

A Second Egg Tooth in a Mourning Dove?—A Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura*, hatched 6 June 1960, possessed a protuberance on the lower bill in a position and in color equivalent to the egg tooth on the upper bill. The size of the abnormal growth is perhaps twice that of the egg tooth. It also may be noted that the lower bill is slightly longer than normal in relation to the upper bill.

The photograph was taken after death at two days of age. The squab was being fed artificially, and its death was not necessarily related to the abnormality.

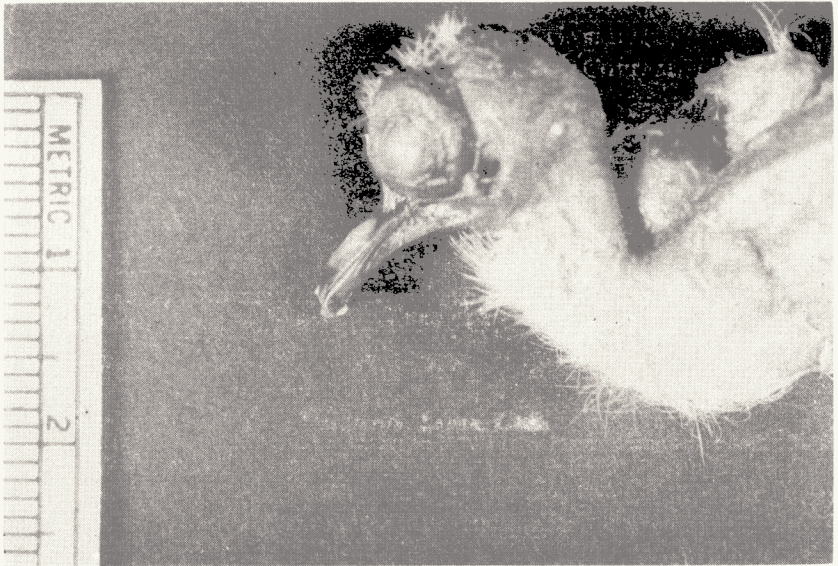


Figure 1. Abnormal growth resembling egg tooth on lower bill of a young Mourning Dove.

A "cold shock" was possible midway through incubation when both parents were frightened by children and left the nest for several hours. The parents were not siblings, otherwise their relationship is unknown.—WILMER J. MILLER, *Department of Microbiology, Serology Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, California.*