

From August to October 1972 there was no appreciable change in either weight or fat. From October to December 1972 the bird increased in both weight and fat count as can be seen from the above table.

On May 19, 1973 the bird Repeated - wgt. 28.2, fat 0 and the tumor had COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED!!!

1973 June 30th - wgt. 21.0, fat 0 NO tumor
 July 1st - wgt. 21.0, fat 0 NO tumor
 Aug. 4th - wgt. 18.7, fat 1 NO tumor
 Aug. 11th - wgt. 18.0, fat 0 NO tumor

1974 Jan. 1st (Returned as TY-U) wgt. 24.6, fat 2 NO tumor

From May 1973 until January 1974 each time the bird was handled it was examined extensively for reappearance of tumor, scared tissue or tumors in/on other parts of its body -- none were found. We used a magnifying glass with the hopes of finding scared tissue - but none was found!

From the original banding right through to the last time this bird was handled in January 1974 it was healthy in all respects. It (tumor) couldn't have been excess fat because it weighed more after it lost the tumor than when it had it, and the fat count was still 0.

To gain approximately 6 grams in the time between 04-21-73 and 05-19-73 with the tumor completely disappearing is astonishing to us, and then to consequently have the bird lose approximately 7.2 grams between 05-19-73 and 06-30-73 further compounds our dilemma. Any explanation our fellow banders can supply will be greatly appreciated.

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(Editor's Note: In June 1975, we received word from the author that the bird returned on May 8th (Returned as 4th Y) wgt. 20.4 gr., fat 0, NO Tumor; and, on June 9 (Repeat) wgt. 20.0; fat 2, NO Tumor)

THOUGHTS OF A BACKYARD BANDER

By Boletta J. Morris

One morning last week I thought I would band a few birds. Cracked corn was put in my traps the night before and wired over to keep the deer away. I almost choked on my last swallow of coffee because before me, as I looked out my my unset traps, were six Redpolls. One had even entered the Sparrow trap. The birds only stayed a few moments and were off. The last Redpoll was recorded at my home in 1960. A disappointment to me as perhaps I could have gotten one???

Later in the morning I was busy watching my traps and writing my article for the local paper, "Along a Country Road", when I looked out to see a Junco with a band on its right leg. I usually band on the birds

left leg. "Not mine," I thought. There sat the bird on the top of my Potter trap. I wondered if it could be Mr. Rose's bird as Cedar Grove is only a short distance, "as the Crow flies," from Milford or could it have been banded by Win Bowers at Basking Ridge? She helped me in my first days of banding. A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker flew to a tree over the trap. Off went the Junco to the one of many brush piles I have for bird coverage.

The day passed I had missed the Junco and the Redpolls. Netting on my property is constantly watching your net. You never know when a deer will come from any direction and damage your net.

Three days later; It is almost dusk. There on the top of the trap sits a Junco with a band on its right leg. Will I trap the bird tomorrow?

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The BICENTENNIAL ISSUE of EBBA NEWS is the last issue in its present format. The next issue will be published jointly with WESTERN BIRD BANDER (publication of the Western Bird Banding Association), in a new quarterly journal, entitled: NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDER.

The new magazine (NABB, for short), will be 8½"x11", with a stiff cover underneath its kraft mailing jacket. The mailing jacket is intended to be removed by the reader. NABB will be photo-typeset. Text matter will be set in 10 Point Melior in dual columns of 19 Picas wide. Photos will be reproduced at 85 line/inch to save expenses. For this reason, we will continue to accept only glossy, B&W or Color prints, that show good contrast and are sharp.

We ask potential authors to be sure to adhere to two of our rules. These are more important now than ever before: 1) Please DOUBLE SPACE all material, and 2) If at all possible, please supply us with two copies of your manuscript.

Double spacing is so important. Few people realize why it is necessary. There are two primary reasons: a) so that we can place editing marks between the lines, and even more important, b) so that we can place the typesetting computer commands at the proper places. Typesetting is computerized. Just like we have to code our Banding Schedules, our EBBA NEWS copy must also be coded. This coding is extensive.

We are looking forward to our joint journal, not only because we have the golden opportunity to vastly improve our publication, but also because we are eager to work with our Western counterpart. Editor Eleanor Radke (WBBA) and I, have worked very hard together, to prepare for this event. I am quite confident that the outcome will please our readers.

Frederick S. Schaeffer, Ed.