

A number of pellets measuring from one-half inches to one and one-half inches long and one-half inch wide was collected, eleven from the nest and eight from the plucking place; the contents of these were as follows:

One consisted of 95 per cent red-backed mouse hair and 5 per cent feathers; another comprised 95 per cent feathers and 5 per cent red-backed mouse hair; the remainder was composed of feathers (chiefly contour feathers) and, in four instances, pieces of bird bones. Fragments of the elytra of small beetles were present in the majority and seeds occurred in two; these were considered to be from the digestive tracts of the small birds eaten.

The feathers were broken down and for the most part without color or other characters by which they might be identified. Three pellets contained red feathers that might have been from a Red-winged Blackbird; another, red feathers that suggested a sapsucker; and a third, yellow feathers that might represent any one of several species.

The three young Sharp-shinned Hawks were collected; the stomach of one contained parts of a Red-winged Blackbird; that of another, a Shufeldt Junco. The stomach of the third was empty.—J. A. MUNRO, *Okanagan Landing, British Columbia, January 29, 1940.*

The House Finch in Western Oregon.—In the *Condor* (vol. 41, 1939, p. 164), Kenneth Gordon reports the House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus frontalis*) at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, during April, 1937, and states "In the past it has not been recorded . . . north of the Rogue and Umpqua river valleys."

I wish to report a female, no. 7177 in my collection, taken at Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon, on March 21, 1932. During a recent visit to the DePoe Bay Museum, I examined a mounted female taken at South Beach, Yaquina Bay, Lincoln County, on January 6, 1938, by Mr. J. C. Braly. On September 11, 1939, I visited with Mr. Braly the exact locality where he had taken his specimen. A flock of eleven of these birds was found feeding in a dense growth of bush lupine along the old ferry road near the beach. An adult male and an immature female were collected. Others of the same species were heard in the nearby trees. From these observations it would appear that during recent years the House Finch has moved northwest into the humid coastal region of Oregon.—STANLEY G. JEWETT, *Portland, Oregon, October 11, 1939.*

New and Noteworthy Records of Birds for the State of Nevada.—The following notes pertain to kinds of birds not commonly recorded from western Nevada. Unless otherwise noted observations were made and specimens were taken by the writer.

Butorides virescens anthonyi. Anthony Green Heron. One was obtained four miles west of Fallon, Churchill County, in September, 1934; this was the only one seen in this location. Two others were seen, and both obtained (nos. 77798, 77799, Mus. Vert. Zool.), five miles southeast of Minden on the Carson River, Douglas County, on August 24, 1939. This species is reported (Linsdale, *Pac. Coast Avif.* No. 23, 1936, p. 31) from the Colorado River valley, but has not been previously reported in western Nevada.

Ixobrychus exilis hesperis. Least Bittern. One was taken (coll. J. R. Alcorn) by Earl J. Alcorn, four miles west of Fallon, in September, 1935. This was the only one seen.

Anser albifrons. White-fronted Goose. One was obtained by Vernon L. Mills (coll. Mrs. Anna Bailey Mills) near Soda Lake, Churchill County, on April 3, 1938. No others were seen. This is the first record of this species in western Nevada.

Querquedula discors. Blue-winged Teal. One male was obtained by Vernon L. Mills, at Mahala Slough, Churchill County, on April 1, 1939 (coll. Mrs. Anna Bailey Mills). No others were seen. Although this teal has been recorded from Nevada a few times, Mr. Mills and I had vainly attempted to obtain or see a "blue-wing" for over six years.

Aix sponsa. Wood Duck. One was obtained four miles west of Fallon in December, 1933 (coll. R. T. Moore); one was obtained on Carson Lake, Churchill County, in November, 1937 (coll. J. R. Alcorn); one was seen to fly from Wilson Creek, 7500 feet, Nye County, in October, 1937, and Vernon L. Mills observed two on a canal seven miles west of Fallon on October 14, 1939. This species of duck has not otherwise been recorded in Nevada in recent years.

Nyroca marila. Greater Scaup Duck. One was taken by Vernon L. Mills (coll. Wm. A. Powell, Jr.) near Soda Lake, Churchill County, on November 20, 1938. No others were seen.

Lophodytes cucullatus. Hooded Merganser. One male was taken four miles southwest of Wadsworth on the Truckee Canal, Storey County, in December, 1937 (coll. J. R. Alcorn). One female was seen with this male.

Accipiter atricapillus. Goshawk. One in immature plumage was taken five miles southwest of Fallon, Churchill County, in March, 1937 (coll. J. R. Alcorn). An adult male was taken by Vernon