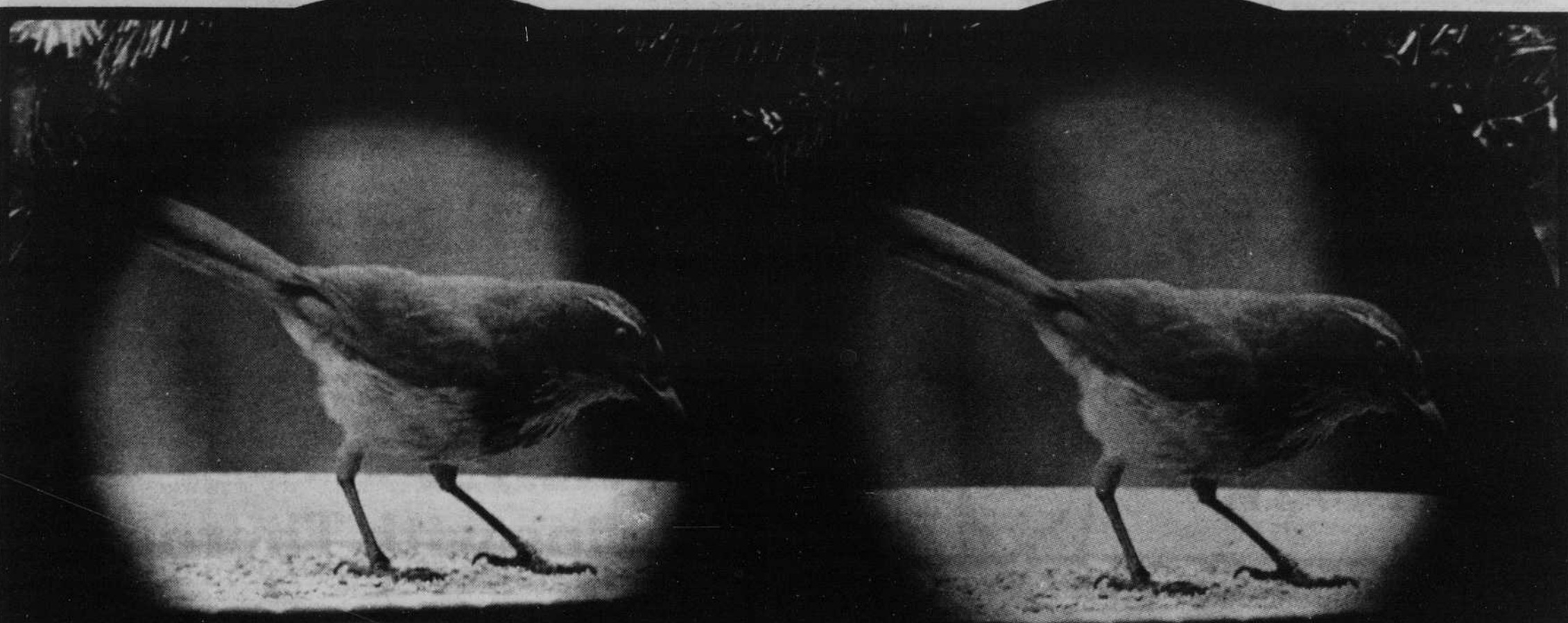


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Fear and Loathing in the Trees: Birdwatching in Eugene

The art of catching strange birds in compromising positions is becoming a major form of local entertainment. At 7 in the morning most people would be put to sleep by a mass murder, but bird watchers find this a perfect time to go out and chart tweets.

Eugene offers perfect hunting grounds for the birders. In one morning alone, local bird watchers sighted an acorn woodpecker (hiding in a telephone pole), a marsh hawk, a tree swallow, a pair of American Goldfinches, a yellow-throated warbler, a snipe, a coot, and a Sand Hill crane, gargling. None of these species are edible, but anyone who wants to try has my permission. Story on Page 4B.