

Some Birds Recently Added to the Collection of the New York State Museum. — During the year closing Sept. 30, 1891, the following interesting birds have been added to the New York State Museum's collection.

A pair of Evening Grosbeaks (*Coccothraustes vespertina*). These birds are interesting because they were shot at Wayland, Steuben Co., N. Y., in February, 1890. The locality is an unusual one for the species. The irruption of the species into the State of New York from the westward in 1890 has already been noticed in 'Forest and Stream.'

A pair of Heath Hens (*Tympanuchus cupido*). The female was taken on the Island of Martha's Vineyard, on December 24 or 25, 1890. Her measurements, taken after mounting, are: length, 15 inches; length of wing, 8.50 inches. The male was taken at the same locality on December 22, 1890. His measurements, taken while in the flesh, were reported to me as follows: "Length, 16 inches; expanse, 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; wing, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches." The length of the wing, as given above, means the length of the expanded wing. The length of the wing from the carpal joint to the end of the longest primary is 8.75 inches (measured on the mounted bird). His crop was reported to contain leaves and grasshoppers.

A Turkey Buzzard (*Carthartes aura*), an adult, probably a male, shot in the town of Clarendon, Orleans Co., N. Y., on July 18, 1891, by Mr. A. E. Snyder. Attention is called to this specimen because of the locality in which it was taken. The Turkey Buzzard is said to be of rare occurrence so far north.

Last spring Mr. Frank A. Ward of Rochester told me that he had in his possession a bird, taken near Lake Ontario, which he supposed to be a Harlan's Hawk. He afterwards changed his mind about the name of the bird, as he sent it to me without a name. It proved to be a rather immature specimen of the Black Gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus obsoletus*). Mr. Austin F. Park of Troy has since seen the specimen and confirms my opinion that the bird is a Black Gyrfalcon. It is a female, and was shot near Lake Ontario, in Monroe Co., N. Y., in October, 1890. The label sent with the specimen contains the following field-notes. — "Length, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; tail, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; wing, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; spread 51 inches. Cere and feet gray (not so bright a gray as in the Osprey)." This is the only specimen of Black Gyrfalcon that I have ever had an opportunity to examine. Its color is very dark. Dr. F. J. H. Merrill of the New York State Museum, who has seen the specimen exhibited in the U. S. National Museum, assures me that our specimen is several shades darker. — WM. B. MARSHALL, *New York State Museum, Albany, N. Y.*

Winter Birds of Cape May, New Jersey. — In the early part of the present year Mr. S. N. Rhoads and myself spent a few days (January 26-29) at Cape May City, N. J., with the object of investigating the avifauna of the vicinity. The weather at the time of our visit was extremely cold, and of course no migration had begun at this early date, so that we could without question consider all the species found by us as regular