

appeared into the mud nests, some turning about to peer out curiously and quite fearlessly. There were probably fifty birds in the flock."

Specimens collected by Mr. Goldman are the Hepburn Rosy Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis littoralis*).—WALTER P. TAYLOR, *U. S. Biological Survey, La Jolla, California, September 14, 1922.*

The European Widgeon in Oregon.—On November 27, 1922, while collecting birds at Netarts Bay, Tillamook County, Oregon, I took a male European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*). So far as I know, this species has not previously been recorded from Oregon.—ALEX. WALKER, *Blaine, Oregon, January 19, 1923.*

Chickadees Resting in a Robin's Nest.—On the afternoon of August 11, 1922, I arrived at a spot on the Yuba River about four miles above Cisco, Placer County, California. While making camp I noticed an abandoned nest of the Western Robin in the top of a young lodge-pole pine, about ten feet from the ground. The tree stood about thirty feet from the tent.

That evening while eating late, when all diurnal mammals and nearly all birds had retired, I heard the subdued but distinct call of the Mountain Chickadee (*Penthestes gambeli*) near by. On hearing the second call, I looked in that direction just in time to see the fluffy form of the bird slip into the Robin's nest. Glancing at my watch I noticed it was just three minutes past seven. I walked over and gently tugged at the tree, whereupon the bird appeared on the edge of the nest, glanced about for six or eight seconds and dropped back out of sight. The next morning I was awakened at exactly five o'clock by a chickadee singing from a branch not over four feet above my head. He continued for three or four minutes and then disappeared. Each night and morning, with one exception, this routine was repeated with mechanical regularity until I left on August 19. The exception was on the 14th. I was watching for the bird to appear, and at three minutes past seven it had not yet arrived; nor had it come at four minutes past seven; but at exactly five minutes after seven it came skipping through the branches by the usual route and quickly hopped into the nest without stopping for the usual evening song!

Each evening I aroused the bird by gently shaking the tree and each successive time it required more shaking to induce him to appear until, on the last night (August 18), I was compelled to give the tree several rather vigorous jerks before he appeared on the edge of the nest. And correspondingly, each successive time he remained in view a shorter period of time, until on the last night he merely appeared, turned about, and hopped back. The arrivals and departures were always by the same route, that is, the tree over the tent.—FRANK N. BASSETT, *Alameda, California, January 17, 1923.*

Mockingbird in Humboldt County, California.—Early in the winter of 1922, Mrs. Ida Varley, of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, heard the unmistakable song of the Western Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos leucopterus*) from her roof top. Going out to see this unheard-of bird in this locality, she watched him as he perched on the roof, singing softly, as though not feeling quite at home. He remained about the place for several hours, but did not sing again. After a few days of apparent absence, he reappeared, and has remained in the vicinity of Mrs. Varley's home—making visits also to the grounds of near neighbors—at least up to December 27, when the writer saw him there, and observed him for several hours.

The bird is alone so far as any other of his species is concerned, and the birds of other local species regard him as an alien, his appearance in any bush or tree being a signal for every other bird to depart at once. He feeds on the scarlet fruits of the cotoneaster and hawthorn. Since the first song, he has not been heard to sing again.

There is no possibility of mistake as to the identity of this bird, the writer having had a familiar acquaintance with the Mockingbird for twenty-five years in southern California. Mrs. Varley also has known the species for many years in the central part of the state.—CHARLOTTE M. WILDER, *Carlotta, California, January 13, 1923.*