

*Cardinal and Mockingbird in Jamestown, North Dakota.* Two birds of southern affinities were seen during May 1976 in Jamestown, North Dakota. On 11 May, one of us (DHJ) was following with binoculars the flight of a small flock of birds in McElroy Park, when a red object was observed in a tree. Upon inspection, it turned out to be a male Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). When approached more closely, it flew to the other side of the James River, but remained within clear view. It was not seen when both of us returned 10 minutes later, nor at any later time.

A week later, on 18 May, a Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) spent much of the day in our backyard in southwest Jamestown. It offered itself for close inspection on several occasions, once approaching to within 10 feet of our back window. We listened for it during the evening, as it is noted as a nocturnal songster, but did not hear it, nor did we see it again after that day.

Within North Dakota, the Cardinal is known to breed only in Fargo, although it has been sighted during May-August at several localities in the state (R. E. Stewart, 1975, *Breeding Birds of North Dakota*, Tri-College Center for Environmental Studies, Fargo, N.D.). In the past century the Cardinal has extended its range northward and westward through Minnesota (J. C. Green and R. B. Janssen, 1975, *Minnesota Birds*, Univ. of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis).

The Mockingbird is listed by Stewart (op. cit.) as a hypothetical breeder in North Dakota, based on a nesting report at Dickinson by Adrian C. Fox and scattered sightings of adults during the breeding season. Green and Janssen (op. cit.) regard the species as a rare spring migrant and rare summer resident in Minnesota.

It seems probable that neither bird remained to nest in the vicinity it was observed, but rather was an errant spring wanderer. Both the Cardinal and Mockingbird are considered non-migratory, although a certain amount of movement has been identified (B. G. Beddall, 1963, *Wilson Bulletin* 75(2):140-158).—*Douglas H. Johnson and Judith E. Johnson, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401.*