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This, our 1937 Winter number, comes to you a trifle later than we had planned but the catastrophe that struck Kentucky towns in January paralyzed many businesses and set us back approximately one month. But it is still winter here. Everything still seems to be snuggled down. The woodchuck paths, that not long ago were traveled, are now vacant. Tradition has it that their makers will peer out of their dens this month to see what the prospects for an early spring will be. On the second of February, those who could get their heads above water, peered out and saw their shadows. Six more weeks of winter!

No time is better for the amateur bird student to begin his or her studies than around this time of the year. Concealing foliage is gone; nests from last season appear; species are few, many tamer than at other times. All of our permanent residents are easily identified and learned. In addition, we have many winter visitors from the north with the ever-appealing chance of a newcomer for the life list; not too many, but just enough to draw us into the white woods.

Some of the owls are nesting. Robins are appearing on the lawns. Those of us who run feeding stations are still attracting the customers and our bird banders are reaping the harvest of many catches. We may feel a slight touch of spring on certain days but—it surely is still winter. We want it that way. We bird folks still have problems to solve when we won't be confused with the great tide of the spring migrants and the return of our summer residents. We like to think of the words of the beloved John Burroughs:—

“From out the white and pulsing storm  
I hear the snowbirds calling;  
The shee'd winds stalk o'er the hills,  
And fast the snow is falling.

“On twinkling wings they eddy past,  
At home amid the drifting,  
Or seek the hills and weedy fields  
Where fast the snow is sifting.

“The unnown fields are their preserves,  
Where weeds and grass are seeding;  
They know the lure of distant stacks  
Where houseless herds are feeding.”

## KENTUCKY WARBLER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CENSUS

Although the response to our appeal for Christmas Census was very good, with eleven returns, we were somewhat disappointed in not having any from the Eastern part of the State. However, as we are gradually extending our membership in that direction, we hope to have many fine reports from that section in future issues.

The palm for the highest number of species, fifty, goes to the energetic bunch from Bowling Green, Ky., headed by the redoubtable Dr. Gordon Wilson. The Louisville crowd, aided by the enormous flocks of Starlings from the heart of the city, had the most individuals with 6057, 4565 of which were the imported visitors.

The second best census, forty-eight species, came from W. M. Walker, Jr., and Sue R. Walker, in Hopkinsville. The summary for the entire state as appearing in the reports, show a total of seventy-six species, numbering approximately 17,204 individuals.

The editor takes this opportunity of thanking the workers for their splendid co-operation and urges all of them to make plans even now for the next one, preferably in the same territories.

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Paducah, Kentucky (along Ohio River near Paducah, Priester's Lake and rolling upland around Massac Creek Area) December 21, 1936. 6:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., clear; wind, none; temperature 30° at start, 55° at return. 45 miles by auto, six miles on foot; observer alone.

Great Blue Heron	2	Duck 12 Sp. ?	1
Canvasback	3	Cooper's Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	Sparrow Hawk	3
Bob-white (3 covies)	32	Killdeer	20
Herring Gull	12	Mourning Dove	4
Flicker	13	Red-bellied Woodpecker	13
Hairy Woodpecker	2	Downy Woodpecker	14
Prairie Horned Lark	21	Blue Jay	12
Crow	20	Carolina Chickadee	1
Tufted Titmouse	20	Brown Creeper	7
Winter Wren	1	Carolina Wren	11
Mockingbird	3	Robin	7
Hermit Thrush	2	Bluebird	1
Golden Crowned Kinglet	1	Migrant Shrike	45
Starling	8	English Sparrow	8
Meadowlark	13	Redwing	40
Cowbird	15	Cardinal	9
Purple Finch	14	Goldfish	175
Red-eyed Towhee	13	Slate-colored Junco	5
Tree Sparrow	120	White-crowned Sparrow	1
White-throated Sparrow	13	Fox Sparrow	18
Swamp Sparrow	1	Song Sparrow	

Total 45 species. About 738 individuals.

RAYMOND J. FLEETWOOD,  
Jr. Biologist  
Soil Conservation Service,  
Paducah, Ky.

Summer Shade, Dec. 25.—9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.; an area with a radius of a mile and a half, with Summer Shade as a center. Sky clear in morning, cloudy in afternoon; light wind. Temp. at start 50, at return 60. Turkey Vulture, 5; Black Vulture, 1; Marsh Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Broad-winged Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 4; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-headed Woodpecker, 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 7; Flicker, 3; Blue Jay, 5; Crow, 27; Carolina Chickadee, 11; Tufted Titmouse, 18; White-breasted Nuthatch, 5; Carolina Wren, 3; Bewick's Wren, 1; Mockingbird, 2; Robin, 32; Bluebird, 3; Starling, 50; Goldfinch, 3; Tree Sparrow, 12; Field Sparrow, 5; Slate-colored Junco, 43; Song Sparrow, 18; Fox Sparrow, 1; Cardinal, 5. Total, 31 species, 284 individuals.

—ROBERT L. BALDOCK.

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Marion, Dec. 25—Near Marion. Cloudy; temp. 51; wind, strong. Red-winged Blackbird, 2; Bluebird, 18; Bob-white, 10; Cardinal, 37; Carolina Chickadee, 11; Cowbird, 4; Crow, 96; Dove, 1; Goldfinch, 26; Flicker, 9; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 9; Marsh Hawk, 1; Blue Jay, 7; Slate-colored Junco, 260; Killdeer, 2; Meadowlark, 18; Prairie Horned Lark, 23; Mockingbird, 11; Robin, 24; Migrant Shrike, 1; Chipping Sparrow, 6; Field Sparrow, 11; Fox Sparrow, 3; Song Sparrow, 4; Swamp Sparrow, 2; Vesper Sparrow, 3; White-crowned Sparrow, 27; Tufted Titmouse, 6; Towhee, 4; Cedar Waxwing, 22; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Bewick's Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 4; Winter Wren, 2; Marsh Wren, 2; Starling, 8. Total, 40 species, 684 individuals.

—DR. T. ATCHISON FRAZER.

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Madisonville, Ky. (W. W. Hancock farm, Loch Mary, Clear Creek, Atkinson Lake, Spring Lake Wild Refuge, Princeton and Hecla Roads, woods, streets, and open country)—Dec. 26, 7:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Cloudy, wind southeast, light to fairly strong, temperature 57 degrees at start, 60 degrees at return. About ten miles on foot. Sparrow Hawk, 1; Flicker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 7; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 8; Blue Jay, 6; Crow, 7; Carolina Chickadee, 17; Tufted Titmouse, 11; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Bewick's Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 10; Mockingbird, 4; Bluebird, 6; Cedar Waxwing, 12; Starling, 16; English Sparrow, 165; Meadowlark, 2; Cardinal, 32; Purple Finch, 1; Goldfinch, 14; Towhee, 12; Slate-colored Junco, 173; Tree Sparrow, 95; Field Sparrow, 12; White-crowned Sparrow, 2; White-throated Sparrow, 15; Fox Sparrow, 1; Swamp Sparrow, 4; Song Sparrow, 24. Total, 31 species, 659 individuals. Other species seen near the time of the census: Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup Duck, Turkey Vulture, Bob-white (18 on Dec. 24), Robin, Hermit Thrush, Migrant Shrike, and Red-winged Blackbird.

—JAMES Wm. HANCOCK.

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Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 24, 1936—Weather fair; temperature 42 degrees at start, 50 degrees at finish; time, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. About seven miles on foot, equally divided territory of open field and fence row, woodland,

and thickets and creek bank along Little River. Observers together. Turkey Vulture, 4; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Bob-White, 7 (flock); Killdeer, 3; Mourning Dove, 24; Great Horned Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Flicker, 18; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 7; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 33; Phoebe, 2; Prairie Horned Lark, 129 (2 flocks, 85 and 44); Blue Jay, 20; Crow, 273 (about 250 in flock after Great Horned Owl); Carolina Chickadee, 90; Tufted Titmouse, 103; White-breasted Nuthatch, 3; Brown Creeper, 3; Winter Wren, 6; Bewick's Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 24; Mockingbird, 20; Robin, 3; Hermit Thrush, 1; Bluebird, 43; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3; Cedar Waxwing, 105; Shirke, 1; Starling, 9; Myrtle Warbler, 33; Meadowlark, 23; Cardinal, 30; Purple Finch, 40; Goldfinch, 103; Towhee, 15; Slate-colored Junco, 295; Chipping Sparrow, 3; Field Sparrow, 147; White-crowned Sparrow, 9; White-throated Sparrow, 23; Fox Sparrow, 1; Swamp Sparrow, 3; Song Sparrow, 183. Species, 48; individuals, 1860.

—J. M. WALKER, Jr., and SUE R. WALKER.

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Bowling Green, Ky.—Dec. 22.—6:45 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Sky clear; wind, south, light; ground bare; temp. at start 28, at return 42. Three parties in morning, two in afternoon, covering a territory about twelve miles in diameter, with Bowling Green as a center. Common Canada Goose, 18 (this flock wintering here); Turkey Vulture, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 3; American Rough-legged Hawk, 1 (studied at close range); Marsh Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Bob-white, 10; Mourning Dove, 10; Great Horned Owl, 1; Northern Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Northern Flicker, 18; Southern Pileated Woodpecker, 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 11; Red-headed Woodpecker, 3; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 22; Prairie Horned Lark, 40; Northern Blue Jay, 24; Eastern Crow, 117 (usually scarce this winter); Carolina Chickadee, 120; Tufted Titmouse, 110; White-breasted Nuthatch, 8; Brown Creeper, 1; Winter Wren, 1; Bewick's Wren, 5; Carolina Wren, 15; Mockingbird, 9; Robin, 26; Hermit Thrush, 4; Bluebird, 26; Migrant Shrike, 2; Starling, 3100; Myrtle Warbler, 14; English Sparrow, 240; Meadowlark, 19; Cardinal, 69; Purple Finch, 55; Goldfinch, 53; Towhee, 31; Savannah Sparrow, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 450; Tree Sparrow, 78; Field Sparrow, 87; White-crowned Sparrow, 42; White-throated Sparrow, 52; Swamp Sparrow, 7; Song Sparrow, 45. Total, 50 species, 5,334 individuals. Other species known to be wintering here: Killdeer, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, and Black Vulture.

—HAYWARD BROWN, BASIL COLE, L. Y. LANCASTER,  
CHAS. L. TAYLOR, J. R. WHITMER, GORDON WILSON.

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Glasgow, Ky.—Dec. 23, 8:00 A. M. to 3:15 P. M. Darter, Winger, Starr, and adjoining farms; along Beaver Creek and Darter's Branch. Partly cloudy, no wind, temp. 30. Turkey Vulture, 6; Black Vulture, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Marsh Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Mourning Dove, 1; Barred Owl, 1; Flicker, 15; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Southern Downy Woodpecker, 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 12; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2; Prairie Horned Lark, 60; Blue Jay, 53; Crow, 247; Carolina Chickadee, 39; Tufted Titmouse, 35; Carolina Wren, 7; Mockingbird, 7; Robin, 96; Bluebird, 36; Cedar Waxwing, 88; Migrant

Shrike, 1; Starling, 216; Myrtle Warbler, 9; Bronzed Grackle, 19; Cowbird, 14; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 7 (I have often found them very late in the fall); Cardinal, 24; Purple Finch, 5; Goldfinch, 51; Red-eyed Towhee, 18; Slate-colored Junco, 228; Tree Sparrow, 89; Savannah Sparrow, 1; Field Sparrow, 4; White-crowned Sparrow, 1; Song Sparrow, 50; Swamp Sparrow, 22. Total, 40 species, 1478 individuals. Other birds recorded for this area within a week of the census: Mallard, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Pileated Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch, Hermit Thrush, Meadowlark, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Bob-white, and Broad-winged Hawk.

—RUSSELL STARR.

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Louisville, Kentucky (along the Ohio River to Twelve Mile Island and adjacent territory)—Dec. 27, 6:15 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.; hard rain nearly all day, overcast and foggy, wind northwest, brisk; temp. 60 degrees at start, 58 degrees at return. Twelve miles on foot and in automobiles. Observers in two parties.

Double-crested Cormorant	1	Tufted Titmouse	53
Black Duck	22	White-breasted Nuthatch	12
Lesser Scaup Duck	200	Brown Creeper	1
Cooper's Hawk	1	Winter Wren	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	3	Carolina Wren	4
Duck Hawk	1	Mockingbird	5
Sparrow Hawk	7	Robin	1
Herring Gull	23	Cedar Waxwing	40
Ring-billed Gull	1	Starling	4565
Mourning Dove	6	English Sparrow	105
Screech Owl	1	Red-wing	72
Barred Owl	1	Cowbird	3
Belted Kingfisher	3	Cardinal	73
Flicker	3	Goldfinch	23
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	Red-eyed Towhee	27
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	Slate-colored Junco	211
Hairy Woodpecker	1	Tree Sparrow	104
Downy Woodpecker	13	Field Sparrow	7
Blue Jay	13	White-throated Sparrow	9
Crow	342	Swamp Sparrow	1
Carolina Chickadee	51	Song Sparrow	43

Total, 42 species; 6057 individuals.

—C. W. BECKHAM BIRD CLUB,

Evelyn Schneider, Mabel Slack, Dr. Cynthia C. Counce,  
Floyd Carpenter, Dr. Harvey Lovell, Robert Mengel,  
W. Barnett Owen, Jr., James B. Young, Burt L. Monroe.

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Louisville, Ky. (Cave Hill Cemetery, about two blocks from Cherokee Park)—Dec. 27, 1936; 6:30 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.; warm; rain, temperature, 60 degrees; about 1 mile on foot—Mallard, 50; Flicker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 1; Crow, 1; Carolina Chickadee, 2; Tufted Titmouse, 2; Mockingbird, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 12; Starling, 20; Cardinal, 6; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 7. Total, 14 species; 108 individuals.

—EMILIE YUNKER.

Cynthiana, Ky. (To Allen Farm and out Salem Pike)—Jan. 6, 12:30 P. M. to 3:45 P. M.; cloudy; wind south, slight. Started to rain after I had been out a little over an hour and continued through remainder of afternoon. Temperature 48 degrees at start, 46 at return. Twelve miles in car and about two miles on foot. Cardinal, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Carolina Chickadee, 10; Tufted Titmouse, 5; Starling, 10; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Carolina Wren, 3; Mockingbird, 1; English Sparrow, 42; Crow, 13; Song Sparrow, 1; Gold Finch, 23; Blue Jay, 2; Bluebird, 2; Killdeer, 1. Total, 15 species, 121 individuals.

—BIRD WELLS RICE.

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**1936 CHRISTMAS CENSUS**  
Summary for the State of Kentucky

Double-crested Cormorant, 1; Great Blue Heron, 2; Mallard, 50; Black Duck, 22; Canvasback, 3; Lesser Scaup Duck, 200; Canada Goose, 18; Turkey Vulture, 16; Black Vulture, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 5; Marsh Hawk, 5; Red-tailed Hawk, 12; Red-shouldered Hawk, 3; Broad-winged Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 27; Duck Hawk, 1; American Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 65; Killdeer, 9; Herring Gull, 35; Ring-billed Gull, 1; Mourning Dove, 62; Barred Owl, 3; Great Horned Owl, 2; Screech Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 18; Downy Woodpecker, 104; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 6; Pileated Woodpecker, 9; Red-headed Woodpecker, 11; Flicker, 82; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 54; Phoebe, 2; Prairie Horned Lark, 633; Blue Jay, 155; Crow, 1123; Carolina Chickadee, 363; Tufted Titmouse, 353; White-breasted Nuthatch, 30; Brown Creeper, 6; Carolina Wren, 77; Bewick's Wren, 11; Winter Wren, 11; Marsh Wren, 2; Mockingbird, 64; Hermit Thrush, 7; Robin, 97; Bluebird, 141; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 7; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 4; Cedar Waxwing, 279; Migrant Shrike, 6; Starling, 7996; English Sparrow, 597; Myrtle Warbler, 56; Cowbird, 36; Red-wing, 82; Meadowlark, 75; Bronzed Grackle, 19; Purple Finch, 115; Goldfinch, 305; Cardinal, 318; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 7; Red-eyed Towhee, 120; Vesper Sparrow, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 1832; Savannah Sparrow, 4; White-crowned Sparrow, 86; White-throated Sparrow, 112; Tree Sparrow, 498; Chipping Sparrow, 9; Field Sparrow, 273; Swamp Sparrow, 40; Fox Sparrow, 7; Song Sparrow, 386. Total species, 76; individuals, approximately 17,204.

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**CENSUS FROM OUR MICHIGAN MEMBER**

McMillan, Luce County, Michigan—Dec. 28, 9:13 A. M. to 11:33 A. M. Weather, overcast, wind north, light. Temperature 21 degrees to 23 degrees, down to twelve degrees after sundown. Observer alone on skis. Ground covered with an average of about 5 to 6 inches of snow, crusted but not hard enough to walk on. Covered woods, cut-over land, fields, and around McCormick Lake, a distance of three miles. Necessary to stop often as it was noisy walking on crusted snow. Lake frozen over since November 18. 7x Mirakel glass used. Good crop of seeds on ironwood and in cones of firs, hemlocks, and birches. Eastern Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Northern Downy Woodpecker, 1; Northern Blue Jay, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 22 (17 were in one flock; many feeding on seeds of ironwood); White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; English Sparrow, 25; Canadian Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 1 (heard); Northern Pine Siskin, 1 (heard); Eastern Snow Bunting, 27. Total, 10 species, 84 individuals. Other species observed this month but not today are: Eastern Goshawk,

1, Dec. 22; Great Horned Owl, 1 (heard hooting) Dec. 5; Northern Pileated Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 24; Northern Shirke, 1, Dec. 8; European Starling, 2, Dec. 27; Eastern Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 24; Eastern Purple Finch, 1, Dec. 25; White-winged Crossbill, 3, Dec. 24; Eastern Goldfinch, 2, Dec. 5. In these only the last dates are given.

—OSCAR McKINLEY BRYENS.

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### THROUGH THE FIELD GLASS

#### ALBINO JUNCO

An early morning trip through Cherokee Park on Thanksgiving Day (November 26, 1936) yielded an unusual bird on this dull gray morning which seemed to promise nothing extraordinary. Homeward bound, we had stopped to watch the antics of a flock of lively birds in a tall tree top—mostly Chickadees, Titmice, and Nuthatches. Suddenly, as I ceased looking up for a moment in order to rest my neck, a peculiar flash of white passed before me. It was too low to have been the under parts of a bird and yet too bird-like to have been anything else. I crossed the road to see better the spot where the white streak had ended and discovered to my amazement a purely white bird the size and shape of a Junco feeding at the base of the hill about seventy-five feet away. Upon studying it closely we found that the head and neck were slightly darker than the rest of the bird; they were a pallid neutral gray. The back, wings, tail, and under parts were entirely white. The pink color of the bill could easily be seen. Along with this stranger were feeding a flock of Slate-colored Juncos, and as these gradually moved farther up the hill the white member of the party moved with them, remaining very conspicuous among the dead leaves until it passed out of sight over the crest of the hill.

After searching our books carefully for any other species to which this bird might possibly belong, we felt assured in our first supposition that an Albino Junco was visiting our neighborhood. The bird was seen again near the same location on Sunday, December 27.

January 4, 1937.

EVELYN J. SCHNEIDER, Louisville, Ky.

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#### THE PROTEAN SPARROW

Late one afternoon I noticed two or three sparrow-like birds acting for all the world like Flycatchers. They were in the top of a tree of moderate height standing in a strip of woods on the edge of town. Every few moments they would fly out into the air, evidently after insects, and return to their perch in orthodox Flycatcher fashion. Their shape and color however were not those of the so-called Flycatchers; indeed continued scrutiny more and more revealed their likeness to the common sparrow; and to make the story much shorter than the time I was watching them, I found that my Flycatcher were none other than the birds of our eaves and doorways, the final syllable of whose scientific name, *passer domesticus*, we are sometimes tempted to emphasize. Since then I have seen them at different times and in other situations faithfully and vigorously aping the characteristic movements of the Pewee and its congeners.

Again, walking in a city street where trees were placed some twenty feet apart in the grass plat, I observed a small bird resting on the side of the hole of a tree, its body in a somewhat horizontal position. As I approached, it flew to the next tree, taking about the same position on its



trunk, then to the next, and so on for six or eight consecutive trees. I wondered if it could be some unfamiliar member of the family of climbing birds, but found that it was certainly my familiar friend in an attitude not infrequently assumed.

At times, too, when one is on the look-out for birds of rarer feather, he may note a movement in the foliage very similar to that caused by a warbler or vireo, only to find presently that he is watching the antics of the same enterprising and omnipresent member of the avian proletariat.

How often too it has happened that, being in company with those who kindly ascribe to me some ability to identify our feathered friends, I have been asked, "What bird is that?" and have had the pleasure of answering with solemnity, "That is an English Sparrow." He will fool you too "if you don't watch out." There are variations and anomalies not only in behavior but in appearance.

There is of course the obvious difference in color between the sexes, and living as they do chiefly and familiarly among the haunts of man they are subject to being at times much discolored with soot and grime. But aside from those differences, substantial variations in color may be noted. I observed recently two females together. One was noticeably darker than the other. And one may sometimes see a female whose breast is very light, approaching to whiteness. Whether their gentlemen prefer the more blond type I do not know.

It must be remembered too that the apparent color (if color is ever other than apparent) varies markedly with the light in which the bird is seen. I have seen them, when in flight and catching the bright sunlight, gleam with a brightness that suggested a bird of decidedly tawny plumage. Even distinct differences in size are not wanting. They may be real, owing chiefly to age and sex, or apparent, caused by environment or atmospheric conditions.

In short, our humble, ubiquitous and most versatile friend will repay a close and sympathetic acquaintance. The adult male when clean and freshly groomed is undeniably handsome, and his modestly attired wife is a lady of grace and beauty. It is interesting too to note that, like other familiar bipeds, some are simply better looking than others. In this case as in others, if one will "look to like," he well may find that "looking liking moves."

—W. FOSTER HAYES,  
Harvey, Illinois.

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### THE KENTUCKY ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Organized April, 1923

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Vice-President.....Dr. Gordon Wilson, Bowling Green, Ky.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Evelyn Schneider, 2207 Alta Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Meets annually in Louisville during the week of the Kentucky Education Association; in the fall at some town or park in the state.

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