

SUMMARY

Advancements in the science of ornithology in recent years have necessitated changes in taxonomy and in nomenclature just as they have in the past and will in the future, for the subject is dynamic, not static. Examples of sequence and name changes and the reasons for some of these changes are mentioned.

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FIELD NOTES

Hairy Woodpecker Feeding Immature Downy Woodpecker. On 17 June 1973 an adult male Hairy Woodpecker was pecking at the suet in a boxlike suet-holder fastened to a tree beside our driveway. While he was on the feeder an immature Downy Woodpecker was hitching itself around on the tree near the feeder and making begging calls. Just before he flew away the Hairy Woodpecker shoved some suet into the bill of the Downy Woodpecker.

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