

cold of the passing season had not relaxed sufficiently to permit them to emerge from their winter retreats. The note of this bird is a repetition at short intervals of phée-bee, and from this call it receives its name. When you hear this call you will make no mistake in assigning it to the Phœbe.

The olive-sided flycatcher is a slightly larger bird, almost as large as a Kingbird. Above it is a slaty brown; the chin, throat and a line through the breast continued posteriorly, is white; other parts below are grayish. I have never been able to detect the olive of its sides. If it is really olive-sided, the olive must be rather obscure. It frequents the tops of lofty trees, pine, fir or spruce and utters at short intervals a note which suggests that of the domestic chicken. Another call is represented by the syllables O-whee-O but eh-phée-bee is the call generally heard. It is said that it selects its particular territory and defends it from intrusion as vigorously as the Kingbird. The wood pewee is more lowly in its habits, frequenting the lower branches of trees and very often leafless branches. It is a dark gray or slate above; an unvaried soiled white or light ash below. Its sad, feeble, and prolonged pe-ee will help to distinguish it. The three flycatchers, the phœbe, olive-sided and wood pewee bear a good deal of resemblance to one another. Unless you have a near view you will find some difficulty in distinguishing them by their colors. Contrasting them you will find that the Phœbe is the darkest bird, the bill, head and neck being quite dark or almost black; that the olive-sided and wood-pewee are of the same general color above, the former having the white middle line underneath from the throat back to the tail, the latter with the whole under surface a soiled white. It is not difficult to approach within a short distance of the phœbe or wood-pewee but you can rarely do so in regard to the olive-sided fly-catcher as it almost always chooses a lofty perch, the top or the topmost branch of a tall tree.

Two other flycatchers are occasionally seen here, Trail's flycatcher and the Least flycatcher. They resemble each other in color and size so closely that it is very hard to distinguish them. There are differences in color and size but these differences are not apparent at a little distance. This is evidently a