

female's usual behavior of staying close to the ground; it is short, simple, and entirely unmusical." Like the female Song Sparrow's performance, too, those described here apparently elicited no response from other birds of the relevant species.—VAL NOLAN JR., *Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, March 14, 1958.*

Semipalmated Sandpiper from Tamaulipas.—On August 21, 1954, J. R. Alcorn collected two Semipalmated Sandpipers (*Ereunetes pusillus*), 20 miles southeast of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, along the Gulf Coast in the vicinity of the Laguna del Barril. The measurements of the two specimens (KU 34475, male; KU 34474, unsexed) are, respectively: bill, 18.5 and 17.0 mm.; wing (chord), 88.0 and 94.0 mm.

These specimens are the first of this sandpiper from Mexico outside of the State of Quintana Roo and Cozumel Island (Friedmann, Griscom, Moore, 1950. *Pac. Coast Avif.* no. 29:99). H. E. Dresser (*Ibis*, 1866:37) stated that this sandpiper was not uncommon near Matamoros; Dresser probably took no specimen. The absence of records of the Semipalmated Sandpiper from the coastal states of Mexico is seemingly due to lack of ornithological field work, since this bird is known to winter from the southern coast of the United States south into South America.—MAX THOMPSON, *Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, February 20, 1958.*

Steller's Jay anting with tobacco smoke.—Three hand-reared Steller's Jays (*Cyanocitta stelleri*), sent to me from Seattle, Washington, have several hours' liberty each day, but always follow me into the songbird observatory in the early evening where they are safe from predators during the night. Although all three are exceedingly trustful and, while out, remain among the shrubbery or on the lawn within calling distance, one will not let me out of its sight, even following me into the wooded areas surrounding my Windinglane Bird Sanctuary.

While on the lawn, this bird in particular, ants with the small yellow ant, *Tapinoma* sp. Much of the time, however, he stays close by me, never still except when he stands on my shoulder. Should I be smoking a pipe while he is there and the smoke blow toward him he ants with the smoke in the typical manner of anting. Should I light my pipe and blow the match out he grabs it and ants with the hot carbonized end. Should a visitor light a cigarette he will fly past and grab it from the visitor's mouth. Yet, I have not seen him ant with the burning cigarette, which he simply tears to pieces.—H. ROY IVOR, *R.R. 1, Erindale, Ontario, May 29, 1958.*