The only record of this species so far known from Japanese archipelago is an immature male, collected on Paramushir Island, North Kuriles, September 17, 1928, now in Yamashina collection.

Present specimen which I collected in Ise, Mie Pref. is the second record and the first example for Japan.

Date: September 1, 1956

Locality: Coast of Aritaxi, Ise, Mie Prefecture

Collector: Taro Hashimoto

Measurements: Wing 127 mm. Tail 54 mm. Bill 22 mm. Tarsus 22 mm

Soft parts: Bill black, Legs greyish black, Iris blackish brown

Sex: Immature male

ムクドリの蟻浴 Anting by the Grey Starling *Sturnus cineraceus* Temminck. 黒田長久 Nagahisa Kuroda

私は「野鳥」3・4月号(1957)に鳥の蟻浴についてまとめた報文を出して置いたが、偶然最近ムクドリの蟻浴を観察した。時は1957年6月11日午前9時曇で、場所は東京都港区の浜離宮公園である。草地の土手となつた下方に数羽のムクドリ(巣立幼鳥を混える)が降りていたが、その1羽が翼を半ば拡げて体を縦てにして坐り頭の早い動作で何か啄んでは翼の裏に持つていくのを斜後方から見た。蟻浴であることを知り、歩を止めたが間もなく他の鳥と共に飛去つた。現場はクロヤマアリ(恐らく本種)の巢で土が嘴で掘返されており、数匹のアリが右往左往し手を下すと直ちに這上つて来たが、死んだ個体はなかつた。樹上にも数羽のムクドリが居り、他のものも蟻浴をなしたのかも知れぬ、以上の動作はGoodwin氏のいう、一般の小鳥型であるが尾を前に敷いたか後に支えたかは見えなかつた。これは日本ではオナガ(野々宮氏 野鳥2(6):436)に次で2番目の記録であろう。

The author observed the anting of the Grey Starling at Hama Park, Tokyo, 9.00 am., 11 June 1957, cloudy. One bird only out of several was performing this behaviour and followed the other birds which flew away on seeing the author. It sat upright on the grass with half spread wings and by fast movements it picked up something (ant) and lowered the head to the inside of the primaries. It was on the nest of *Formica fusca japonica* Motschulsky and the ground was pecked. The ants were actively moving around and climbed up to the author's hand. No dead ones were found. This is the second anting record from Japan.