

collecting shore birds from a blind on the beach a mile or two above Sea Isle City, N. J., a single female Golden Plover came to my decoys. I had been shooting on this spot for many years, which at half tide disclosed a large area of sod bank, a favorite feeding spot for shore birds, but this was the only Golden Plover I had seen. On November 23, 1922, Mr. J. E. Godfrey collected a female of the year at Corson's Inlet a little farther north, and sent the specimen to me in the flesh—WHARTON HUBER, *Acad. Nat. Sci., Phila., Pa.*

An Instance of Extreme Precocity in Young Pheasants.—On July 25, 1922, while cutting brush in a wet meadow, on my place in Newton Centre, Mass., I started a female Ring-necked Pheasant from a nest built in a clump of weeds, and which contained nine eggs.

On August 3, I found a female Pheasant lying dead, but still warm, upon the grass in front of the side door of my house. I jumped to the conclusion that my setter dog had probably caught the sitting bird. Hurrying down to the meadow, with a couple of friends, who happened to be with me, however, I was delighted to find the female sitting quietly upon her nest.

Owing to her protective coloration, my friends were at first unable to see her, until I reached over and attempted to part the weeds, when the bird rose into the air cackling and flew away, leaving a nest full of young just hatched, tottery, and some of them still wet. Before I could take a step nearer, every one of the little fellows had run or crawled out of the nest into the grass beyond, and I did not dare move for fear of stepping on some of them. Their fear in this case would seem to have been instinctive.—FREDERIC H. KENNARD, *Newton Centre, Mass.*

The Barn Owl in Washington State.—In his preliminary list of the birds of the Grays Harbor region (*Auk*, Vol. IX, 1892, pp. 43-44) Lawrence tentatively entered the Barn Owl as a resident, but only on the word of a neighbor, who reported seeing the species twice in February, 1891, near the east Humptulips River, where it seemed to have been attracted by the carcass of a small striped skunk. In 1909 Brooks (*Auk*, Vol. XXVI, 1909, p. 313) recorded the taking of a single specimen in April near the mouth of Fraser River, in British Columbia. I am indebted to Mr. D. E. Brown, of Seattle, Washington, for the following additional information concerning the status of the Barn Owl on the northwest coast. On July 13, 1915, Mr. J. Hooper Bowles, of Tacoma, collected a bird of the year at Puyallup, Pierce County, Washington; on October 1, 1917, Mr. Carl Lien, now of Clallam Bay, took a female specimen at Point Chehalis, on Grays Harbor; on November 1, 1917, Mr. Lien collected a male in the same locality, and on November 9 reported seeing another bird, which, however, was not taken. On November 25, 1917, Mr. E. A. Kitchin, of Tacoma, flushed a male Barn Owl from an old barn near the tide flats, later collecting it and finding its stomach full of the remains of mice. Professor H. S. Brode, of Whitman College, and Mr. S. H. Lyman, of Dayton, Washington, write that a specimen was taken at the Offner place near Walla Walla on