

"I must take exception to one band size which is included in Dr. Blake's list as published in the current EBBA NEWS. He recommends Size 1 for Slate-colored Juncos. I used to use that size but changed to Size 0 when the #1 size seemed loose. I have used the Size 0 on 111 members of this species without finding a single case in which it was too snug. In fact, I can not imagine a more perfect fit.

"When I sent you a card recently re Size 0 bands for Slate-colored Juncos in preference to the #1's as recommended by Dr. Blake, I overlooked his suggestion of #1B bands for Eastern Song Sparrow.

"I have found considerable variation in size of tarsi among Eastern Song Sparrows, but I have used #1 bands on all of this species (29 individuals) banded during the past four years without finding a single instance in which the number 1 band was too snug.

"A study of our foreign retraps (or recoveries--Ed.) indicates that too many banders use too large bands on too many species. I believe that it is a serious menace to the birds."

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NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following persons who have joined EBBA during the last few months. Of these, Mr. Schaub is a former member whose rejoining has not heretofore been given official recognition. The list follows:

Aharrah, Ernest C., 16 North Mann St., Yeagertown, Penna.
 Crenshaw, Dr. Fred, Batty State Hospital, Rome, Georgia
 Davis, Dr. David E., 615 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore 5, Maryland
 Field, Marshall, R. R. No. 2, St. Thomas, Ontario
 Pittman, Miss Jeanne, 73 N. Union St., Lambertville, New Jersey
 Schaub, J. Benton, 1040 Isabella St., Wilmette, Illinois

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A COMMUNICATION FROM A NEWER MEMBER

Mrs. John E. Bacon, 74 Taylor Road, Hamburg, New York, a newer bander and EBBA member writes the following enthusiastic letter:

"How can you know how happy I am to receive your publication if I never tell you so! I read every line in every issue, and then put it away with all the others to refer to often.

"I do not have any large banding record or any startling returns or results, but I have been banding not quite two years yet, so I can't expect too much. I have learned a lot and had many things happen that seem thrilling to me.

"In the fall of 1952, the only Catbird I caught hopped into a trap to avoid a Robin that was chasing it, and I pulled the string. It was in a very ragged condition from moulting and jumped around so much that it hurt the base of its bill. That was August 9, 1952.

"You can imagine how happy I was to catch the same bird on May 31, 1953, and find it in perfect health. And we think it was the bird which built its nest just outside our kitchen window and we banded her four young."

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Since the printing of the Membership List in the April issue, the following persons have reported changes of address. The current address is given in each case:

DeVel, Dr. Leon, 739 Plymouth Blvd., S.E., Grand Rapids, 6, Michigan
 Easton, Mrs. Emily, 41 Owenoke Way, Riverside, Conn.
 Eshelman, David, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.
 Fales, Mrs. Harold A., 399 Fairview Ave., Orange, New Jersey
 Farrand, H.F., 7 Guest Lane, Wilmington 3, Delaware
 Heimerdinger, Mary Ann, 370 Temple St., New Haven, Conn.
 Hight, Gordon L., Jr., P.O. Box 1626, Rome, Georgia
 Low, Seth H., Route 2, Gaithersburg, Maryland
 Meng, Dr. Heinz, State Teachers College, New Paltz, New York
 Stoddard, Herbert L., Sherwood Plantations, Route 1,
 Tallahassee, Florida
 Wildman, Dr. Edward E., 409 East Second St., Moorestown, New Jersey

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