

male at the Pequannock station. It seems to me this would prove they are a mated pair this season and that at least some Juncos do wander a bit. (That they were a mated pair, or even birds just travelling together, would not seem to be indicated unless they had been taken together at different places on more than one occasion. It would appear, however, that there is a movement of wintering Juncos between the two stations, and, in the present instance, the movements both were in the same direction. What experience have other banders had in this respect? --Ed.)

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#### AN EXPERIMENT WITH THE MOURNING DOVE PROJECT

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In response to a circular from Harold S. Peters of the Fish and Wild Life Service to band fledgling Mourning Doves, an appeal was made in the local Swarthmore, Pa., newspaper (weekly) for information about dove's nests. This was followed up by a series of about a dozen notes, either reporting on nests found or giving general information about Mourning Dove biology, the purpose of these articles being to keep community interest in these birds at a high pitch.

The response was fairly good, although I went on quite a few wild goose chases. In several instances the squabs were too old to be disturbed, for they would have flown. All this effort resulted in the reporting of about 12 nests and the banding of 12 fledglings.

I sent a file of the newspaper clippings to Mr. Duvall and received a flattering letter from him. Despite the few birds banded, he felt that if each one of us were to band 4 fledglings, the Fish and Wildlife Service project would rapidly produce the desired results.

Next year should be better here, since Swarthmore is now alerted to the project. The editor of The Swarthmorean promises to give further free space for banding bulletins. It is likely that most local newspapers would welcome this sort of copy, since there is usually a rather strong public interest in nature topics.

Perhaps my profitable experience could be copied by others. Incidentally, I was unable, because of other duties, to look for doves' nests myself; therefore I had to rely on my fellow citizens for aid. --516 Walnut Lane, Swarthmore, Penna.

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