

Although this species was formerly not uncommon even further north than South Carolina, it has not been reported in that state for several years.—J. WILLCOX BROWN, *Montchanin, Delaware*.

**The Golden Eagle in West Virginia.**—For some years I have been interested in the unusual abundance of the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) in Pendleton County, West Virginia, and in the surrounding territory. My attention was first called to five mounted specimens of the bird in a hotel in the village of Franklin. The owners assured me that all had been taken locally, and that the bird was quite common. The next day, July 20, 1929, I observed at fairly close range two individuals flying over North Fork Mountain, about ten miles from Franklin. Subsequent visits to this region have confirmed the regular occurrence of the birds at all seasons of the year.

My additional notes, are as follows: August 30, 1929, three individuals seen at North Fork Mountain and Circleville. May 31, 1930, seven individuals seen at one time near top of North Fork Mountain; these were observed by Fred E. Brooks and the writer, and were studied carefully at close range with 6x glasses, the feathered tarsi being especially noted. One bird flew from a cliff not more than seventy-five feet from us, and showed very distinctly the white tail-base. Later in the day a single individual was seen at Seneca Rocks, fifteen miles away, very possibly one of the same ones seen earlier.

September 20, 1931, two birds seen at the peculiar Rock mountain known as the Devil's Backbone, in Highland County, Virginia, only a few miles from the Pendleton County, W. Va., border. The same day a single individual was seen at North Fork Mountain. June 1, 1932, three seen at Circleville, and one at Seneca Rocks.

The Postmaster at Circleville has an unusually large specimen mounted. He tells me that the birds occur there every month of the year. A recent issue of the 'West Virginia Wild Life Magazine' records a Golden Eagle killed at Petersburg, Grant County, W. Va., in December, 1933, and another captured alive at Horton, Randolph County, W. Va., in the same month. Both places are near Pendleton County.

Persistent inquiry has failed so far to uncover a breeding record for the region that can be accepted. Many persons have told me that the birds do breed there, but actual data are lacking. Nevertheless, it is my conviction that further investigation will show that the birds do breed in the locality. Too many have been seen there during the early summer months to be accounted for by dismissing them as wandering individuals.—MAURICE BROOKS, *French Creek, W. Va.*

**Golden Eagle in North Louisiana.**—Ernest G. Holt adds the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) to the Louisiana list (Auk, 1933, 355) which was omitted in 'Birds of Louisiana' (Bull. 20, La. Dept. of Conservation, 1931), but E. A. McIlhenny is of the opinion (Auk, 1933, 431) that Mr. Holt has mistaken the immature Bald Eagle for the Golden Eagle.