GROOVE-BILLED ANI
AT GREEN BAY
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Wisconsin has recorded another visit of the Groove-billed Ani, (Crotaphaga sulcirostris). On October 8, 1975 Ms. Amy Kienitz, a UW-Green Bay student found a freshly killed Ani on East Shore Drive near the university. The identification was confirmed by Dr. Robt. Cook and the specimen was added to the Richter Ornithological Collection at UWGB. The bird, an adult female was in good condition when found, however, fat deposits were very small. Three grams of partially digested grasshoppers, (Orthoptera) were present in the stomach. The Ani was apparently a car kill, judging from the subcutaneous bruises found on the left anterior part of the body and head.

This is the first record for Brown County and the fifth state record. Interestingly, all of the state records have occurred in the fall, usually October.

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<td>W. Gantenbein¹</td>
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The Ani reported by Mrs. Slepicka in 1969 had also been observed to be feeding on grasshoppers.

The breeding range of the Groove-billed Ani extends from Central America to Texas. Recent reports indicate some northward breeding range extensions and excellent reproduction. Northward movements after the breeding season have produced records in Ohio, Michigan, and Minnesota since 1965⁴ ⁵ ⁶. If the trend continues Wisconsin should expect more records of this straggler from the South.

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