

Table No. 3 House Finch Returns and Repeats for Spring 1966

	Jan. 1-15	Jan. 16-31	Feb. 1-15	Feb. 16-28	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 16-31	Apr. 1-15	Apr. 16-30	May 1-15	May 16-31
New Bandings	25	68	116	61	55	222	350	92	16	10
Repeats	0	8	7	8	5	5	47	25	2	3
Returns	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	0

House Finches have nested in the Ridgewood area for several years, but 1966 saw a tremendous increase. All over town in May and June they could be heard singing, even in the very center of the business district sitting on building ledges and on TV antennas on the roofs of buildings.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Best news (from the Editor's point of view) is that EBBA News co-editor Frank P. Frazier, Jr. arrives home as this issue goes to press -- after nearly five years in Peru.

Both of your Editors wish to thank our regular contributors, as the year draws to a close: Dorothy Bordner, whose drawings and headings highlight every issue; Mabel Gillespie, whose book pages point the way towards acquiring more useful information; Ralph Bell, whose diary not only tells us how one bander operates but also gives us ideas on how to make our own banding activities more meaningful (and, of course, Carol Rudy, whose drawings head the Diary); Mary Schmid, whose meticulous indexing keeps us aware of where to find that elusive item we saw in EBBA News.

And we should like to name all the members who have contributed articles, pictures, advice and encouragement -- but they are legion, so we hope that they will sense our heartfelt gratitude.

And now, a Merry Christmas to you all! - and many cheery wishes for good banding, good health and a generous portion of the good things of life in 1967 and the years to come.