

had secured. The next day, Dec. 1, we went to the dock and to all the hunters we could get track of and captured all the specimens that had not already gotten into the pot. Out of fourteen that we could trace as having been killed, we were fortunate enough to obtain seven in good condition. The oldest hunters here do not remember to have seen any of the kind before. They call them Boobies, the same name they give to the Surf Ducks that are frequently taken here. No other Ducks were seen in the bay when the Eiders appeared. They are in all varieties of immature plumage, none appearing in anything like the breeding condition. The nearest approach to it was one male that showed pearl gray mixed with dark on top of head; he also had a distinct black V-shaped mark on the white throat. The other males had browner heads and fainter black V-shaped throat markings. Of the seven, six are males, and one a female in good typical plumage. I believe that none of this species has been recorded as taken on Lake Erie since 1879, when eighteen were shot at Buffalo, N. Y. (See note by J. A. Allen in Bull. Nutt. Ornith. Club, Vol. V, p. 62.)—GEO. B. SENNETT, *Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City.*

**The Little Brown Crane (*Grus canadensis*) in Rhode Island.**—Under date of Oct. 14, 1889, Mr. F. T. Jencks writes me: "I saw today at Mr. J. M. Southwick's natural history store in Providence a finely mounted specimen of the Little Brown Crane (*Grus canadensis*) which Mr. Southwick informed me was shot the 8th or 9th of October by Benjamin Burlingame, at Natick Hill, Rhode Island."

I have since learned from Mr. Southwick that the bird belongs to the Superintendent of Public Schools at Natick where it will be preserved in an educational collection. As far as I am aware this species has never previously been reported from any part of New England, although the Whooping and Sandhill Cranes are supposed to have occurred rather numerous in the early colonial days.—WILLIAM BREWSTER, *Cambridge, Mass.*

**Baird's Sandpiper at New Haven, Connecticut.**—On October 19, 1889, I took a male *Tringa bairdii* at New Haven, Conn. It was flying high over a sand spit running out into New Haven harbor, in a flock of about twenty other Sandpipers, of what species I am unable to say.

Another specimen of this species, a female in the young plumage, now in the collection of Mr. C. C. Trowbridge, New Haven, was shot at the same locality, Oct. 28, 1887. These make the second and third records \* of Baird's Sandpiper for Connecticut.—LEWIS B. WOODRUFF, *New Haven, Conn.*

**Callipepla squamata in Northeastern New Mexico.**—During the month of October, 1889, I found the Scaled Partridge to be a not uncommon bird at a place called 'Point of Rocks,' about eight miles south of Chico Springs, Colfax Co., New Mexico. They are probably extremely local, as

\*For the first record see Averill, Auk, VI, 189,