

issue of 'The Auk,' with the title "Short-eared Owl Breeding in Illinois," suggests a record which perhaps has not found its way into print.

In the early part of May, 1910, when calling at the home of Mr. Benjamin T. Gault, at Glen Ellyn, Illinois, I was shown a skin of a newly hatched Short-eared Owl which he had just prepared. It was taken from a nest of seven or eight eggs which, when found a few days before, were on the point of hatching. It is my recollection that Mr. Gault said that it was his first breeding record for the species and that the nest had been found not far from his home. It is upon this and doubtless other records that Mr. Gault lists the species as a breeder in northern Illinois in his list of the birds of the state.—EDWARD H. FORD, *Washington St., Grand Rapids, Mich.*

**Pileated Woodpeckers Wintering in Cleveland County, Oklahoma.**—The most exciting find of our 1925 Christmas census was a Pileated Woodpecker; it was the first time we had seen this fine bird in central Oklahoma. On January 1, 1926, the female *Phloeotomus pileatus pileatus* was found in the same deep woods near the South Canadian River and I was fortunate enough to be able to watch her for over an hour. I heard her loud cry and saw her hammering at a bare place on the side of a cottonwood branch; she would pound for a while and then insert her beak and appear to bore. All at once I noticed a Flicker creeping quietly up the limb; when within a foot of the great stranger it stopped and waited. The Pileated soon changed her position to the top of the branch, whereupon the Flicker unobtrusively slipped into her place and inserted its bill into some of the holes. All at once Pileated discovered the interloper and made several dabs with her beak; the Flicker made a few dabs in return, then dropped to a lower limb. The Pileated flew with a cry to another cottonwood, while the Flicker hurried back to the interrupted feast.

Later the Pileated Woodpecker, taking no notice of me, flew to small trees and alighted on a fallen log; she was incautious and noisy. In the distance I heard a loud *Wick-up wick-up wick-up*; she answered *pup-pup-pup-pup-pup*.

On February 1, I caught only a glimpse of this same bird although we sometimes heard them and saw evidences of their recent work when we visited these woods. It was not until April 6 that we saw one again; this time it was the male. April 21, was the last date on which I recorded one of these Woodpeckers.—MARGARET M. NICE, *Norman, Oklahoma.*

**Say's Phoebe at Brooklyn, N. Y.**—It has been my good fortune to add to the already long list of birds of Dyker Heights Park, Brooklyn, a sight record, under very favorable circumstances of Say's Phoebe (*Sayornis sayus*).

The bird was observed at close range, feeding on insects of some sort quite near the ground in a patch of weeds near the two ponds, a quarter