

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ANSWER (correction) by Ralph Bell -- On page 151 of the previous issue the first sentence of the last paragraph should have read: "The latest known hatching date for Purple Martins in this area was at a neighbor's box on July 24 (instead of August 27 - that is the date when the first left the box) and were last seen on September 4."



QUESTION by E. Wayne Marshall -- I am wondering if you or some reader of EBBA News could help solve a band mystery.

One January 11, 1964 I caught a House Finch, sex and age unknown, which was banded with an unusual band in that the metal and thickness was different from those of the Fish and Wildlife Service. The legend was also different.

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Does anyone have any suggestions where to find the bander? The F & W Service were of no help. Could it be a bird dealer. . .or Russian?

(The band was overlapped, so it was removed and replaced with No. 58-133388.)



ANSWER by Charles H. Blake -- The probable answer to Mrs. Katholi's question about the sack on a Junco's neck is that it was a tick. If so, it was nearly engorged and would drop off in a day or two. As to what to do about it; ignore it, or record its occurrence, or, better yet, follow the directions on p. 113.

(Page 113 in the previous issue describes Dr. Daniel Sonenshine's Bird Tick Project - Ed.)

