

"Repeats have been relatively few, but those that did repeat were of greater interest than they were nuisances. One Starling returned to the same trap ever one and three-quarter hours throughout one whole day.

"The most interesting repeat was a Purple Grackle. After being caught and banded, he would re-enter the trap and fill up on bread and scratch feed. Upon seeing me approach, he would merely squat down in the trap and wait to be released.

"Near the close of that day, following his many returns to the trap, he figured out the clover-leaf maze. Thereafter, having got his fill, he would go to the center of the trap, look around in all directions, locate one of the three entrances, and nonchalantly saunter out.

"The next day he reappeared but would not enter the trap, for he had worked out another racket. He would alight near the trap, make a great fuss and commotion, and thereby attract a number of Starlings. They would enter the trap while he remained outside, from which place he would steal their bread as they rush back and forth with it in their bills in their attempt to get free. From that time on, he did not re-enter the trap again.

"Bird banding has proved to be a fascinating pastime and one by means of which I have learned more about these common birds than from more than forty years of interest and study of birds. I highly recommend it to all bird lovers."

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THE POWER OF SUGGESTION!

On February 13, Merrill Wood wrote, "Your EBBA NEWS notice on dues made six paid members send in their dues a second time!"

FRANK FRAZIER HONORED

That Fran Frazier, EBBA Secretary, is evidently a man of parts would appear from his recent election as President of the New Jersey Audubon Society. Hearty congratulations and best wishes!