

American Avocet and American Three-toed Woodpecker at Toronto.—An Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*) was shot on the eastern sandbar, Toronto, by Mr. C. K. Rogers, September 19, 1901. The bird was noticed feeding among a flock of plovers. It proved to be a male, and is the second Toronto record, the first being of a bird taken about fifteen years ago.

The American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides americanus*) was shot on Wells Hill, Toronto, November 16, 1901. It was seen in the company of another, probably its mate. The bird is a male, and is now in my collection. This is the first recorded specimen from Toronto, and a most unexpected occurrence so far away from the Muskoka District, into which it comes occasionally in the winter from further north, but, unlike *Picoides arcticus*, which has been recorded a number of times from the vicinity of Toronto, it does not seem ever to leave the shelter of the forest, and once suited will stay all winter within a very limited area, in isolated pairs.—J. H. FLEMING, *Toronto, Can.*

Capture of the Mexican Jacana in Florida.—Captain B. F. Hall, of the steamboat 'Naoma No. 3,' showed me the skin of a *Jacana spinosa* (Linn.), killed in October, 1899, on Pelican Bay, Lake Okechobee, Florida.—EDGAR A. MEARN, *Fort Adams, Newport, R. I.*

Note on the Name Colinus.—Dr. Stejneger has recently called my attention to the use of the name *Colinus* by Goldfuss, whose reference has several years' priority over that of Lesson. The proper citation for this genus would appear to be: Goldfuss, *Handbuch der Zoologie*, II, 1820, 220; the type is '*Perdix mexicana*, Caille de la Louisiana, Pl. Enl. 149,' which is synonymized with *Tetrao virginianus* Linn.—CHAS. W. RICHMOND, *Washington, D. C.*

Aquila chrysaetos.—The date of this combination is given in the A. O. U. 'Check-List' as Dumont, 1816, but I have met with several earlier references, the first being *Aquila chrysaetos* Sprüngli, in Andrea's 'Briefe aus der Schweiz,' 1776, 196.—CHAS. W. RICHMOND, *Washington, D. C.*

Occurrence of the Barn Owl in Canada.—In the Bryant Collection in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy there is an American Barn Owl (*Strix pratincola*) taken by Mr. Louis Cabot at Long Point, Ontario, in early November, 1899. The specimen (No. 1482) was secured for the collection by Mr. H. B. Bigelow.—REGINALD HEBER HOWE, JR., *Longwood, Mass.*

Strix lapponica.—The Lapp Owl was first described by Thunberg, K. Vet. Akad. nya Handl., XIX, 1798, 184, instead of by Retzius.—CHAS. W. RICHMOND, *Washington, D. C.*