

## THE CHINQUAPIN.

CASTANEA PUMILA, *Willd.*, Sp. Pl., vol. iv. p. 461. *Pursch*, Flor. Amer., vol. ii. p. 625. *Mich.*, Arbr. Forest. de l'Amer. Sept., vol. ii. p. 166. Pl. 7.—MONÆCIA POLYANDRIA, *Linn.*—AMENTACEÆ, *Juss.*

This species of chestnut is characterized by its oblong, acute, sharply-serated leaves, which are whitish and downy beneath. The fruit is very agreeable, and is a favourite food of Squirrels, and birds of different species, such as Pigeons, Jays, Turkeys and Woodpeckers.

## THE BAY-BREASTED WOOD-WARBLER.

+ SYLVICOLA CASTANEA, *Wils.*

PLATE LXXX.—MALE AND FEMALE.

This species does not breed in the United States, or if it does, must spend the summer in some of the most remote north-western districts, so that I have not been able to discover its principal abode. It merely passes through the better known portions of the Union, where it remains for a very short time. There is something so very uncommon in its appearance in different States, that I cannot refrain from briefly mentioning it. It is sometimes found in Pennsylvania, or the State of New York, as well as in New Jersey, as early as the beginning of April, but is only seen there for a few days. I have shot some individuals at such times, when I observed them employed in searching for insects and larvæ along the fences bordering our fields. At other times I have shot them late in June, in the State of Louisiana, when the cotton-plant was covered with blossoms, amongst which they were busily searching for food. The Bay-breasted Warbler, however, has so far eluded my inquiries, that I am unable to give any further account of its habits.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER, *Sylvia castanea*, *Wils.* Amer. Orn., vol. ii. p. 97.

SYLVIA CASTANEA, *Bonap.* Syn., p. 80.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER, *Sylvia castanea*, *Nutt.* Man., vol. i. p. 382.

BAY-BREASTED WARBLER, *Sylvia castanea*, *Aud.* Orn. Biog., vol. i. p. 358.

Outer three quills almost equal, fourth considerably shorter; tail slightly





*Bay-breasted Wood-Warbler*  
*Highland Cotton-plant Gossypium herbaceum.*

1. Male. 2. Female.







emarginate. Male with the upper part of the head, the fore neck, and the sides, chestnut-red; forehead and cheeks, including a small space over the eye, deep black, behind which is a transverse patch of yellowish-white on the sides of the neck; back bluish ash-grey, streaked with black; tips of the secondary coverts and first row of small coverts white; quills and tail-feathers brownish-black edged with grey, the outer three of the latter with a white patch on the inner web near the end; middle of breast, abdomen, and lower tail-coverts white, tinged with reddish. Female similar to the male, but with the tints fainter, especially the chestnut of the head and throat, which are converted into light brownish-red.

Male, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 11.

From Texas northward. Rather common. Migratory.

#### THE HIGHLAND COTTON-PLANT.

GOSSIPUM HERBACEUM, *Linn.*, Syst. Nat., vol. ii. p. 462.—MONADELPHIA POLYANDRIA, *Linn.*  
—MALVACEÆ, *Juss.*

This species, commonly known in America, is distinguished by its five-lobed leaves and herbaceous stem.

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### THE CHESTNUT-SIDED WOOD-WARBLER.

+SYLVICOLA ICTEROCEPHALA, *Lath.*

PLATE LXXXI.—MALE AND FEMALE.

In the beginning of May 1808, I shot five of these birds, on a very cold morning, near Pottsgrove, in the State of Pennsylvania. There was a slight fall of snow at the time, although the peach and apple trees were already in full bloom. I have never met with a single individual of this species since. They all had their wings drooping, as if suffering severely from the sudden change of the weather, and had betaken themselves to the lower rails of a fence, where they were engaged in searching after insects, particularly spiders. I procured every one of those which I met with that morning, and which were five in number, two of them males, and the rest females.

Where this species goes to breed I am unable to say, for to my inquiries on this subject I never received any answers which might have led me to the





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Audubon, John James. 1841. "The Bay-Breasted Wood-Warbler, *Sylvicola castanea*, Wils. [Pl. 80]." *The birds of America : from drawings made in the United States and their territories* 2, 34–35. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.319193>.

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