

## FROM FIELD AND STUDY

**Calliope Hummingbird Entangled in Grass Barbs.**—An interesting and possibly unusual tragedy occurred recently when an adult Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*) became entangled in barbs of a spike of grass, *Setaria verticillata*, growing in the garden of Professor J. H. Roblyer at the College of Idaho (fig. 1). The breast feathers were entwined about the head of grass. The small barbules of the awns held so firmly that the bird was helpless and unable to pull itself away. It had been dead some time when found by Mrs. Roblyer. The specimen was received July 15, 1954, at which time the grass was quite mature.—HAROLD M. TUCKER, *College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho, October 15, 1954.*



Fig. 1. Calliope Hummingbird entangled in grass barbs.

**Glossy Ibis in Oklahoma.**—On May 13, 1954, at the Federal Fish Hatchery near Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, James H. Pratt shot a well plumaged adult Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) which had no white on the forehead or face. It was a solitary bird. Kermit E. Sneed, of the Sulphur Fish Hatchery, Sulphur, Oklahoma, eviscerated the specimen and courteously brought it to me. I skinned it out as soon as possible, but was unable to sex it. It was not very fat.

So far as I know this is the first Oklahoma specimen of *P. falcinellus* to have been preserved. It is no. 1280 in the new bird collection of the Museum of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma. In discussing the record with Mr. Sneed, I learned from him that in May, 1951, a well-driller had killed