

- Aug. 1, Two seen in our yard.
 " 15, One seen in our yard.
 " 17, One seen sitting on the nest and afterwards standing on the edge.
 " 18, One seen standing on the edge of the nest, but no sign of young birds; nest too high to examine.
 Sept. 1, One seen.
 " 5, Four seen in our yard and I got a picture of one.
 " 6, Saw one and that was the last noticed.

On October 10 I was informed that a pair had nested in a sweet gum tree across the street from the nest found on June 23 and had raised two broods—the old birds being watched as they fed the young in each case. I could not however find the nest.

One pair certainly bred in 1922 and three or four broods were evidently raised by at least two pairs of old birds in 1923 and this I think is the first record of Robins remaining and breeding at Houston, Texas.—ROBERT B. LAWRENCE, *Houston, Texas.*

Notes from Rochester, N. Y.—*Picoides arcticus*.—ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER. On October 20, 1923, a male was observed in a soft maple and ash woods near Lincoln Park just outside the city limits of Rochester. There could be no mistake in the identification, as the bird was not shy and was observed with 8 power glasses. I have photographed this species and the American Three-toed Woodpecker in Canada and am also familiar with the Alpine Three-toed Woodpecker of northern Arizona. As far as I know, this is the first record for Monroe County although four days later on October 24 a dead bird of this species was found at Sea Breeze on Lake Ontario near Rochester by Miss A. Wells and is now preserved in the Municipal Museum here.

Dendroica caerulescens.—BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER. On July 2, 1923, a male Black-throated Blue Warbler was heard singing on Big Black Creek, a tributary of the Genesee River about five miles southwest of Rochester. Although heard on several later occasions, I was unable to find the nest. This is my first record of the breeding of this species near Rochester.

Dumetella carolinensis.—CATBIRD. On December 23, 1922 and again on January 1, 1923, a Catbird was observed at Bushnells Basin about seven miles southeast of Rochester. When observed the bird seemed numbed with the cold and allowed me to approach within ten feet. It was not seen again and probably perished from the extreme cold weather of late January or early February. This is my first winter record for Rochester and vicinity.—OSCAR F. SCHAEFER, *Rochester, N. Y.*

Notes from Eastern Long Island.—*Tryngites subruficollis*. BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER. A single bird of this beautiful species was collected at Mecox Bay on August 22, 1923. In flight it suggested a Dove, and was

easily recognized in life, after a few moments' observation through field-glasses. I have twice before taken this species on Long Island, and have twice seen it without harming it. The dates are: September 7, 1911, Easthampton; September 4, 1916, Bridgehampton; September 8, 1916, Montauk; August 28, 1920, Montauk, and the present record, as given above.

Numenius americanus. LONG-BILLED CURLEW. This species is now so rare on Long Island that it seems no waste of time or space to mention the occurrence of one of them at Mecox Bay, on August 24, 1923. I did not collect the bird, but as I am quite familiar with the Hudsonian Curlew (and its variations of bill-length, etc.), and have seen *americanus* once before on Long Island and twice in South Carolina, I think this "sight-record" may receive credence. The bird flew over my blind and set its wings to my decoys, but wisely refused to be fooled, and soared down to the beach about 200 yards away. I watched it for a few moments, until it began to peck lazily at the sand, and began to stalk it elaborately, but with poor success. The bird was very wild, I am glad to say, and permitted no familiarity. Its great size, disproportionately long bill, and the smooth uniformity of color under its wings (well-observed as the bird sailed over the blind), left me in no doubt as to what I had seen. I have one other record, August 26, 1910, and think I have seen another at Montauk, but could never be sure of this.

Mimus p. polyglottos. MOCKINGBIRD. I have two records for this species on Long Island in 1923, namely, September 6, at Montauk; and about September 20, 1923, at Easthampton. I regret that the exact date when the second bird was seen has been lost, having been noted in a "loose-leaf" book, the leaves of which proved to be all *too* loose! I believe that a few Mockingbirds occur every year, in August and September, in the vicinity of Montauk Point, for I have several other records, and know of still others, reported to me on excellent authority.—WM. TOD HELMUTH, 3RD, *New York City*.

Some Bird Notes from Jaffrey, N. H.—*Zenaidura macroura carolinensis*. MOURNING DOVE. On April 30, 1916, two of these birds, the first and only I have seen in Jaffrey, appeared near the village of East Jaffrey. On May 1, I heard a great commotion in front of the house I was living in, and on stepping out I saw a Short-eared Owl fly into the front yard with a Mourning Dove in its clutches. It flew against the side of the house and dropped the Dove, but was able to fly away again. On picking up the Dove it was found to be dazed, but not badly injured. For awhile I held it in my hands, but later it showed signs of wanting to escape, so I took it to a neighboring orchard and let it go. It was able to fly, though somewhat erratically. This occurred about the middle of the afternoon. Since then I have seen no Doves in Jaffrey.

Hesperiphona vespertina vespertina. EVENING GROSBEAK.—From August 25 to September 10, 1923, I frequently saw a flock of four Evening Gros-