

narrow and long..

(That's just about two inches wide.)

..and it's real narrow--long tails and the head comes up like that.

(indicates a long point.) Small head and a long, not a too long bill..

about that long. (indicates app. 3') and it's sharp and when you open

their mouth it's about that big (app. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ' from top tip of bill to bottom

tip.) It's got little feet, about that long. (app. $1\frac{1}{2}$ '). It dives in

the water--it dives under the water and come out way out there somewhere.

That's why they call it the Waterbird.

(Where does it come from? Is it around here?)

Come from Florida. There's some up here at the lake..Thomas Lake--up

here at Mt. Scott.

(How did the people here find out about the Waterbird in Florida?)

There was some here all the time. Way back in years. Right below

Mt. Scott, they used to have a big river going through there..you seen

that, Medicine Creek--

(You said Mt. Scott?)

Yeah, Mt. Scott, this mountain over here. There used to be a bunch of

Indians over there and they seen them Waterbirds there. They took

them Waterbirds and they took their feathers, some of them and they make

fans out of them. But this one man who started it, he got the tail

feathers and he doctored with them--he doctored with it and you know, when

you hear a Waterbird--out there in the creek, they sound like they

whistle real loud and pretty noise, you know. And this man he whistles

like this Waterbird and just cry like this Waterbird. So he got those

tail of that Waterbird and went and doctored with it--like I say--just

fan them like this--put over cedar, burning cedar and he doctored with

it, and that tail of that bird was really powerful. It got people well.