

once every fifteen or twenty seconds, the bird stopping its feeding while it sang.

The conditions under which the bird was seen were excellent for examination, and although the writer had never before seen the species in life, he was perfectly familiar with it from the study of skins and mounted specimens in his laboratory. The bird was watched for some ten minutes, through eight-power binoculars (30 mm. aperture—the “Deltrintem” glass of Zeiss), at a distance of about 25 feet, the light falling upon the bird from behind the observer’s back. The whitish eye-ring was plainly to be seen, and was, in fact, a conspicuous color-feature of the side of the head; giving the bird, it seemed, a wild and “stary” appearance. Its leisurely, Vireo-like movements and feeding habits, made it an easy object to keep in the field of the binoculars. It kept among the shadows, however, and in this environment its hues of gray, olive, and yellow assimilated to the gray twigs and branches, and the greens and yellows of the leaves in a way very effective from the standpoint of obliterative coloration. So inconspicuous an object was it to the naked eye, that it is doubtful if it would have been seen, had it not been for its attention-arresting song.

This record is an interesting one to the writer, since the species is reported to travel, in its spring migration, up the Mississippi Valley.—DR. LEON AUGUSTUS HAUSMAN, *N. J. College for Women (Rutgers University), New Brunswick, N. J.*

Long-tailed Chickadee in Iowa.—A young man brought to us for banding a Chickadee whose tail was 2.88 inches long. We believe this to be the Long-tailed Chickadee (*Penthestes atricapillus septentrionalis*). He now wears band No. B58615. There are few if any authentic records of the Long-tailed Chickadee for Iowa. We have measured a good many Chickadees and this is the only one we have found that could be identified with certainty by measurements.—DR. F. L. R. AND MARY PRICE ROBERTS, *Spirit Lake, Iowa.*

Bird Notes from Piedmont Virginia.—For several years the writer has been contributing weekly articles, under the heading, ‘The Rambler,’ to the Lynchburg Sunday ‘News.’ Readers of this column frequently send in items of interest on Virginia birds. Recently Mr. J. O. McCutchen of Altavista, Virginia, reported finding an Old-squaw drake at Long Island, Va. He states that this is the first time he has found this bird so far inland. He also reports four or five Woodcock and a Wilson’s Snipe being found during the past winter near Altavista. The Wilson’s Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) was observed on December 25, and the Woodcock (*Philohela minor*) during January.

Mr. McCutchen also reports that the Pileated Woodpeckers (*Phloeotomus pileatus pileatus*) are evidently increasing in his locality. They seem to be twice as numerous as during the preceding year.—RUSKIN S. FREER, *Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.*