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Specimens of Torreornis i. inexpectata examined. USNM 307991, 26 April 1927, Santo Tomás, adult male; ANSP 108217, 18 May 1933, Santo Tomás, adult male; ANSP 85819, 20 February 1927, Santo Tomás, adult female; ANSP 111907, 5 January 1931, Santo Tomás, adult female; USNM 454883, no date, Santo Tomás, sex (?).

Specimens of Torreornis inexpectata sigmani examined. RPM 20394, 20 August 1959, Baitiquiri, adult male; Klinikowski private coll., on deposit in USNM, 20 August 1959, Baitiquiri, adult female.—MATTHEW J. SPENCE and BARTON L. SMITH, *Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery, Reading, Pennsylvania.*

Unusual Feeding Habit of Boat-tailed Grackle.—Much has been recorded about the feeding of the Boat-tailed Grackle (*Cassidix mexicanus*) on fresh-water snails and fresh-water mussels.

Howell's *Florida Bird Life* describes these birds as "sometimes completely immersing their heads in their search for food."

On 27 December 1959 in the Vero marsh, I noticed a male grackle in the top of a small cypress tree feeding on a snail. I stopped to watch, and in a few minutes a second male boat-tail flew nearly up to the boat, hovered for a few seconds about two meters above the water, then dived head first, like a kingfisher, into the clear water, which was about 40 cm. deep. It remained under water for a brief moment, with only the very tip of its tail showing. Then it came to the surface, shook itself to dry, and flew to a nearby tuft of cane and began to eat the meaty contents of a snail.—CHARLES E. CARTER, 1339 30th Street, Orlando, Florida.

First Blue Grosbeak Collected in Ontario.—On Monday, 23 May 1960 at Long Point, Norfolk County, Ontario (42° 34', 80° 15') a Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca caerulea*) was captured in a Heligoland trap. The bird was an immature male and is now No. 90869 in the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum. It is the first specimen taken in Ontario.

Since 1918, when a male was seen in August in Toronto by L. L. Snyder, there have been a number of reports of this species from southern Ontario and one report from western Ontario. A number of these have been published, either in the *Canadian Field-Naturalist*, or *Audubon Field Notes*. Some are probably valid records. The recent *A.O.U. Check-list of North America birds* (fifth edition, 1957) describes the Blue Grosbeak as casual in Southern Ontario but Snyder (1950, *A Classification of Ontario Birds*, Misc. Pub. No. 3, R.O.M.Z.) makes no mention of this species even hypothetically.—JAMES WOODFORD and D. H. BALDWIN, *Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto 5, Ontario.*

Duetting by Paired Brown-headed Cowbirds.—In 1957 I became aware that duetting was being done by apparent pairs among the color-banded Brown-headed Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*) coming to my window feeding shelf, and in each year