

(Seems like they're pretty popular for fans, aren't they?)

Fall--October--that's when they come through here. Going south. I don't know where they come from north. Nobody knows. They might come from out east or somewhere. "Fly catchers," as they call them around here--"Scissor-tail."

State bird now. They can't--

(You're not suppose to use them are you?)

No, you can use them, but you can't kill them. I think they'll fine you about five hundred and so many days in jail if they catch you.

(Oh, they will.)

Any kind of bird now.

(When did they start using scissor-tail feathers?)

Oh, they been here long time, ever since country opened.

(Oh, they have?)

DOCTORING WITH YELLOWHAMMER FEATHERS

Scissor-tails. Well them yellow hammers, they used to use them, too. But you got to be a doctor to use them. They use them for doctoring.

(Oh, they do?)

Flickers. North American Flickers, they call them.

(Does anybody ever use those feathers for meetings? For peyote fans?)

Well, 1918--along in there there was some of the older ones that use them. But when they died their feathers, they just put them away. Because they use them--they doctor with them feathers.

(Still today?)

No, not today. They ain't no medicine men today. They used to get them yellow hammer feathers. You know how sharp they are on the tips? They stick you right here on the skin, anywhere where you're hurting, pain. Get that blood where it start coming out. Then they get a hold of it and suck your blood out.

(With one of those horns?)