

Occurrence of *Chondestes grammacus* about Washington, D. C.—Up to date our knowledge of the occurrence of the Lark Finch in the neighborhood of Washington is limited to the capture of a single specimen by Mr. Roberts, August 27, 1877, and the observation of two individuals in the Smithsonian grounds, during the summer of the same year. To the above is to be added the capture of a second specimen, an adult male, August 8, 1886, by the writer. There is nothing in the nature of the capture to indicate that the bird was not an 'accidental.'—H. W. HENSHAW, *Washington, D. C.*

Lincoln's Sparrow and the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher in Connecticut.—I have recently examined a female *Melospiza lincolni* taken at East Hartford, Conn., Sept. 21, 1885, by Mr. Willard E. Treat. It was accidentally killed when shooting *Geothlypis trichas*. He writes that on April 24, 1886, he winged another of these Sparrows but did not capture it. It was in thick brush and extremely shy.

May 7, 1886, Mr. Treat killed a female *Poliophtila cærulea* at East Hartford. It was on the top of a high willow. This is, I believe, the third recorded capture of this Gnatcatcher for Connecticut.—JNO. H. SAGE, *Portland, Conn.*

The Evening Grosbeak in Wisconsin.—I am glad to record the capture of a male specimen of the Evening Grosbeak (*Hesperophona vespertina*) at DePere, Wis., Nov. 28, 1885. This is the first authentic occurrence of the species in Brown County.—SAMUEL WELLS WILLARD, *DePere, Wis.*

First Plumage of the Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*).—Underparts whitish-buff, heavily streaked on breast with dusky; throat and abdomen with lighter and more linear streaks of the same. Under tail-coverts reddish-buff with dark streaks. Head and upper parts dark brownish buff thickly spotted and streaked with dusky. Wings showing traces of dull red and green on primaries and secondaries. The first and second wing-coverts tipped and edged with buff, forming two distinct wing-bars.

The bird (No. 2084, ♂, Coll. C. W. Beckham), from which the above description is taken, was shot at Bardstown, Kentucky, on June 21, and was attended by both parents.

The call-note of the young Tanager is very different from any note of the adult birds. It is very full and sonorous and faintly suggestive of the Bluebird's ordinary whistle.—CHARLES WICKLIFF BECKHAM, *Bardstown, Ky.*

Two additional Massachusetts Specimens of the Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*).—At the time of recording* the Prothonotary War-

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