

EVENING GROSBEAKS

Mrs. Marie Dumont of 311 Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, N. J. gives us the following bit of information:

"I recently had the pleasure of visiting a Mrs. E. V. Guenter of Butler, N. J. and seeing at close hand a flock of between 60 and 75 Evening Grosbeak feeding on the ground just outside her sunporch window. Mrs. Guenter informed me that they have been coming in two flocks, one of about 25 and another close to 70 and from Monday to Saturday ate up \$1.75 worth of Sunflower seeds. At first the females outnumbered the male by 5 to 1 but the day I was there the male birds predominated by a small margin. It was a beautiful sight. The birds seem to feed mostly during the morning hours. I was there from 9 to 11 and if any come to feed during the afternoon or early evening it is only a few, perhaps 5 or 6. Where they spend the rest of the day she has never been able to discover but every morning they are sure to come back. This has been going on for weeks now.

"Another interesting fact is that I have been able to band 3 Red-breasted Nuthatches at this Station this year. We never, to our knowledge, had any of these visiting here until last winter when one was taken in our traps and that is all we ever saw of it. However, this winter 2 of the banded birds were with us over a period of two weeks. The White-breasted is with us all the time. Tree Sparrows have not been around this section the past few years. Previously we took close to a hundred or over a winter. Often wonder what became of all the Tree Sparrows."

GROSBEAKS OBSERVED FEEDING YOUNG

An excerpt from the Evening Grosbeak Survey News, March 1952, reads as follows:

"Since 1948 a pair of Evening Grosbeaks has nested near our home every summer. The first year the male and female appeared