

mandible overhanging the lower considerably, approaching in its form to that of the parrot; base of the bill, covered with recumbent hairs of a dark brown colour. The whole plumage near the roots, as in most other birds, is of a deep bluish ash colour. The female was half an inch shorter, and answered nearly to the above description; only those parts that in the male were crimson were in her of a yellowish colour."

In an interesting paper (on the Land Birds wintering in the neighbourhood of Toronto, by G. W. Allan, Esq.,) read before the Canadian Institute in 1853, it is stated that this species visited the vicinity of that city in 1839, in large flocks. In 1836 they were shot so far south as Philadelphia. It is a constant resident however in the cold regions of the Hudson's Bay territory, and is only seen in the inhabited southern border of Canada in very cold winters.

This bird is said to be a charming songster, Wilson kept one of them in a cage for more than half a year, and he remarks that in May and June its song, though not so loud as some birds of its size, was extremely clear, mellow and sweet. It would warble out this for a whole morning together, and acquired several notes of the red bird that hung near it.

*Bombycilla garrula.* This bird very much resembles the common Wax-wing or cedar bird, sometimes also called the cherry bird in this country. From the account which follows it will be seen, however, that this species is different and has a very wide geographical range, being an European as well as an American bird. On this continent it breeds in the northwest, and only visits us in cold winters.

The following description is from the English Cyclopaedia:

*B. garrula*, European Wax-Wing or Chatterer. This elegant species, which is also known by the English names of the Bohemian Chatterer, Bohemian Wax-Wing and Silk-Tail, is *Le Jaseur de Bohême*, (Buffon, &c.), *Grand Jaseur* (Temminck), and *Geay de Bohême* of the French; *Garrulo di Boemia* of the Italians; *Rothlichgrauer Seidenschwanz* (Meyer), *Europaischer Seidenschwanz*, and *Gemeine Seidenschwanz* (Bechstein) of the Germans; *Garrulus Bohemicus* of Gesner; *Bombycilla* of Schwenck; *Ampelis* of Aldrovand; *Bombycilla Bohemica* of Brisson; *Ampelis garrulus* of Linnæus; *Bombyciphora garrula* of Brehm; *Bombyciphora poliocalia* of Meyer; *Bombycivora garrula* of Temminck; and *Bombycilla garrula* of Vieillot.