

**The Great Gray Owl in Lewis County, New York.** — I take pleasure in recording the capture of the Great Gray Owl (*Scotiaptex cinerea*) in this locality. It is, I believe, the first authentic instance of its capture in this County (Lewis). It was shot by a farmer in the town of Watson, Dec. 17, 1889, and is now in my collection. The farmer said that he was slaughtering swine, and the Owl flew from an adjoining piece of woods, alighting in a tree in the yard (doubtless attracted by the fresh meat). The bird, which was an adult female, was in very poor condition and the stomach was empty.—JAMES H. MILLER, *Lowville, N. Y.*

**Picoides arcticus in Central New York.**—The Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker is undoubtedly one of the rarest winter visitants in central New York, and its occurrence in Onondaga County in the vicinity of Syracuse has, I believe, never been made public. It is with pleasure therefore that I record two instances of its capture that have come under my notice.

On December 25, 1883, Mr. E. F. Northrup took a specimen in a swamp a few miles north of the city, but through ignorance of its value delayed skinning it until too late. I saw the bird on several occasions doing duty as copy for a water-color sketch, and tried to secure possession of it, but without success, and to my disgust it was finally thrown into an ash barrel as unfit to skin. A mention of this capture was made in Bulletin No. 1 of the Biological Laboratory of Syracuse University, published in February, 1886, by Morgan K. Barnum, entitled 'List of the birds of Onondaga County.' This Bulletin, however, was not a success, and beyond a few copies given to applicants and friends the entire issue was stored away in the College archives.

The second specimen, an immature female, was taken at Tully, New York, on February 22, 1889, by my friend Mr. J. A. Dakin who kindly consented that it should form a part of my own collection. He informs me that it was exceedingly shy and difficult of approach, and that it was only after a long pursuit and some sharp manœuvring that it was finally secured.—E. M. HASBROUCK, *Washington, D. C.*

**The Red-bellied Woodpecker in Northwestern New Jersey.** — I shot a female Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) at Newton, New Jersey, on the 16th of November, 1889. I have only found this species in northern New Jersey on one or two occasions, but it is of more frequent occurrence in the southern part of the State.—STEWART LEWIS, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*

**Food of Young Hummingbirds.**—July 2, 1887, Mr. E. S. Hoar of Concord, Mass, found a Ruby-throated Hummingbird's nest in his garden. It was saddled on the drooping branch of an apple tree about eight feet above the ground, and contained two eggs which were hatched July 4. On the 7th Mr. Hoar kindly allowed me to inspect the nest and its contents. The young were then nearly as large\* as their mother, and were

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\*It is remarkable that they should have attained so large a size in so short a time. They did not, however, leave the nest until July 18.