

there and had found bones of good sized mammals at the foot of the cliffs.

On May 15, 1896, I was in camp within a few miles of these cliffs (and intended renewing my visit), when Charles Haskell, a well known collector in the employment of Dr. W. L. Ralph, stopped over night with me on his way to try and collect this Eagle's nest. Notwithstanding that he urged me to go with him I allowed a previous arrangement for the day to prevent, and he departed with his guide at daylight on the 16th. He was back at my camp by late afternoon with a beautiful set of three eggs of the Duck Hawk. He found the nest thirty feet below the top of the cliff, which is several hundred feet high, and he was let down with a rope from above. He stated that the bird was very bold and that he had to keep her off with a short club.

Whether he collected the famous 'Eagle's nest' or not, is yet to be discovered but the Hawk is a new record for this district, and I believe the nest is a new record for the State of New York. The three beautiful eggs are before this with Dr. Ralph's other contributions in the Smithsonian at Washington.

Ammodramus savannarum passerinus. — A specimen of this bird was killed on the hills south of Oneida Village, July 2, 1895, by Messrs. Wm. R. Maxon and T. F. Wilcox.

In addition to the above new records the following are worth recording.

Ardetta exilis. — Mr. Wm. R. Maxon of Oneida informs me that a gentleman of that village killed two of these birds in August, 1892, a few miles west of that place, and also says that since then he has several times seen these birds in the same locality. We had but one previous record of this bird.

Nycticorax nycticorax nævius. — Mr. Maxon has a full plumaged male of this species which was taken in a steel trap set for muskrats, near Higginsville. Mr. Klock, an Oneida taxidermist, reports several females (or young?), from Oneida Lake.

Cathartes aura. — A specimen of this bird was winged near Maynard, in this county, in August, 1896, and is still kept alive in this city. Our second record.

Aquila chrysaëtos. — A Golden Eagle was shot, wounded and captured at Clinton early in May, 1896, and was kept in captivity for some time. Our second record. — EGBERT BAGG, *Utica, N. Y.*

Lake Michigan Bird Notes. — **Tringa canutus.** — While collecting on the branch of Lake Michigan at Millers, Indiana, August 24, 1896, I obtained a juvenile male of this species which is in the gray and white plumage. It was in company with a large flock of Sanderlings.

Tringa bairdii. — I took one specimen of this bird, and observed several others. It was surprising how difficult I found it to approach within gun shot of the beach birds; they would keep together in a large flock, and it required a long trip along shore to obtain the specimens I wished for.

Squatarola squatarola. — While returning along the beach to Millers to take the train home, I was fortunate enough to take an adult male of this rare migrant, which was in full breeding plumage. All of the above birds were taken at Millers in the afternoon of August 24, 1896.

Rissa tridactyla. — An adult male of this species was taken by Mr. Christopher Wagner, who was shooting from a boat on Lake Michigan near what is known as the Jack-knife Bridge, in Lincoln Park. The bird was purchased for the collection of the Chicago Academy of Sciences by Mr. Chas. M. Higginson.

Clangula islandica. — On December 11, 1896, I obtained two specimens of this bird on Lake Michigan, near the Daily News Sanitarium. I also shot a fine pair of *Harelda hyemalis*, which were the only ones of this species I observed that day. At the present writing, Feb. 3, there are hundreds of the latter species feeding among the ice floes off Lincoln Park.

Uria lomvia. — On December 31, 1896, I obtained a fine adult male of this species, which was shot by a Mr. McCoy, on the Iroquois River, Newton County, Indiana, about one and a half miles from the town of Foresman. — FRANK M. WOODRUFF, *Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago, Ill.*

Sundry Notes. — **Clangula americana.** AMERICAN GOLDEN-EYE. — A pair, the first seen this season, were observed in the harbor of Nantucket, Mass., Oct. 26, 1896; one was also seen Nov. 1; both early dates.

Merganser serrator. RED-BREADED MERGANSER. — October 31 this species was here in greater numbers than usual.

Aythya marila. AMERICAN SCAUP DUCK. — I saw large numbers in Madaket harbor Nov. 1, — about one thousand (estimated) birds.

In passing through Nantucket Sound I saw, Nov. 11, about two thousand Old Squaws (*Harelda hyemalis*) in one body. I also saw a great many White-winged Scoters (*Oidemia deglandi*) in groups scattered over the sound; also a much less number of Surf Scoters (*O. perspicillata*). I did not observe any American Scoters (*O. americana*). I do not see many of the latter nowadays; they are getting to be a rather scarce bird on the Massachusetts and Rhode Island coasts.

Squatarola squatarola. BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER. — Four young birds were seen at Nantucket, Nov. 1; they were well up, flying towards the west. On Nov. 3, I saw one, also a young bird, and an American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*).

Puffinus stricklandi. SOOTY SHEARWATER. — Four were seen in company at Nantucket Sept. 3, 1896, as they passed by the south side of the island, flying towards the west.

Zenaidura macroura. MOURNING DOVE. — Two seen and shot one, the male, the stomach of which was forwarded to Mr. S. D. Judd, Washington, for identification of its contents, the result of which has been kindly sent