

"The major construction has been completed, and I should be glad to have interested bird-banders view the trap at 516 Walnut Lane, Swarthmore, Pa. The cost of materials has been (groan, sigh) about \$70."

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Note: On Saturday, November 26, the Editor and his wife visited Dr. Worth and inspected his trap. Although he is located within the Borough of Swarthmore, his attractive property is located on the edge of town, with a valley immediately in back of the house. This valley acts as a natural funnel for birds, and the trap, located at the top of the funnel, is almost a 'natural' receptacle for birds working their way up the valley. After the birds have been funnelled into the trap proper, they work their way into a large collecting cage.

On Saturday, in response to the bell, Dr. Worth appeared at the door with a White-throated Sparrow in his hand, his new trap having just caught 18 members of that species. Dr. Worth extended the ultimate in hospitality to a fellow bander by asking the Editor to band the White-throat. The Editor is certain that other members will profit by a trip to examine this interesting trap.

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NOTES ON THE HOMING ABILITY OF BIRDS by Albert E. Conway

During the years 1936 and 1937, the writer made several attempts to test the homing ability of six species of birds, but press of other duties did not permit him to carry out the extensive experiments which he would like to have performed.

A cursory review of the literature reveals that only a few species have been used in homing experiments, notably Starlings (Sturnus vulgaris), Cowbirds (Molothrus ater), and Pigeons (Columbia livia), although it would seem that almost any species would possess the ability to some degree. Just because a bird is sedentary does not signify that it lacks homing ability; it may only be that it lacks the homing urge, that which provokes the use of the homing ability by means of which it is possible for the bird to return to a desired goal.

Following is a list of the few results which the writer has had with homing in several species. All these results were obtained during the Winter and Spring of 1936-1937:

Tufted Titmouse	2 miles
Robin	17 "
Barn Swallow (2)	24 "
Song Sparrow	1 "
English Sparrow	1 "
Eastern Phoebe	27 "
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NEW MEMBERS OF E.B.B.A.

- Boniface, Mrs. J. Berkley, 82 Fairmount Ave., Chatham, New Jersey
- Dickerson, Stanley S., 222 DeVoe Ave., Spotswood, New Jersey
- Nodecker, Harmon, Kenwood Station, Oneida, New York
- Noll, Edward M., Box 94, Hatboro, Pennsylvania
- Warren, Donald H., 52 South Ireland Place, Amityville, New York
- Whiteman, Mrs. J. H., 801 Third Ave., West Point, Georgia
- Worden, Mrs. Irving H., 136 West End Ave., Pompton Plains, New Jersey

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A CORRECTION

The name of a new member of EBBA reported in the May-June EBBA NEWS, page 43, should read, Dr. Gerhard W. Leubner instead of Leuber.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON INCOMING DUES

The following table shows how E.B.B.A. members have been paying their 1956 dues, notice of which was sent on October 22, 1955:

Prepaid	4 %	Are you among the 32 per cent
1st Week	30 %	unpaid? If your dues are paid
2nd "	19 %	before January 1st, you will not
3rd "	8 %	be bothered with a second notice!
4th "	6 %	
5th "	1 %	
Total	68 % Paid	

--Merrill Wood, Treasurer, Department of Zoology and Entomology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

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