

On the afternoon of May 26, I visited the home of Mrs Telfer, who informed me that the bird had been seen by her at 9 o'clock that morning and also at 2:30 that afternoon. We then went to the garden and had not long to wait until the rare visitor made its appearance. It perched on the top of a large bird-house in the center of Mr. Adcock's garden. I had an exceptionally good view of the bird, because the bird-house stood by itself and because Mrs. Telfer kindly loaned me her field glasses. I noticed that the Woodpecker seemed quite contented among the many other species of birds making their homes there, such as Robins, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Orioles and Bronzed Blackbirds. There were many, very fine, large shade trees, which furnished ideal nesting sites for the just-mentioned birds.

This bird, *Asyndesmus lewisi*, strayed a considerable distance from its recorded range, as it nests from western Nebraska and the Black Hills in South Dakota to the inner coast ranges of California, and is casual in western Kansas.—ASHLEY HINE, *Field Mus. Nat. Hist., Chicago, Illinois.*

Pileated Woodpecker in Washington County, N. Y.—Cossayuna Lake is located in about the center of Washington County, N. Y., and has an elevation of 495 feet. On July 23, 1922, Prof. Barnard S. Bronson, of the State College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y., who was with me for a few days studying the birds, called my attention to a Northern Pileated Woodpecker (*Phloeotomus pileatus abieticola*) on a tree near the shore of the lake. I saw this bird several times during the next two weeks. During July of this year Fred F. Houghton of New York and I saw three of these Woodpeckers at one time on a dead tree in the same locality. In a woods about half a mile away, and probably 100 feet higher elevation, I saw one of these Woodpeckers drilling a large hole in a dead tree. One or two of these birds were seen every day for a period of two weeks. Last year in July a pair of Wood Ducks with nine young were seen at this lake, and this year a female with seven young and also four adults were seen. As E. E. Caduc of Boston reports seeing two Pileated Woodpeckers at Grafton, Rensselaer County, N. Y., elevation 1,500 feet, it would appear that these Woodpeckers are quite generally distributed throughout the central eastern part of New York State.—CLARENCE HOUGHTON, *533 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y.*

Chimney Swift Nesting in a Cistern—On July 4, 1923 I found a Chimney Swift's nest in an abandoned cistern about one mile east of the town of Magnolia, Putnam County, Ill. At the time of its discovery a bird was sitting on the nest while its mate flying out on expeditions and returning every few minutes to the cistern. The sitting bird preened itself and revealed at least one young, about two days old. It looked up at me but did not leave the nest. The mate attempted to fly out past my face twice but returned to cling to the cistern wall each time. It twittered occasionally but showed no great fright.

An abandoned nest occupied another part of the cistern wall.