

Notes from Lyme, Connecticut.—Two female Blue-gray Gnatcatchers (*Poliophtila caerulea caerulea*) were seen by Dr. L. B. Nice and myself, August 17 and 18, 1921, on Lord Hill, Lyme, Connecticut. They came to a black cherry tree only a few yards from the house where we were staying; they were tame and allowed a close approach. Both of us are very familiar with these birds as they are common in southern Ohio and Oklahoma. In Sage, Bishop and Bliss' 'Birds of Connecticut' the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher is listed as a "very rare summer visitant."

Two Red-breasted Nuthatches (*Sitta canadensis*) were seen on August 24, 1921, three days earlier than their earliest fall arrival as recorded in 'Birds of Connecticut.' Myrtle Warblers (*Dendroica coronata*) were three weeks ahead of time for their earliest arrival is reported as September 14. We saw five on August 24, 1921, two in Norway spruces on Lord Hill and three eating bayberries by the Connecticut River. The migration of these birds may have been hastened by the cool weather of August.—MARGARET M. NICE, *Norman, Okla.*

Some Interesting Dates of Occurrence near New York City.—During the last year or two of observation near New York City, unusual dates of occurrence for the following birds have been noted.

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis. OSPREY.—Mastic, Long Island, N. Y., November 1, 1920. Two individuals. Several birds were seen on the two preceding days. This date, therefore, probably marks the end of the southward movement of this species.

Icteria virens virens. YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT.—Mastic, Long Island, N. Y., October 31, 1920. One individual. This is a purely casual record. The species should not be present after early October.

Toxostoma rufum. BROWN THRASHER.—Central Park, New York City, February 14, 1920. One seen. One bird, probably the same individual, was seen about a week later in the same locality.

Telmatodytes palustris palustris. LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN.—Pelham Bay Park, New York City, February 26, 1921. One individual. Observation made with Mr. R. V. Bennett.

Sitta canadensis. RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH.—Great Neck, Long Island, August 19, 1921. One individual. This date is the earliest fall record for Long Island, except for one in July some years ago that seems only casual.—LAWDLAW WILLIAMS, *New York City.*

Winter Notes from Montauk Point, Long Island.—Montauk Point has long been known as an ornithological bonanza. Jutting far out into the ocean it attracts many rare stragglers, and seems a highway for migration. In winter the milder climate and dense cover attract a surprising number of land birds, while water fowl of many different kinds throng its shores. As a locality for intensive field work it would well repay the investigator, but this has never been done. Many people have made short trips there,