

the interior of the lump was dry and hard, not pus as we had supposed. The bird did not repeat.

No. A34090, banded December 12, had a similar lump in the same location, which had increased in size by January 1 when it repeated.

No. A34088, banded December 12, had normal feet, but when it repeated February 13 a white lump was found on the second joint of the hind toe.

No. A34094 was banded December 12. When it repeated on February 13 the middle toe of left foot had a noticeable white lump at the base of the claw, and a second lump on the second joint of the same toe, while on February 22 a third spot had appeared at the base of the claw of the hind toe. The other lumps had not grown in size.

This disease as far as we can learn is not common among birds of this species. As far as we can see the birds do not suffer on account of the growth, and are not lame or in ill health.

The four birds were banded on two successive days and had doubtless recently arrived as a group or part of one. No additional Juncos taken afterwards showed any evidence of the trouble, making it seem likely that the four birds were members of a single family.—MR. AND MRS. RICHARD B. HARDING, Brookline, Mass.

Value of Repeats.—Some of our banders feel that taking the same birds over and over again is of questionable value in banding work. Doubtless taking repeats can be overdone. I have called attention to this matter in a previous note (see *Bulletin of this Association*, Vol. 1, 1926, p. 17). It adds little to our knowledge to capture the same bird several times a day, as is sometimes done, but of course such cases are not frequent. Taking repeats, however, in the study of certain ornithological problems is of prime importance, and in this connection attention is called to the part repeats play in studying migration and the behavior of groups, as appears from reading Mr. Smith's and Mr. Messer's contributions on the habits of the Tree Sparrow in this number of the *Bulletin*. It is obvious that much of the value of the observations made is due to repeats, and the study of migration in general for years to come will receive much assistance from this source.—C. L. W.