

macroura carolinensis). The facts, which, together with a photograph of the mounted male bird, have been transmitted to me in correspondence by Mr. Slater, are as follows:

A pair of Mourning Doves, male and female, were found together among the hills near Trepassey, Newfoundland, about October 1, 1920, and were shot by William Pennel, of Trepassey. They were received in the flesh by Mr. Slater about October 10, 1920. The female was too badly torn by shot to make a presentable specimen, but Mr. Slater had the male bird mounted and placed in the private museum of Mr. Frank Brehems, No. 1 Circular Road, St. John's, Newfoundland. It is probable that the arrival of these birds in Newfoundland was due to the very severe storm which passed northward along the Atlantic coast of North America on September 30 and October 1, 1920.—HARRISON F. LEWIS, 92 Argyle Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

What is *Buteo rufescens* Salvin and Godman?—In the 'Biologia Centrali-Americana,' Vol. III, p. 61-64, there is a considerable discussion of the Red-tailed Hawk, and the authors recognize all the races described at that time by American ornithologists. The following paragraph is of special interest. "In Western North America there is a large form which has been variously called by writers *B. montanus* and *B. calurus*. This bird has not apparently received a specific designation and we propose calling it *Buteo rufescens*. It is slightly larger than true *B. borealis*, with much more rufous thighs, but has the blackish throat of that species, differing from it in having a reddish patch across the lower breast and abdomen, on which the black spots are conspicuous. This form extends from Sitka and British Columbia to California, and in the Henshaw Collection there are examples from Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico. Our collection also contains specimens from Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, Colima, Jalisco, the Valley of Mexico, Vera Cruz, Guatemala, and Nicaragua." The true *B. calurus* of Cassin is further on, said to be very large and dark in color.

This is undoubtedly a valid description, but seems to have been completely overlooked, and Dr. Stone has kindly informed me that he does not know it. So now that a new A. O. U. 'Check-List' is in course of preparation, it seems advisable to bring this name to the attention of the Committee. The writer has no personal opinion about *Buteo rufescens*, never having seen a specimen so named. From the range given it might apply in part to *alascensis* of Grinnell over which it has priority. Or it might well be one of the many puzzling phases of *calurus*.—LUDLOW GRISCOM, *American Museum of Natural History, New York City.*

Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) in Minnesota in Mid-summer.—On August 4, 1891, a young farmer caught a live female Snowy Owl in his field near the town of Madison. I kept it in captivity until August 7, when it died. Meat was offered every day during its captivity but it refused to