

THE NEW YEAR CENSUS.

Not long after this number reaches its readers a new year will be at hand. If you are keeping a yearly record of the birds, your old note-book will be laid aside and a fresh one placed in readiness. It means something æsthetically, if not practically, how the new note-book is begun, whether the first page is well filled or not. To me it means more than I care to admit. We have begun these New Year Censuses well, and I hope and trust that 1905 will not fall behind 1904 in the records that shall be made. 1905 begins on Sunday, and it is therefore proposed that for those who do not study birds on that day, to make the record on the 2nd. How much each one can do will depend upon the region, the time, and the weather. The editor will be unable to participate in this contest, so the prize offered last year cannot be repeated. To every one who secures a bona fide list of twenty-five or more species, not including English Sparrow, a year's subscription to THE WILSON BULLETIN will be given. Make as large a list as possible for Mr. Frank M. Chapman's Christmas Census, and then beat it for the New Year Census! Send the lists to Lynds Jones, 5623 Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

BREWSTER WARBLER (*Helminthophila leucobronchialis*) IN
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Near the close of an "all-day with the birds" I was fortunate enough to meet with a single individual of this type, phase, or whatever it may be, near Devon, on May 13th, 1904. It was found at the border of a large grove, where I watched it sometimes as near as twenty feet, from an old cart-road. It was altogether like the Blue-winged Warbler above, with the white wing bars and black bar through the eye—but the under parts were white instead of the rich yellow of that bird. I could detect no trace of yellow on its breast. In action, dropping from branch to branch of the smaller trees so near, it was very like the Blue-wing—with which I am familiar. Although I cannot but regret that I had no means of securing it at the time, I have no hesitation in recording it as a Brewster's Warbler, after I had observed it through a good pair of field glasses for over fifteen minutes.

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BREWSTER WARBLER AGAIN IN OHIO.
(*Helminthophila leucobronchialis*)

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On September 17th of this year while out to study the annual fall

migration in a very favorable woods $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Tiffin we were able to add several species to the county list. Of warblers 18 species were seen, among them a Brewster Warbler. While kneeling down watching a Black and White Warbler catching a moth, I suddenly spied in a low sapling a warbler that at the first glance I recognized as a new species.

The upper parts were bluish gray with a black streak through the eye, lower parts yellowish shading into white on forepart of breast, throat and chin, two small yellowish wing bands, yellowish crown patch hardly discernible, the whole plumage overlaid with a kind of greenish cast as if some one had breathed over it. The bird was observed for about 8 or 9 minutes, was very agile, but uttered no sound, not even the usual migration "chip" of other warblers. The bird was perhaps not quite typical but it was a Brewster nevertheless and to my knowledge the first fall record for this species in the state, and I was only sorry I had left my gun at home.