

Grandin, Carter County. No. 230000, male, May 21, 1907. Lewis B. Woodruff Collection. Exposed culmen, 11.8 mm., bill from nostril, 9.9 mm. Identification confirmed by H. C. Oberholser.—PHILIP A. DU MONT, *American Museum of Natural History.*

Bill Deformity in a Catbird.—The note "Bill Deformity in a Blue Jay" contributed by Charles E. Johnson, in "The Auk," XLVI, 1929, 241-242, reminds me of a similar deformity which I observed in a Catbird in my garden at Lyon Park, Clarendon, Virginia, near Washington, D. C.

The bill of this unfortunate bird was seen to be deformed in such a way that the upper mandible did not close upon the lower in a normal manner, but appeared bent upward dorsally. The bird was not particularly wild and good views of its head were obtainable at the time. The bend of the upper mandible appeared to occur somewhat past the middle toward the nares so that the greater portion of this mandible from the bend to the tip formed an angle of about 45° with the plane of the lower mandible. Naturally much of the inside of the mouth and the tongue as well were exposed. I did not see the bird feed, and it soon passed beyond my garden, but so far as could be judged by its behavior it appeared well-nourished and lively enough.—H. A. ALLARD, *U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.*

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher at Throop, Pa.—On April 13, 1929, on the grounds formerly occupied by the Scranton Country Club, the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea caerulea*) was seen by Adam Lord of Throop, Pa. Upon notification of this fact, my husband and I, with Mr. Lord found the bird in the same vicinity on the following day, where we verified the identification, observing the dainty creature for more than an hour at close range with field glasses, noting his actions, field marks and cry, all of which he gave for our unmistakable identification. Later in the day, we were able to reach several other bird students adding two more witnesses to what we believe to be the first record of this bird in Lackawanna County. Miss Emma C. Kirk and Mr. J. M. Cairns also saw the bird in the same locality.—MRS. FRANCIS H. COFFIN, *1528 Jefferson Avenue, Scranton, Pa.*

Rare Connecticut Birds in Sanctuary Collection.—Since the establishment of the Birdcraft Sanctuary at Fairfield, Connecticut in 1914, several birds rare to the avifauna of the state have been received and prepared for the Sanctuary's Museum by the Custodian, Mr. Frank Novack. The specimens of Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Sycamore Warbler constituted the first records of these species within the state and the Wilson's Petrel, Gannet, Gadwall, Purple Gallinule, Black Gyrfalcon, Evening Grosbeak, and Yellow-throated Warbler are nearly as rare.

Mr. Novack recently called my attention to the fact that the Museum had specimens of the three Eiders that occur along the north Atlantic seaboard,—Northern, American and King,—all secured within Fairfield