

gillivray's Seaside Sparrow breeding between *P. m. maritimus* to the north and another race which is closely similar to the northern bird on the south suggests to my mind that Macgillivray's Sparrow is a species, at any rate its breeding is indeed an anomaly.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, S. C.*

Swamp Sparrow in Western New York in Winter.—During the winter months I keep plenty of weed seeds scattered on the snow near my back porch and in January, 1925, about twenty Tree Sparrows and five Song Sparrows were feeding there regularly every day. The morning of February 1, they were joined by a Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza georgiana*) and almost anytime during the next three days it could be seen there in the weed seeds or up on the porch picking up bits of raw peanuts that had been dropped by the Chickadees and Nuthatches from their feeding place on the porch. At night it roosted under the porch and was last seen February 4. I think that it became the victim of a cat that I found prowling around my back door the next morning.—VERDI BURTON, *Branchport, N. Y.*

Nesting of the Prothonotary Warbler under a Porch.—Professor Butler's note in the October 'Auk' upon an odd nesting site of the Prothonotary Warbler brings to mind another instance of the same kind.

In June, 1910, in company with the late Frank Morley Woodruff, the writer visited the bottom lands of the Kankakee River near Koutts, Indiana. Here the Prothonotary was a common breeding species.

There were several weather beaten shacks along the river, evidently for the convenience of folks who like to fish. These were raised on posts so that the floors might be dry in seasons of high water. Beneath the verandah of one hung an empty lard pail, which, probably, had been in use as a minnow bucket. A dozen fish-hooks, more or less, were curved over the rim of the pail and so were suspended all around it. In this receptacle, filled with nesting material nearly to the top, one could see, through a crack in the verandah floor, a brooding female Prothonotary. One's eye, applied to the crack, held the bird within a six-inch range.

This nest, after the brood had flown, was secured by Mr. Woodruff and placed in the collection of the Chicago Academy of Sciences.—EDW. R. FORD, *Grand Rapids, Mich.*

The Bay-breasted Warbler in the Adirondacks of N. Y.—In 'The Auk' for January, 1927 (p. 111,) is a note by Jay A. Weber on the breeding of the Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) in the vicinity of North Hudson, N. Y. As supporting evidence that this Warbler may be a regular though apparently not common summer resident and breeder in the Adirondacks, I may report that on July 14, 1924, at Pillsbury Lake, which is about 11 miles northwest of Speculator, southern Hamilton County, I found the species in full song and shot a specimen in order to verify the identification. Again in July, 1925, I recorded the species as present at Grampus Lake, about six miles west of Long Lake village,