

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Rollan L. Jones
R. R. #1
Morris, Ill.

Dear Mr. Jones:

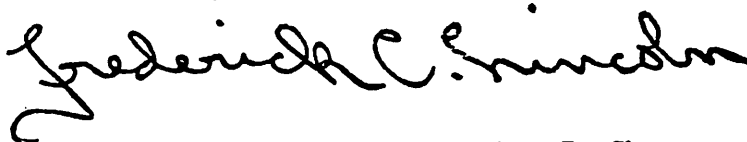
Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication. The bird carrying band No. 41-337572 was a Bronzed Grackle banded on 7/15/42 at Highland Park, Ill., by Paul E. Downing. We regret the delay in this reply; the banding history on this bird has only recently been available in our files.

By means of these numbered bands important investigations relative to the migrations and other facts in the life histories of North American birds are being advanced. The bands are attached to the birds by volunteer cooperators, both in the United States and Canada, who serve without pay. Success in the bird-banding work is therefore dependent upon the reports of persons in both countries on such banded birds as come to their attention.

Migratory waterfowl have been banded in large numbers at more than 150 stations scattered over the continent and have been recovered as far south as the northern part of South America. Small song birds have been banded in still greater numbers, and many interesting facts concerning their movements are being discovered. These data are not only of scientific importance but also are of much service in the administration of this valuable wild-life resource. The Service, accordingly, desires to have a report on every banded bird that may be recovered, and it is hoped that you will continue to help in this work by reporting any bands that come to your attention, giving the number (with series designation, if any, as A, B, 34, 36, 40, etc.), date of recovery, and the locality.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,



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