

An Overlooked Specimen of Bachman's Warbler.—Some time since, while working on the fine old Lafresnaye Collection in the Boston Society of Natural History I unearthed an interesting and valuable specimen, nothing less in fact than a Bachman's Warbler (*Helminthophila bachmani*). This bird agrees closely with Audubon's figure and description of the adult female, but differs from a female in Mr. Cory's collection by having a well-marked patch of black on the jugulum, and traces of a dark band across the fore part of the crown. The body plumage is fresh and perfect, but shows no indication of a recent moult; the primaries are somewhat faded; the tail-feathers decidedly faded and worn.

The label bore the inscription, "No. 4079, *Dendroica virens*, Gmel., N. America." This proved to be a correct transcript of the entry under the corresponding number in the fac-simile Lafresnaye Catalogue belonging to the Society, save that in the latter "N. America" is written *in pencil*. Going still farther back to the scrap-book where the original Lafresnaye labels are preserved, each numbered in red ink to correspond with the catalogue just mentioned, I found "4079" on a small slip of paper, yellow with age, the writing so faded that only "Sylvicola —" can be certainly deciphered. The dash is followed by a mark resembling the sign ♀ (was this sign used in ornithology in Lafresnaye's time?) but probably intended for a ? There is also something that looks like "orig ne?"

The plain inference from these data is that the label last described was the original one belonging to this specimen, and that the person who wrote it (whether Lafresnaye or some correspondent from whom he may have had the skin) was unable to identify the bird. It is equally obvious that the locality entered in pencil in our copy of the Lafresnaye Catalogue was added, doubtless inferentially, after the specimen came into the possession of the Society. It follows that the origin of the bird is unknown. Can it be the female figured in Audubon's plate? If I am not mistaken, the latter has been lost sight of.—WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

Remarks on Four Examples of the Yellow-throated Warbler from Chester County, S. C.—A series of four specimens, taken during September, 1886, display characters so different from those commonly ascribed to the Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) of the Atlantic States as to merit special notice. The variations in each are as follows:—

1. ♀. Bill (from nostril), 9.2 mm.; superciliary stripe without yellow; yellow of chin and maxillæ interrupted anteriorly by white.
2. ♂. Bill (from nostril), 10 mm.; superciliary stripe, above the lores, very faintly tinged with yellow for about 4 mm.; thence immaculate to the base of the upper mandible; chin and maxillæ as in the preceding.
3. ♀. Bill (from nostril) 9.5 mm.; superciliary stripe, anterior to eye, strongly tinged with yellow for about 4 mm.; otherwise similar to the foregoing.
4. Essentially like 3, but with tinge of yellow in superciliary more pronounced.