

AN ALBINO ENGLISH SPARROW

by Marie Dumont

Have had the pleasure of trapping an albino English Sparrow on August 10th, 1953, on the property of Mr. George Leaver, West End Avenue, Pompton Plains, New Jersey. The bird was first reported as being seen about a mile northeast of where it was trapped, by a Mrs. Bliss who claims that it was hatched in a rain gutter on her home. She also stated that a week later a second albino sparrow was seen being fed by its mother. She is positive of this as she claims that she and a neighbor saw two separate mothers feeding two albino sparrows, one bird appearing much younger than the other. I questioned her as to whether she didn't see a male and a female English Sparrow feeding the two young, but she seems to be positive that both old birds were females and that because each hatched an albino young, they must have been mated to the same male bird.

She may be correct as to seeing two albino sparrows, because a Mr. Valentine who lives at 33 Franklin Avenue and to whom I am indebted for his telling me about seeing albino birds at his home as well as at his employer's (Mr. Leaver) home and who also suggested that I set a trap to identify the species reported to me that he saw two distinct all-white sparrow-like birds around Mr. Leaver's property. -- Mrs. Gustave A. Dumont, Sr., 311 Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, New Jersey

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A JUNCO NOTE

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The following occurred at the station which my son, Gustave A. Dumont, Jr., operates at his home at 242 Mountain Avenue, Pompton Plains, New Jersey.

On December 18, 1950, he banded a male Slate-colored Junco with band number 40-96331. It repeated twice and then wasn't taken again until March 27, 1955 at our main station in Pequannock $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles away.

On January 13, 1954, he banded a female Junco with number 50-65631 in the same trap and location at which 40-96331 had originally been taken.

On March 27, 1955, this female was taken at the same time with the