

REFUGE BANDING NOTES BANDING YEAR 2003

Pee Dee NWR 06/2003

Patterson: 19 recaptures in June, 2003. 2003 totals through June: 66 banded, 19 recaptures.

Pee Dee NWR 07/2003

Patterson: 2 Recaptures in July, 2003. 11 Reward bands issued in July, 2003. 2003 Totals through end of July: 105 banded, 21 Recaptures, 11 reward bands issued.

Ace Basin NWR 07/31/2003

Hartis: Banding permit has been reactivated. Wood duck pre-baiting has been continuous since late May on sites on both Edisto and Combahee Rivers with limited success at attracting, concentrating, or holding birds on any given type of bait. Past experience shows potentially better cooperation from the birds in late August and early September.

Pee Dee NWR 08/2003

Patterson: 4 Recaptures in August, 2003. 8 Reward bands issued in August, 2003. 2003 totals through end of August: 128 banded, 25 recaptures, 19 reward bands issued.

Pee Dee NWR 09/2003

Patterson: 16 Recaptures in September, 2003. 15 Reward bands issued in September, 2003. 2003 year totals: 178 banded, 41 recaptures, 34 reward bands issued.

Mattamuskeet NWR 09/01/2003

Seal: Note for the month of September: Wood duck trapping will be stopped for the month of September because of refuge-wide September Canada goose hunt is scheduled.

Roanoke River NWR 09/24/2003

Richter/Chappell: More time effort and money were devoted to banding this year. Due to continuous flooding and the abundance of natural foods throughout the summer, we were unable to concentrate ducks on bait. Ducks were not more dispersed due to the high water levels in the swamps. Several trapping methods were used. Traps were constructed and placed in various locations before water levels dropped significantly at the refuges regular banding site near the end of the season.

Ace Basin NWR 09/29/2003

Hartis: Seemed like an odd year for attracting and holding birds on bait. Any one else have an opinion? Wouldn't be surprised if total number of birds banded the pre season is below the average.

Pocosin Lakes NWR 10/10/2003

W. Stanton: 75 total wood ducks were banded during the 2003 banding season. Increasing numbers of mallards were observed at the Pungo Lake Banding Site.

