

male and two female *Molothrus bonariensis minimus* (Dalmas). A succession of heavy showers was occurring, and the few cartridges I had with me were so wet and swollen that it was impossible to collect the birds. This was much to my regret, as it is apparently the first time that the species has been recorded from St. Lucia. However, its occurrence is not surprising, as it seems to be rapidly extending its range in the West Indies. Originally a resident of South America and Trinidad, within recent years it has invaded Grenada, where the exact date of its first occurrence is not recorded; then the Grenadines, where according to Wells (Auk, 1902, p. 347), it was first seen on Carriacou in June, 1899; and then Barbados where Wood (Auk, 1923, p. 128) states on the authority of Mr. H. P. Bascom of Bridgetown, Barbados, that it was first seen in 1916.—STUART T. DANFORTH, *College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.*

Occurrence of the Eastern Savannah Sparrow in West Virginia and Maryland in Summer.—During the course of investigations into wild life relationships under the McSweeny-McNary Act, I spent two weeks this past June in West Virginia and was rather interested to find the Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis savanna*), a common summer resident both in the northeastern corner of this state and in the adjoining part of Maryland. On June 20, while eating lunch at the edge of the swamp in the Glade at Cranesville, Preston County, W. Va., I heard the first bird singing in an open field close by. Being unfamiliar with the song, I at first thought that a Grasshopper Sparrow had developed a little originality in expressing itself, but this idea was dispelled on collecting the bird. Later in the day I heard others at frequent intervals in the open fields and pastures about Cranesville and at Terra, Alta, females being seen at the latter spot carrying food for young that apparently were hardly out of the nest. The following day I was sufficiently interested in the status of this sparrow here to search more or less thoroughly the open fields about Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland, approximately ten miles east of Terra Alta, and I found my suspicions justified when few fields proved to be without at least one pair of these birds. This is, I believe, the first record for the occurrence of this species in West Virginia during the summer months.—THOS. D. BURLEIGH, *U. S. Biological Survey, Appalachian Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, North Carolina.*

The First Eggs of Scott's Seaside Sparrow.—Twenty-one years ago this last spring I made my first attempt to find a nest of Scott's Seaside Sparrow. I had just made the acquaintance of the veteran ornithologist R. D. Hoyt, of Clearwater, Florida, and in checking over with him the desirable nests yet to be found he spoke very enthusiastically about Scott's Sparrow. It seems that when Mr. Scott was collecting in Florida many years before he had given him the exact location of the marsh in which the type specimen had been taken. Hoyt and I made a trip in May, 1910, to the marsh near Tarpon Springs, and after many hours of hard