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RE COLLECTING OF BIRDS
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In answer to Mrs. Gillespie's article in May-June EBBA News, I do not think banders should collect bird specimens, as I understand it is against the policies of our government for the average person to do so, and in my estimation justifiably so.

As regards the White-winged Junco, perhaps Mrs. Gillespie could have kept the bird for a short time in her home and notified the Museum of Natural History in New York or the Bronx Zoological Park of the oddity and they would no doubt have sent a representative to her home to check on the oddity. I had an experience several years ago when I trapped a pure Albino English Sparrow and it attracted a good many people (in fact I had an offer of a canary breeder who wanted very much to breed the bird in order to get a pure white canary.) As a result the Bronx Park people sent one of their representatives to our home to collect the sparrow (alive of course) for exhibition at the Park. I had no trouble whatever to get the newspapers to write an article about the Albino English Sparrow. In fact they sent reporters to our home to see for themselves.

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