

Chelidon erythrogaster.—Fairly common as a spring and fall migrant.

Tachycineta bicolor.—Like the preceding species, but more abundant and remaining for a longer period in the fall. Flights noted as late as November 25.

Merula migratoria.—Abundant in flocks during winter. Sometimes lingers as late as March 17. Is hunted as game while here, and soon becomes very shy of approach.

Passer domesticus.—This introduced species has appeared in this locality within the past five years, and has increased in numbers so rapidly that at the present time it is as common as in any northern town. Particularly abundant in summer, nesting in colonies among the live-oaks and using the common long moss with a few feathers as building material.—FRANK E. COOMBS, *Patterson, La.*

An Overlooked Volume.—In the Bibliographical Appendix to Dr. Coues's 'Birds of the Colorado Valley,' I can find no reference to a small volume in my library, a short account of which will doubtless be of interest to the students of Kentucky ornithology. It consists of a series of letters by G. Imlay, written and published during the latter part of the last century, entitled, "History of Kentucky,"* and containing among other things a catalogue of the mammals and birds of the State. Some forty-two species of the former are given, and their distribution is defined by the degrees of latitude between which they are common. The list of birds is considerably larger, a hundred and twenty-eight species in all being enumerated, for the most part under the Linnæan as well as the vernacular names. Unfortunately all reference to the distribution and abundance of the various species is omitted, thus detracting much from the value of the list. The Carolina Parakeet (*Conurus carolinensis*) and the "Large pouch pelican," (*Pelecanus fuscus?*) are among the birds mentioned.—J. H. PLEASANTS, JR., *Baltimore, Md.*

* A | Topographical Description | of the | Western Territory | of | North America; | containing | a succinct account | of its | Climate, Natural History, Population, | Agriculture, Manners and Customs, | with | an ample description of the several divisions into which that country is divided. | And an accurate Statement of the various Tribes of | Indians that inhabit the Frontier Country, | to which is annexed | a delineation of the laws and government | of the | State of Kentucky, | tending to shew the probable rise and | grandeur of the American Empire, | in a series of letters to a friend in | England. | By G. Imlay, | A Captain in the American Army during the late War, and a Commissioner | for laying out Land in the Back Settlements. | New-York: | printed | by Samuel Campbell, | no. 37, Hanover Square: | MDCCXC-III. 2(?) vols. 8vo. Vol. I, pp. (i)—(xxiii), [25]—[260], map. Mammals and birds, vol. I, pp. [202]—[209].