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**OUR COVER**— Shiny Cowbird near Aurora, N. C. The relatively flat forehead, thin bill, and dark head are visible. The lighter colored wings represent a very dark glossy blue-green color. Photo by S. Cooper, See note starting on page 82.