

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO AT LAKE PLACID

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The birds of the Adirondack Mountains have been intensively studied for many years. Merriam¹, Roosevelt and Minot², Eaton³, Saunders⁴, and others have worked in the area and published notes or papers on their findings. None of them has reported the occurrence of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo, *Coccyzus americanus americanus*, in the region.

On July 1, 1942, an adult male of this species flew into a plate-glass window at the Lake Placid Club and was killed. At the time, I was nature leader at the club, so the specimen fell into my hands. It was made up as a study skin, and now resides in the small study collection maintained by the Lake Placid Club.

The rarity of this record was called to my attention by Dr. Harold H. Axtell, now of the Buffalo Museum of Science. So far as I have been able to determine, it represents the only reported occurrence of this species from the Lake Placid region.

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