

Carolina Chickadee  
4 May 1888  
Keokuk, Lee Co., IA  
George H. Berry  
Anderson, specimen (Coe College), P-0017

Record Number: 81-GE  
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

Anderson 1907  
DuMont 1933  
Bent 1946

SPECIMEN

Coe College

PHOTOGRAPHS

Of specimen, T. H. Kent, P-0017

LETTERS

Karl E. (Gene) Goellner to Tom [Kent], 13 Nov 1981

NOTES

Mike Newlon, "Carolina Chickadee - measurements from Ridgeway"  
TK, "Carolina Chickadee"

VOTE (1981): 6-I, 1-V

V, Berry's records are so suspect, that this needs to be  
rechecked for label and ID.

I, is specimen extant?

I, Specimen examined by Anderson in collection of Geo Berry in  
CR -- what happened to it? Should make sure of where specimen is  
located.

I, Is the specimen extant?

REVOTE (at meeting, 5 Sep 1981): 1-III, 2-IV, 1-V, 2-VI

REVOTE (1982): 3-I-S, 1-III, 3-IV

IV, Berry gives no account of the taking of this specimen, so  
the label could be wrong. He might have brought it from the east  
or shot it in Ill or Mo.

IV, (although there is a Michigan specimen.)

I-S, Question re. Berry records is all in reference to records  
much later -- after 1900.

IV, Old records are often suspect, and with Berry's  
questionable background this record has even more added doubt.  
Though not enough to totally discredit the collection site of the  
Carolina Chickadee.

III, I am encouraged that the label is correct because Berry  
collected the bird in Lee Co. whereas his home area was Linn Co.  
Most of his doubtful records seem to have come from Linn Co.

REVOTE (at meeting, 8 May 1982): 4-I-S, 1-III, 2-IV

342. (736). *Parus carolinensis* Aud. Carolina Chickadee.

Anderson 1907  
pp 375-376

The only Iowa record of this small Southern species is a specimen which I have examined, from the collection of Geo. H. Berry of Cedar Rapids. He shot the bird at Keokuk, Iowa, May 4, 1888. It measures: L. 4; W. 2.38; T. 2.06. The specimen in general appears very much smaller than the common Chickadee, quills, tertials and rectrices with very indistinct whitish edgings, almost obliterated on tail; in all respects typical *carolinensis* as described by Coues, Ridgway, and Baird, Brewer and Ridgway. A specimen of the Sycamore Warbler (another Southern form) was taken by Mr. Berry the same day—probably carried north by the same migration wave.

*Penthestes carolinensis carolinensis* (Audubon). Carolina Chickadee

DuMont 1934  
pp 102-103

Accidental. Anderson (1907) recorded that he had examined a specimen taken by George H. Berry, at Keokuk, Lee County, May 4, 1888. This specimen is now in the Museum at Coe College. It measures: wing, 58.9; tail, 49.3; tarsus, 16.0. The identification was recently confirmed by H. C. Oberholser.

Fred J. Pierce reported that a bird of this species was observed by Charles J. Spiker and himself, in Buchanan County, October 7, 1929. The peculiarities of its song were carefully noted. In the experience of the writer the song of this bird is the best clue for its identification.

Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Jays, Crows and Titmice.  
Bull 191 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1946. p 352

*Casual records.*—This species has been recorded as an "accidental visitant" in western New York (Lancaster); one was taken at Ecorse, Mich., on July 17, 1899; and a specimen was collected at Keokuk, Iowa, on May 4, 1888.



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Dear Tom,

Good to hear from you. Believe the last time we corresponded, it was about the chance (more) of getting a human bone for teaching.

Excuse writing; my typewriter is in the shop. I haven't checked Du Mont, but believe we have the chickadee about which you inquire. It is small, etc, and is tagged "#1896, 5/4/88"; on reverse: "Kerkuk, Iowa." Another tag, probably added later, reads "Penthestes carolinensis (and) by H.C.O." and below "P. O.D."

H.C.O. would be H.C. Abrahamson of the U.S. Biol. Survey, to whom Du Mont sent some things for verification.

It is dirty & a bit shabby and should be repurified. Am sure Dr Harlow Hadlow, who replaced me, and Dr Kenneth Cook, Dept. head, would be happy to let you see and photo it; perhaps get it cleaned up at SHS Museum. I could bring it down some time.

Sincerely

Karl E. (Gene) Baellner

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Specimen at Coe College

Two labels: "Keokuk Iowa 5/4/88 1896"

"Penthestes carolinensis (Aud)

by HCO PAD"

HCO=Oberholser PAD=Dumont TK

Measured by P. C. Petersen on 11/27/81

length = 100 mm, wing chord = 58 mm

tail = 47 mm, culmen = 7.5 mm

tarsus = 16, middle toe too curved to eval.

Specimen examined by T. Kent, M. Newlon,

P Petersen, J. Dinsmore, D. Koenig

Lacks white in wing, sharp bib

TK

## Carolina Chickadee -- measurements from Ridgeway (from Mike Newlon)

		Hack-c RAS mm-max ( $\bar{x}$ )	Carolina P.C.C. mm-max ( $\bar{x}$ )	Midwest acc $\bar{x}$
<del>l.</del> l.	♂	129.5 - 140.5 (131.2)	105 - 123 (111.2)	
	♀	119 - 137 (122.2)	96.5 - 118 (109.2)	
Wing	♂	65.5 - 73.0 (69.7)	57.5 - 66.5 (61.8)	67.3
	♀	63.5 - 69.5 (66.5)	54.5 - 63.5 (61.2)	61.2
tail	♂	63.5 - 71 (67.2)	47 - 57.5 (51.9)	57.9
	♀	61 - 67 (69.4)	46.5 - 52.5 (53.3)	53.3
cul. mn	♂	9.5 - 11 (9.7)	7.5 - 9 (8.4)	8.6
	♀	8.5 - 10 (9.5)	7.5 - 9 (8.4)	8.4
tarsus	♂	16.5 - 18.5 (17.2)	13.5 - 16 (15.4)	16.2
	♀	15 - 18 (16.2)	13.5 - 14 (15.4)	15.4
mtoc	♂	9.5 - 11.5 (10.5)	8.5 - 10 (9.6)	10.1
	♀	7.5 - 11 (9.9)	8.5 - 10 (9.6)	9.6

l: druid skin

w: 2 fingers, bend to tip of l. 10

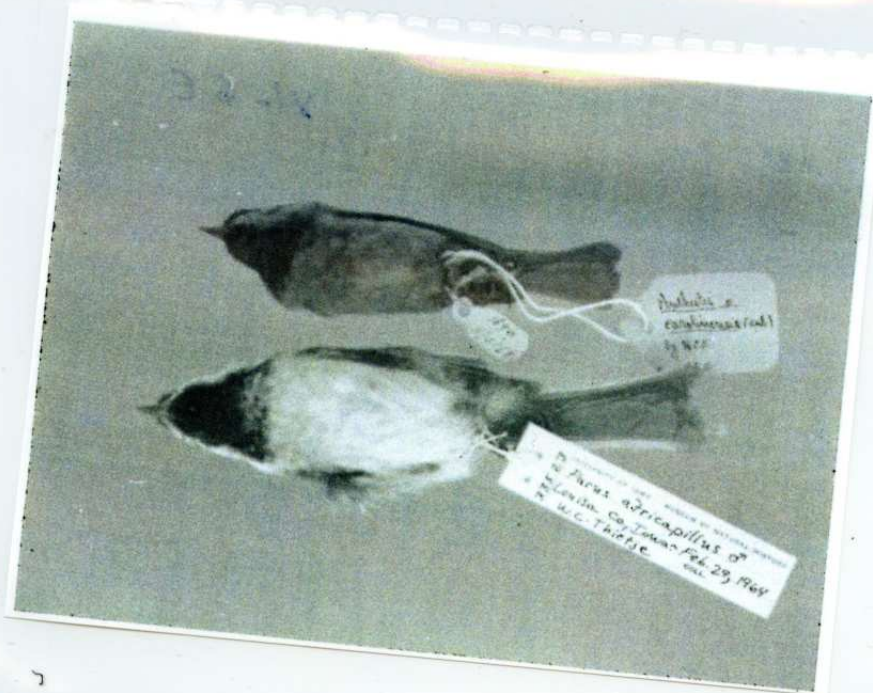
t: " " 1 pt between 4 pr. rectrices - pushed  
as far as possible, 1st tip of 1 rectrix.

cul. dr. - extra or exposed?

h: outer side of joint to end.

m.t. : l. cut insertion → base of claw.





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