

from a dump north of Toronto, where it had been discarded by some hunter a few days previously. The specimen was preserved for the Museum collection and the stomach contents were examined. Besides a small amount of *Microtus* hair, the feet and some feathers, skin and flesh of a Belted Kingfisher were found. This was the first instance of which I knew of the Belted Kingfisher being preyed upon by a Raptorial bird.

It is evident that the species is not always successful in escaping from members of the Hawk family, and in this case it had a less dashing adversary to contend with than had the one observed by Mr. Johnson.—L. L. SNYDER, *Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto, Ontario.*

Actions of the Northern Pileated Woodpecker.—On February 16, 1925, I was able to approach within, twelve feet of one of these Woodpeckers busily engaged in digging in a maple stub, two feet in diameter and about twelve feet high. He was after insects whose borings I found later upon examining the wood. I watched him for about an hour.

He seldom gave more than four pecks at a time, and would then swing his head round to one side or the other, sometimes raising his scarlet crest. He seldom threw back his head without tossing a chip back of him, and when I examined his work after he had left, later in the day, I found some chips near the stub, which were three inches long and one inch wide. Others half this size had been thrown out on the snow a distance of four feet. The hole was on the west side and measured six inches across and ten inches long, and extended to a depth of six inches toward the heart of the stub. There was another hole six inches square on the south side. The bird seemed to chisel out a section three inches wide across the hole and then move down and cut out another section. The two holes were dug in about two hours.—O. M. BRYENS, *Three Rivers, Michigan.*

Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker at West Point, N. Y.—On October 4, while I was sitting up on the mountain side back of West Point watching a stuffed Owl with which I was decoying Hawks, an adult male Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) lit on the pole upon which the Owl was placed.

This is the first one I ever saw. It is not given in Dr. Mearns' list of the birds of this locality, nor is the Pileated Woodpecker, although I have seen it twice in recent years. He did not list the Turkey Vulture either, which is now fairly common here, though I myself never saw it here until about five years ago, nor did he give the King Rail, one of which was caught here in a muskrat trap.

On October 31, a female Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker was taken within a few yards of the spot where I took the male.—WIRT ROBINSON, *West Point, N. Y.*

The Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker in New Jersey.—On October 18, 1925, the writers found an immature Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker