

from Looney, Craig Co., Va., December 18, 1895, two of which were shipped alive. Mr. J. B. Ruble, who secured the birds, writes the following particulars concerning their capture: "Mr. John Myers, who lives near the top of the mountain here, saw the Eagles feeding on a dead sheep; he set a trap and caught four of them from the one sheep. There are more Eagles in this county than I ever saw before. Mr. John Looney told me that about a week ago he saw thirteen in one flock, and there have been eight or ten in all taken in Craig County this winter." In answer to further inquiry Mr. Ruble writes that he considers that all the Eagles were of the same kind. Gentlemen who have been going down to Craig County for deer, for a number of years past, say that they never heard of any Golden Eagles there before, and Dr. Rives, in his 'Birds of the Virginias,' only gives a few records for this species. The occurrence of the bird in such numbers therefore seems to be well worth recording.—WITMER STONE, *Acad. Nat. Sci., Philadelphia, Pa.*

Nidification of the Dusky Horned Owl.—According to the few records of the eggs of *Bubo virginianus saturatus* in Bendire's 'Life Histories of North American Birds,' it appears that the eggs of this species are very rare and that none have been obtained for many years. Capt. Bendire records a set of two eggs that were taken by Kennicott in Alaska, April 16, 1862, and also another egg taken by H. Connelly in Labrador in 1863.

I therefore have pleasure in recording a set of two eggs that were taken recently. Although I have once or twice received eggs from the North supposed to belong to this species, it was not until last season that I was able to obtain the parent with the eggs. The nest was found by my collector at Sandwich Bay, Labrador, April 17, 1895, and the label says: "The nest was built in a spruce 15 feet from the ground, and made of twigs and coarse grass." The female was shot as she left the nest and is an exceptionally dark specimen. Both eggs with the parent are now in the collection of R. S. Sharples, Esq., of Elgin, Ill.—W. RAINE, *Toronto, Canada.*

Four Winter Records of the Short-eared Owl on the Massachusetts Coast.—I have a female Short-eared Owl (*Asio accipitrinus*) in my collection which was taken at Orleans, near Chatham, Mass., on February 23, 1896, by Mr. Charles J. Paine, Jr.; and I also know of a female (?) taken at Ipswich, Mass., on December 31, 1895, by Mr. Ralph W. Gray; and a male taken at the same locality by Mr. George C. Shattuck on January 1, 1896; also a female taken at the same locality on February 12, 1896, by Mr. W. S. Townsend.

I also know of a number of specimens taken at Middletown, near Newport, R. I., in winter.—REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Longwood, Mass.*

The Roadrunner as a Rat-killer.—This forenoon (May 7, 1896), I came suddenly upon a Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) that had just