just as well have been found in Manitoba.. For its size (220 mm x 110 mm) it is remarkably heavy (1.4 kg or just over 3 lbs). A \$1 coin is shown in the photograph by way of scale. What is this object?

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The map shows band recoveries from the Yorkton area. Only two species have been banded there in sufficient numbers to yield this large number of recoveries – Mallards (109,158) and Blue-winged Teal (105,852). Mallards from Yorkton do not go south of the Rio Grande, but the teal spread more widely than other waterfowl species, to blanket the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and northern South America to Peru and Brazil.

The editors would like to thank Stuart Houston for submitting the map and the answer for the June mystery photo.

CORRIGENDUM

Varied Thrush Winters at Melfort, June 2003, p127. The author of this note is Shirley Pannell, not Joyce Pannell as printed in the June issue. Please accept the editors' apology, Shirley.