

The Caracara was again observed and photographed in the same area on 14 March 1981 when it was first noticed flying toward the open water area, carrying something in its talons. The Caracara was not seen after 14 March, although efforts were made to find it. Lowery (Louisiana Birds, Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, 1974: 242-243) notes that this species is a rare permanent resident of Louisiana).

Photographs are on file at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and the Department of Biological Sciences, Mississippi State University.

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A White-eyed Vireo Feeding Brown-headed Cowbird Young
of Different Ages

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On the afternoon of 17 July 1978, I saw two young Brown-headed Cowbirds (Molothrus ater) near bird feeders in my yard at Jackson, Mississippi. A fledged juvenile with slightly streaked breast and tail feathers about 2 cm long was perched on a wooden feeder. The other, a fully developed light gray bird, sat on the edge of a feeder filled with sunflower seeds. As I watched, a White-eyed Vireo (Vireo griseus) carrying food flew from a hedge, hovered momentarily a few feet above the younger cowbird and returned to the hedgerow. The juvenile then flew to the vireo, received the food and returned to perch on a feeder. A short time later a vireo called from a nearby plum tree. The older cowbird began to beg for food, then flew to a wire and continued begging. The vireo flew to the wire, fed the cowbird and later returned and fed the other young bird on the wooden feeder before both cowbirds flew away.

This was my first observation of a cowbird victim feeding more than one young cowbird. The two young of markedly different ages were possibly from separate nestings of the vireo.