

feathers of *Corvus brachyrhynchos*. A photograph taken with the electron microscope in Professor C. E. Hall's laboratory (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) suggested strongly the presence of discrete granules well below one micron in diameter.—CHARLES H. BLAKE, *Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts*.

**An Unusual Winter Plumage of the Goldfinch.**—Each winter, a number of Goldfinches (*Spinus tristis*) come to the feeding station in my yard. On 16 February 1959, I first noted a bird, presumably a male, that had retained the black crown and forehead characteristic of the summer plumage of the male. The bird has reappeared this winter, being first seen 30 November 1959, and still present as I write this on 20 January 1960.—ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, *Canaan, Connecticut*.