

Perhaps more birds remained in the north than usual or a greater portion continued farther south than normal. In any event, if these species still exist in the same numbers as just ten years ago and if some areas are experiencing a lack of these two species; it would seem reasonable to assume that there are other areas where these species are abnormally abundant. We would like to hear from banders who may be in such areas.

The foregoing is mostly speculation based on impressions. Unfortunately we do not have much factual and usable data. We can assume that we have at least as many active banding stations as ten years ago. While most can provide figures on the numbers banded, few are able to furnish the trap-hours and net-hours of operation for the corresponding periods. Fluctuations in bandings may merely reflect fluctuations in effort.

In 1948 mist nets were introduced and now are in general use. During the same period more efficient traps such as the all-purpose have replaced the small and older types at many stations. Increasing efficiency may be obscuring a general decrease in the numbers of birds. Whereas banders may have taken 50% of the juncos which visited their station, the take may now be 75%.

Let's have your views and opinions at our coming Annual Meeting!

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10-YEAR INDEX OF EBBA NEWS 1949-59

The 10-year Index of Ebba News, painstakingly prepared by Mary Schmid (Mrs. John C. Schmid, 24 Bowman Drive, Greenwich, Conn.) is now completed. It will be printed and sent out to all members in good standing at the same time as the May-June issue. There will be no extra charge for the Index (Mary Schmid has contributed her work to EBBA) but members who may wish to contribute towards the cost of printing the Index are invited to send a dollar to EBBA's treasurer.

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