

The Little Blue Heron annually ascends the Delaware River in summer after the nesting season in Virginia and other southern States, often as far as Trenton, but it is of extremely rare occurrence in the spring, as already indicated, so much so, indeed, that I have been unable to find any spring record of it in the Delaware Valley during recent years. The bird seen by me was evidently a straggler from its breeding ground in the South, to which it probably went afterwards, as it was not seen again.—RICHARD F. MILLER, *Philadelphia, Pa.*

A Woodcock Nesting in St. Louis, Missouri.—On April 16, 1907, a workman on the grounds of Washington University, St. Louis, told me he had found the nest of a "Penguin." He had also observed the bird at close range, having lifted it off the nest. I examined the nest and eggshells (for the birds had hatched and left the nest by that date) and found them to be those of a Woodcock. The workman also confessed that I was right when shown a mounted specimen. The remarkable feature of this nest was that it was within fifty yards of a large dormitory in process of construction and in a much frequented part of the grounds. The nest was placed in a large patch of dried weeds and grasses.

Dr. Otto Widmann informs me that he started a Woodcock from his back-yard in a thickly settled portion of the city at noon on May 17th. Woodcock have been reported also from at least one other locality within the city limits.—ROGER N. BALDWIN, *St. Louis, Mo.*

The Stilt Sandpiper in Massachusetts.—On August 9, 1906, while gunning in Chatham, Mass., I shot a Stilt Sandpiper (*Micropalama himantopus*). It was the only one we saw, and the local gunners said it was the first one that had been seen there for several years.—CHAUNCEY C. NASH, *Boston, Mass.*

The White-rumped Sandpiper in Michigan.—In 'The Auk,' XXIV, p. 140, Messrs. Swales and Taverner practically question my veracity regarding the White-rumped Sandpiper near Port Austin, Huron County, Michigan. Twice, during the last two years, I discussed this sandpiper with Mr. Taverner and on both occasions stated that I could see no reason why we should not meet with it here in Wayne County, as I found it of regular occurrence near Port Austin, and I predicted that some day we would secure specimens here. In view of the fact that this sandpiper was considered very rare in the State, it seems impossible that Mr. Taverner could have forgotten the above conversations, yet he says: "Mr. Wood's statement that this species is common in eastern Michigan we received with a good deal of surprise." Later, when my prediction came true, and both Mr. Taverner and myself took specimens, it seems to me that he might have accepted the fulfilment of my prognostication as a verification of my Port Austin observations. I mentioned the results of my Port Austin trips to Mr. Swales and clearly recollect speaking of this sandpiper.