

Breeding Records of the Catbird in Arizona.—There appear to be no published records for the Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) from Arizona, either as a migrant or a summer resident. We were surprised, therefore, to discover the Catbird well established as a breeding bird, during the summer of 1934, in the vicinity of Springerville, Apache County, east-central Arizona. This region is in high Upper Sonoran Zone, pinyon-juniper association. Several specimens of adult and young Catbirds were collected.

On July 4, 1934, Stevenson discovered a pair of Catbirds in a dense willow thicket along Water Canyon Creek, a tributary of the Little Colorado River, three and a half miles south of Springerville. This locality lies within the Apache National Forest, just south of its north boundary. The area is located on the George Eagar Ranch at an elevation of 7000 feet. An adult female Catbird, with enlarged gonads, was collected. On July 7 we visited the same locality and found an adult bird, assumably the male of this pair, feeding three young just out of the nest. Jenks collected two of the young and later discovered a typical Catbird nest in a gooseberry bush, eight feet above the ground.

On July 14 and 20, we explored a mile of bottomland along the Little Colorado River, four miles west of Springerville, at an elevation of 7100 feet. Catbirds were numerous and were calling from willow and wild rose thickets. We estimated their population as at least twenty individuals along this mile of river bottom. Here, four adults and one full-grown immature bird were collected. All of these specimens now form a part of the Jenks collection at the Arizona State Museum, Tucson.

On August 26, 1934, a single Catbird was found in a willow clump a mile north of Springerville. No birds of this species were discovered later than this date although many favorable habitats were investigated.

In connection with the discovery of this Catbird colony in east-central Arizona it may be of interest to review the status of this species in the southwestern United States. Bailey (Birds of New Mexico, 1928, p. 554) states that "the species is confined in the breeding season to the northern part of the state [New Mexico]," and lists several breeding records. A sight record from Shiprock, extreme northwestern New Mexico, made by Gilman, is included. There are several records for Utah and the bird has been found breeding in the northern part of that state near Woodruff by Dr. Alden Miller (MS). Concerning the occurrence of the Catbird in Nevada, Dr. Jean Linsdale in a letter writes that there is no published record for the state and "apparently its status there is, as in California, as an accidental transient." The only record for California is a specimen taken on the Farallon Islands, September 4, 1884, recorded by C. H. Townsend (Auk, 2, 1885, p. 215).

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Farallon Rail Nesting Inland.—The Farallon Black Rail (*Creciscus jamaicensis coturniculus*) has been recorded as nesting only in the salt marshes near San Diego. The taking of birds in the interior of both San Bernardino (Wall, Condor, 21, 1919, p. 238) and Riverside counties (Orn. and Ool., 18, 1893, p. 104) during the summer has indicated that possibly they breed in this vicinity. I was thus not greatly surprised when Mr. Charles H. Bradford of Pomona informed me that he had collected a male bird and set of four eggs near Chino, San Bernardino County, California, on May 4, 1931.

An inspection was made of the eggs by me and they appeared to be much like eggs of this species in my collection, which had been collected in the region of San Diego. Mr. Bradford took me to the site where the set was collected and it seemed to me to be an ideal location, although we saw no more birds. The bird he collected had been presented to Mr. Alfred Cookman, and some months later I was able to inspect the skin and prove that the identification was correct.

It seems that Mr. Bradford was hunting for nests of the Sora (*Porzana carolina*) and Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*) when he saw what he took to be a mouse sneaking through the grass. He struck it with a stick which he had in his hand and was surprised to see that it was a small rail. This, of course, prompted careful search and he was rewarded by finding the nest with four eggs. The eggs showed