

treating of this Coast, that you may know this by the great quantities of Fowls upon the Bank, viz. *Sheer-waters*, *Willocks*, *Noddies*, *Gulls* and *Pengwins*, &c without making any Exceptions; which is a Mistake, for I have seen all those Fowls 100 Leagues off this Bank, the *Pengwins* expected. It's true, that all these Fowls are seen there in great Quantities, but none are to be minded so much as the *Pengwins*, for these never go without the Bank as the others do; for they are always on it, or within it, several of them together, sometimes more, other times less, but never less than 2 together." The figure and account are referred to in a footnote in Grieve's work on the Great Auk, but seem worth reproducing in full. Unfortunately both birds in the picture are facing in such a way that only their right sides are visible, so that the reader cannot verify for himself the curious statement that they have "a Milk white Spot under one of their Eyes, which Nature has ordered to be under the right Eye, and Extraordinary remarkable: (for my part I never saw any with such a spot under their left Eye)." However, by turning to the front cover of 'The Auk,' one can readily see that the A. O. U. does not agree with this statement!—H. S. SHAW, *Exeter, New Hampshire*.

A detail in the ecology of the Mourning Dove.—During corn-cutting in September 1937, I noted an interesting and at times fatal habit of the Eastern Mourning Dove (*Zenaidura macroura carolinensis*). The birds occasionally roosted at night on cornstalks which had become bent over in such a manner as to allow them to perch with comfort. Being thus close to the ground, they were easily available to predators walking between the corn rows. In the eighteen-acre field I found that four of the birds had met their deaths as evidenced by the sufficiently conclusive amount of feathers in such locations. Near one of these spots were found the tracks of a fox.—GORDON W. JONES, *Wilderness, Virginia*.

Notes on Woodpeckers from West Virginia.—During field work for the U. S. National Museum in Kentucky in 1938, Mr. W. M. Perrygo, at my request, secured certain additional specimens from southwestern West Virginia. Notes on certain woodpeckers thus obtained, with observations on some specimens collected earlier, in 1936, follow.

BOREAL FLICKER, *Colaptes auratus borealis*.—Recent studies (Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 86: 191, 1939) have indicated to me that this race of flicker, though not recognized in the fourth edition of the A. O. U. 'Check-list,' is valid, with a breeding range extending from Labrador to Alaska, south to northern Minnesota and eastern Montana, and in migration to the States to the south. The wing in this race measures from 161 to 170 mm., a size considerably above that of *C. a. luteus*. In the collection made by Perrygo in West Virginia in 1936 there is one female taken at an elevation of 3000 feet on Flat Top Mountain, near Flat Top, on October 20, that is definitely this far-northern bird, present as a migrant, as it shows the following dimensions: wing, 163.0; tail, 103.0; culmen from base, 37.0; tarsus, 30.3 mm.

EASTERN HAIRY WOODPECKER, *Dryobates villosus villosus*.—A specimen collected at Crum, July 7, 1938, has a wing measurement of 117.8 mm., which is rather small for the typical race but still within its limits.

NORTHERN DOWNY WOODPECKER, *Dryobates pubescens medianus*.—Females taken in Wayne County, one mile north of Wayne, July 5, 1938, and three miles north of Crum, July 7, 1938, have the wing 91.9 and 93.1 mm. respectively, thus agreeing with *medianus*, and adding further corroboration that this is the resident form in the southwestern part of the State.

In the original paper on the West Virginia collection of 1936 (Proc. U. S. Nat.