







David Perry, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. writes: "As an addition to a note published in EBBA News recently reporting that squirrels had killed birds in mist nets, I should like to report a squirrel entering a trap and killing a Junco that was already inside. Seeing the bird in the trap I went out to get it and band it.


But while I was on my way there a squirrel got in and killed the bird. I don't see how the squirrel caught him but he had just dispatched him when I emerged from the house."


 Chip and Chuck Neel write that they banded almost 200 Eastern Bluebirds this spring and early summer. They promise a story on it for autumn publication. The Neels took a trip to the Gaspe Peninsula in late July and came down along the Maine coast on their way home to Sheffield, Pa.


 Sister Jane Patricia, of Mendham, N.J. writes that she banded 138 Goldfinches during the first four months of the year -- all taken in traps, no nets. She asks if other banders have found more Goldfinches around this year than usual.

 Frank P. Frazier, Jr. - EBBA News Co-Editor - will come home from Peru for the month of October. He hopes to do some bird banding at Island Beach Operation Recovery during his vacation. We hope also that he'll use his influence to point his new nephew (Peter Freehafer) towards a career in ornithology. (Peter is only a few weeks old, but it's never too soon to start - Ed.)

 The Illustration Contest Award this issue goes to Anderson J. Martin, whose fine photographs of the Annual Meeting appear on pages 160-161. We hope to print more of Andy's pictures in future issues. Andy is traveling in Italy this summer.

 LeRoy Wilcox had what must have been a frustrating experience for a bander of his caliber when he found that a Varied Thrust was frequenting a feeding station at Bellport, Long Island, N.Y. just 15 miles west of his home at Speonk -- the owner of the feeder did not wish the bird banded or disturbed.

 Several EBBA members are now working temporarily at the Smithsonian Institution - or for it, writes Jane Church who has a job there herself. They include John Dennis, Douglas Whitman and Douglas Hackman. EBBA News readers have seen articles by at least three of these persons in these pages.

 Your Editor and Kit Frazier had a wonderful trip with Orville Crowder to Scandinavia -- saw more than 80 life birds and friendly people and magnificent sights. We hope to give some details of banders and banding there in a future issue.