

he dropped the flower and straightened out his finger, holding it steady and the bird perched upon it.

By similar treatment the Chipmunks in a few weeks eat from one's hand and often perched on the knee or shoulder. By kindness one learns the value of his bird and animal neighbors and is able to study the habits and photograph birds while nesting and feeding their young. This comradeship between man and bird friends should be more carefully practiced by all who live or camp in the woods in the summertime.

This would be more often the case if people would realize that a bird killed or frightened away is a permanent loss, but the bird who trusts brings to one a daily joy and gives a pleasant memory which cheers during the winter season and fills one with the joyous anticipation of meeting his bird friends the following summer.—EDWIN DEMERITTE, 210 *Drummond Place, Norfolk, Va.*

The Bluebird in Cuba.—On February 24, 1917, while riding by train through the suburbs of Havana, one of the first species we saw in Cuba was the familiar Bluebird (*Sialia s. sialis*). About seven birds, including several adult males, were perched on the telegraph wires near one of the local stations, and were, of course, absolutely unmistakable. As the Bluebird has been considered accidental in Cuba, this observation seems worthy of record.—W. DEW. MILLER AND LUDLOW GRISCOM, *American Museum of Natural History*.

Rare or Uncommon Birds at Rochester, N. Y.—At the request of Superintendent of Parks, C. C. Laney, the writers have for the past seven years kept careful record, both by chart showing daily records, and by card index of dates and other pertinent notes, of birds at Highland Park with frequent trips to Lake Ontario and nearby marshes. As the regular work of both takes us into the field from one to ten hours every day in the year an unusual opportunity is given for this study.

The following notes from our records seem worthy of publication.

Larus leucopterus. ICELAND GULL.—March 26, 1915, two birds flying low, near Virginia Ave., Rochester by Wm. L. G. Edson; December 15, 1918, one bird, Port of Rochester, Wm. L. G. Edson; December 23, 1918, one bird, Port of Rochester, on the Genesee River, near its mouth, in company with Herring and Ring-billed Gulls, in flight and at rest on the water within a minimum distance of twenty-five feet by Wm. L. G. Edson and R. E. Horsey. (This report was published in Bird-Lore's Christmas Census for 1918); January 26, 1919, one bird, Lake Ontario at Summerville, by R. E. Horsey.

Bartramia longicauda. UPLAND PLOVER.—Becoming rare. June 14, 1914, eight birds, near Rochester, N. Y., by Wm. L. G. Edson; July 14, 1915, three birds, near Rochester, N. Y., by Wm. L. G. Edson; June 14, 1917, two birds, near Rochester, N. Y., by Wm. L. G. Edson; May 8, 1918, one bird, near Rochester, N. Y., by Wm. L. G. Edson and R. E. Horsey.