

(*Guiraca c. caerulea*), about three miles northeast of the village of Bethany, Brooke County, West Virginia, a short distance from the Pennsylvania state line. The bird flew across a narrow valley from a thicket of locust trees in response to our squeaking; perched for an instant only a short distance from us; flew to a higher tree close by, giving us ample opportunity to note its large size, its heavy beak, its dull blue coloration, and the bright chestnut of its wing-coverts; and disappeared. We searched for hours that afternoon and on the following two days, but did not see the bird again.

I have recorded the Blue Grosbeak but once previously in West Virginia, a female observed in our garden at Bethany, on July 6, 1929 (Birds of the West Virginia Panhandle, *Cardinal*, Vol. III, No. 5, January, 1933, 121). GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON, *Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.*

White-winged Crossbill on Baffin Island.—In Mr. J. Dewey Soper's admirable 'Faunal Investigation of Southern Baffin Island'¹ no mention is made of the White-winged Crossbill (*Loxia leucoptera*), in the list of bird species. I take pleasure, therefore, in reporting that my friend Mr. John T. Ford, of the Hudson's Bay Company, and at present at Port Burwell, Labrador, secured a White-winged Crossbill specimen "in the Spring" of 1933 at Lake Harbour, Baffin Island, during "three days of stormy weather." Unfortunately I have not been able to ascertain the exact date of the capture; nor am I certain that any part of the specimen is still in existence; but there can be no doubt concerning the identification of this bird with "bill crossed" and with "white bars on its wings" concerning which Mr. Ford wrote me in a personal letter dated Cartwright, Labrador, January, 1934, and in a subsequent letter (just received) dated Port Burwell, Labrador, July 23, 1935.—GEORGE MIKSCH SUTTON, *Curator of Birds, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.*

Eastern Henslow's Sparrow and Lincoln's Sparrow in West Virginia.—For many years it has been a matter of interest to West Virginia ornithologists that Eastern Henslow's Sparrow (*Passerherbulus henslowi sussurans*) has so long escaped notice in the state. Special efforts have been made to locate this species, both in breeding season and in migration.

On October 9, 1935, we were observing birds near Masontown, Preston County, West Virginia, when we noticed a very elusive Sparrow flushing close to us as we went through a brushy field. The bird was collected, and proved to be a female Henslow's Sparrow, the first one recorded, so far as we are aware, from the state. A skin was made of it, and it has been deposited in the museum of West Virginia University.

While collecting along Lake Terra Alta, Preston County, West Virginia, on October 12, 1935, the same group saw a number of Lincoln's Sparrows (*Melospiza lincolni lincolni*), and one was collected. It also was placed in the West Virginia University Museum. There are a few previous sight records for this bird in West Virginia, but evidence would lead to its being considered very rare in the state.

Observation in the neighborhood of Masontown has suggested that Henslow's Sparrows have occurred there in numbers during the migration season, at least a dozen having been seen on October 9. We are expecting to check the territory very carefully for possible breeding birds next season.—KARL HALLER, JAMES HANDLAN, ABE MARGOLIN, MAURICE BROOKS, *Dept. of Biology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.*

¹ Soper, J. Dewey. A Faunal Investigation of Southern Baffin Island. Bulletin No. 53, Biological Series No. 15, Canadian National Museum, Canada Department of Mines, 1928, 129 pp.