

stations if the requisite details of migration are to be learned by banding methods.—C. L. W.

Nesting Records of song Sparrows 25935 and 39235.—The following known history of two Song Sparrows (*Melospiza m. melodia*) will add another example of the sort described by Mrs. L. C. Harrill in the last number of our "Bulletin," namely, a case where a mated pair of this species raised two broods for two years in succession—1924 and 1925—at my station in Rock (Middleboro), Massachusetts. Song Sparrow 25935 was banded May 22, 1923, and fathered or mothered two broods during that year. On March 23, 1924, I banded its mate, No. 39235. These I called my pair of "35's." The latter bird pretty surely passed the winter season of 1923-24 with me, but 25935 migrated in the fall of '23 and returned April 1, 1924.

During the nesting season of '24 this pair raised two broods and in the fall both parent birds migrated.

On April 1, 1925, 25935 appeared as a return², returning on the same date as in 1924, 39235 appearing May 15th. As was the case in 1924, they raised two broods, and in the fall they again migrated.

This pair of birds would come singly or together to the station for food for their young, and were frequently taken as repeats. They were the only pair of this species nesting near by during the two seasons. Of their young I banded four in 1924 and five in 1925. All nine were trapped in company with their repeating parents.

For two years prior to 1923, before I had taken up banding work, there was a single pair of Song Sparrows nesting about the premises, and, while my intimate acquaintance with their habits during this period leads me to believe that they were the same birds, later known as my pair of '35's, I will not enumerate the reasons for the faith that is in me. A. W. HIGGINS, Rock, Mass., February, 1926.

A Junco Return.*—When a bird returns three times the record means that it is over three years old. This bird's history, as appears from my Cohasset records, is as follows: It was banded January 25, 1923. It was a return February 4, 1924, a return² January 20, 1925, and a return³ March 25, 1926, and the record shows that the bird must have been at least three years and nine months old on March 25, 1926. I hope that other banders will send the editor all records of this sort relating to any bird, for one of the things bird-banding is going to prove is the average age of uncaged birds.—L. B. FLETCHER.

Juncos with Diseased Feet.—Out of ten or fifteen Juncos (*Junco p. hyemalis*) at our station between December 11, 1925, and February 22 1926, four were found with diseased toes. In detail the records of the four birds thus afflicted follow:

No. A34083, banded December 11, had a whitish lump at base of the claw on the middle toe. A puncture by a sterilized needle showed that

* The word "return" as used here is that defined in "The Auk," Vol. XLII, 1924, p. 329 (footnote).