





Constance Katholi writes suggesting that some one should do an article for EBBA News on House Finches. "I recently attended commencement exercises at Adelphi U.," she writes, "at Garden City, L.I. and was amazed to add this species to my life list. This may seem strange to those of you in that area, but those


of us in the hinterland know nothing about this bird, and can find very little in books relating to their presence in the east. . . . I have learned since from Dr. Yunick (The Feather) and from a letter from Mrs. McEntee of Ridgewood, N.J. just how common they are becoming and how fast they are spreading."




Mary Schmid (who does our indexing on top of all her other activities) writes: "We spent a month at Marledor (their place on the New Jersey shore) -- 24 Sept to 24 Oct -- had perfect weather and banded 1,693 birds -- 800 Myrtle Warblers, 69 species! It's no Island Beach but a wonderful spot as one's own backyard. . . .John is much better and has lost 40 lbs.!"




Elise Dickerson, EBBA's treasurer, reports that we now have seven new Life Members: Albert E. Clattenburg, McLean, Va.; Jay R. Cohen, Atlantic Beach, L.I., N.Y.; David Junkin, Bedford Hills, N.Y.; Clare Nicolls, Conneautville, Pa.; Mrs. Chandler Robbins II, Gloucester, Mass.; Ken Slater, Hulbert, Mich.; Mrs. Lillian Stoner, Albany, N.Y.




Has anyone ever observed, asks Constance Katholi, how smooth and polished the bands become on White-breasted Nuthatches? Like silver bracelets! Is this caused by some habit or activity of this bird?



We erred when we quoted Bill Savell as urging that banders of Redwinged Blackbirds use size #2 bands. We should have written NESTLING Redwinged Blackbirds.



Deadline for the next issue will be January 15, 1966. We shall be away for a month prior to that date visiting with our daughter and latest grandson in California. Our very best wishes to all our readers for Christmas and a New Year of good health, good birding, good banding and good results.



We trust that every member has it on his mind to plan to come to the Annual Meeting at Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, Pennsylvania April 15, 16 & 17, 1966. Whether you desire to learn more about how to make your banding activities more efficient or worthwhile, or whether you wish to see what others are doing and how to do it, or whether you just want to have a good time -- you'll find your wishes fulfilled at this gathering.