

"I must take exception to one band size which is included in Dr. Blake's list as published in the current EBBA NEWS. He recommends Size 1 for Slate-colored Juncos. I used to use that size but changed to Size 0 when the #1 size seemed loose. I have used the Size 0 on 111 members of this species without finding a single case in which it was too snug. In fact, I can not imagine a more perfect fit.

"When I sent you a card recently re Size 0 bands for Slate-colored Juncos in preference to the #1's as recommended by Dr. Blake, I overlooked his suggestion of #1B bands for Eastern Song Sparrow.

"I have found considerable variation in size of tarsi among Eastern Song Sparrows, but I have used #1 bands on all of this species (29 individuals) banded during the past four years without finding a single instance in which the number 1 band was too snug.

"A study of our foreign retraps (or recoveries--Ed.) indicates that too many banders use too large bands on too many species. I believe that it is a serious menace to the birds."

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#### NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following persons who have joined EBBA during the last few months. Of these, Mr. Schaub is a former member whose rejoining has not heretofore been given official recognition. The list follows:

Aharrah, Ernest C., 16 North Mann St., Yeagertown, Penna.  
Crenshaw, Dr. Fred, Batty State Hospital, Rome, Georgia  
Davis, Dr. David E., 615 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore 5, Maryland  
Field, Marshall, R. R. No. 2, St. Thomas, Ontario  
Pittman, Miss Jeanne, 73 N. Union St., Lambertville, New Jersey  
Schaub, J. Benton, 1040 Isabella St., Wilmette, Illinois

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#### A COMMUNICATION FROM A NEWER MEMBER

Mrs. John E. Bacon, 74 Taylor Road, Hamburg, New York, a newer bander and EBBA member writes the following enthusiastic letter: