

Bois-Neuf, a small brackish lagoon south of St. Marc, Haiti, and collected the female. The condition of its ovary indicated proximity to the breeding season. On May 5, 1928, I collected a male of the same species on a white sandy salt flat near Cabo Rojo Lighthouse, the extreme southwestern tip of Porto Rico. Its testes were much enlarged. I have not been able to find any published record of the occurrence of this species in either Haiti or Porto Rico.—STUART T. DANFORTH, *College of Agriculture, University of Porto Rico, Mayagüez, Porto Rico.*

Woodcock Carrying Young.—There are many references in American literature to the habit of the Woodcock (*Philohela minor*) carrying young between its thighs or tarsi; few to the use of the feet for this purpose. It has required personal observation to overcome my belief that "from the nature of things" the Woodcock would not use its feet for transportation. On the morning of June 1, 1928, I was in the bottom lands of the Wisconsin River at Boscobel. While walking through a strip of large timber growing in sand, bare of all cover except patches of dried leaves, a Woodcock flushed at a distance of a few feet. Clashed between the toes was a young bird about one and one-half inches long. The leaves from which the old bird arose contained numerous small spots of excrement, but no additional young were discovered.

I have taken some pains to review the early literature. It is interesting to know that the use of the feet has been known in Europe for nearly a century and that this habit has always strained belief. Chapter XXVIII of 'Wild Sports and Natural History of the Highlands' by Charles St. John (first edition 1846) contains the following: "I have, however, ascertained that the old bird lifts her young in her feet, and carries them one by one to their feeding-grounds. Considering the apparent improbability of this curious act of the Woodcock, and the unfitness of its feet and claws for carrying or holding any substance whatever, I should be unwilling to relate it on my own unsupported evidence; but it has been lately corroborated by the observations of several intelligent foresters and others, who are in the habit of passing through the woods during March and April."—A. W. SCHORGER, *2021 Kendall Ave., Madison, Wisconsin.*

Woodcock Wintering in Massachusetts.—An old sportsman friend of mine, Mr. Fred Moore, told me today (December 10, 1928) that he had flushed a large Woodcock on the preceding day on his farm at Sereganset, Mass., where there was a spring of water and springy ground. His statement is perfectly reliable as he has shot hundreds of Woodcock.—GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Nantucket, Mass.*

Early Record of the Passenger Pigeon.—In Llewellen Powys' 'Voyages of Henry Hudson' it is stated that on the fourth and last voyage of the "Half Moon" Hudson reached the mouth of the Hudson River early in September 1609 and on September 17, anchored off a point where is now the site of Kingston, N. Y. On the next day an Indian chief came out in a canoe and the Journal continues: