

Schorger visited the place and fortunately found the bird still present. He collected it and it proved to be an adult Bell's Vireo. The specimen was forwarded to the Biological Survey for examination and from their records as well as those of the Kumlien and Hollister list of 1903, it appears to be the first specimen of Bell's Vireo taken in Wisconsin. It is now in Mr. Schorger's collection — No. 46.

Although the bird acted as though established, remaining in one locality and singing frequently, no signs of a mate or of a nest could be found. It seems probable from the size of the testes and his continual singing that this was an unmated bird and that his presence here does not indicate a breeding record.— NORMAN DEW. BETTS, *Madison, Wis.*

**San Lucas Verdin** (*Auriparus flaviceps lamprocephalus*) **in California.** — I take pleasure in recording the capture of the Cape Verdin north of the Mexican Boundary.

Some time ago I received from Mr. L. E. Wyant of Los Angeles, a pair of Verdins which were taken by Mr. H. Wright at Mecca, Cal., March 19, 1911.

These birds were so much smaller and lighter than others in my collection that I sent them to Mr. Harry C. Oberholser for positive identification, which proved them to be as I surmised, *Auriparus flaviceps lamprocephalus*. They are smaller and lighter in color than the Verdin from Texas. The type, (No. 117551 Coll. U. S. Nat. Mus.) was taken by C. H. Townsend, at Cape San Lucas, Lower California, April 7, 1889 and described by Mr. Oberholser in Vol. XIX of 'The Auk' in 1897. Specimens in my collection measure as follows:

*Auriparus flaviceps.*

H.K.C.				Skin	Wing	Tail	Tr.	Bill
9326	♀	Chochise, Ariz.	Mch. 18, 1890	4.10	2.25	2.05	.75	.38
11504	♂	Rio Grande, Tex.	Apr. 12, 1880	4.20	2.20	2.15	.70	.37

*A. flaviceps lamprocephalus.*

16776	♂	Mecca, Cal.	Mch. 19, 1911	3.87	2.10	2.00	.62	.31
16777	♀	" "	" "	3.85	2.	1.95	.62	.30

HENRY K. COALE, *Highland Park, Ill.*

**Notes from Springfield, Mass.—*Anas platyrhynchos.***—Sixteen years ago about a dozen Mallard Ducks were placed in Forest Park, a public reservation in Springfield, bordering on the Connecticut river, consisting of about four hundred and sixty acres of land, and containing a