

rare on the North Carolina coast as none of the old baymen in the neighborhood had ever seen one. I thought therefore that its occurrence, particularly so late in the year, was worth reporting.—ROBERT T. EMMET, 48 Washington Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

A New Genus, *Acentrorityx*, proposed for *Francolinus nahani* Dubois.—The African Francolins, usually grouped in two genera, *Francolinus* and *Pternistis*, show such a variety of color-pattern and so much diversity in the relative size of the bill that it would seem almost natural to subdivide the groups further, as has been done by Mr. Austin Roberts in his list of South African birds.¹ Certainly *Francolinus lathamii* (type of the genus *Peliperdix* Bonaparte) departs widely in structure from such a species as *F. levaillantii*, but a graded series of species could be laid out which would tend to bridge such gaps.

One feature, however, in which virtually all the species of *Francolinus* and *Pternistis* agree—so far as I am aware—is the presence, normally, of one or two metatarsal spurs in adult males. Nevertheless, in *Francolinus nahani* Dubois² such spurs are never to be seen, nor is there even a modified scale at the point where they usually arise. I have carefully examined eighteen adult specimens in the collections of the British Museum, of Sir Frederick Jackson, of Lord Rothschild, of the U. S. National Museum, the Congo Museum, and the American Museum of Natural History. Eight of them were sexed by the collectors as males.

In other respects this Partridge does not depart widely from the genus *Francolinus*. The bill is not quite so weak as in *F. lathamii*, and the rectrices number fourteen, as usual in *Francolinus*. The only additional feature of note is the bareness of the skin around the eye. But the complete absence of spurs alone may be regarded as of generic importance, and I propose the new genus *Acentrorityx*, with *Francolinus nahani* Dubois as its type species.—JAMES P. CHAPIN, on Board S. S. "Majestic" in Mid-Atlantic.

Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker in West Chester Co., N. Y.—On October 12, 1925, my husband and I saw a female Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) on our place at Mount Kisco, N. Y., I believe that no other has been recorded from West Chester Co., and that this is an early date for that latitude. The bird was working hard on some small dead or dying white birch trees and allowed us upon this and several subsequent occasions to approach within a few feet of her. The presence of our dog did not bother her but the Downy Woodpeckers resented the intrusion and did all they could to drive her away. We saw her on November 6 and again on December 11 when we found her on a heap of dead birches that had been dug up and thrown on the ground.

On December 15, 1925 I saw a solitary Redpoll in a flock of Goldfinches and on December 12, a single Evening Grosbeak near our feeding station.—MARCIA B. TUCKER, 733 Park Ave., N. Y. City.

¹ 1924, Ann. Transvaal Mus., X, pp. 121-122.

² 1905, Ann. Mus. Congo, Zoologie, I, fasc. 1, p. 17.