

neath Chick's Cliff in the famed 'Pine Canyon.' The first thing in early day-break, with the last call of the poor-will, Bryant would turn over and say from under his night-cap: 'Come, Emerson, a fire, a cup of coffee, and then off for the early bird.' No matter where or how hard the tramp might be, he was ready for it, and would take you to the nesting grounds of the gnatcatcher or to the duck-hawk's eyry in some 'Castle Rocks.' He was slow of movement but sure of purpose, and to tell him of some little known bird or animal was to start him off for it at once."

Our veteran ornithologist, Mr. Lyman Belding, on hearing of Mr. Bryant's death, wrote the following appreciation:

"He inherited a love of nature and a love of adventure which in early youth took him to the cliffs of Mount Diablo for eggs of the Prairie Falcon, and other ornithological prizes, and later to inhospitable Guadalupe Island and more distant parts of the Pacific Coast. He was a good observer, a facile writer, and a most agreeable companion. During a long, intimate acquaintance covering quite extended collecting trips, the writer invariably found him genial and gentlemanly."

The Ornithological Writings of Walter E. Bryant

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AS will be noticed from a perusal of the following list of titles, the majority of Bryant's published writings appeared from 1887 to 1889 in the "Bulletin" and "Proceedings" of the California Academy of Sciences, and from 1890 to 1893 in "Zoe," a periodical published for four years at San Francisco. These seven years marked the period of Bryant's greatest activity in Natural History lines, and the articles resulting from this work evince an evident endeavor to express plainly and accurately whatever he thought worthy of record. Not that his descriptions and recitals are tiresomely commonplace; for I have seldom read anything more fascinating to a naturalist than the accounts of his experiences while collecting in Lower California and on Guadalupe Island. These, in particular, I would advise every CONDOR reader to look up, and read, as well worth while. And as for the scientific value of Bryant's recorded observations, where can we find any more reliable and valuable contributions to West Coast ornithology? The life-histories of many of our remotely restricted species would remain today almost wholly unknown, if Bryant had not spent lonely months in their study, and then composed what he learned in the form in which we find it now so instructive.

1880. Notes on the Habits of *Rallus obsoletus*, with a Description of its Eggs. <Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club V, April, pp. 124-125.
1884. Nest and Eggs of *Myiadestes townsendi*. <Auk I, January, pp. 91-92.
1885. The Relationship of *Podiceps occidentalis* and *P. clarkii*. <Auk II, July, pp. 313-314.
1886. Additions to California Avifauna. <Forest & Stream XXVI, June, p. 426.
1887. *Piranga rubriceps* and *Tringa fuscicollis* in California. <Auk IV, January, pp. 78-79.
1887. Additions to the Ornithology of Guadalupe Island. <Bull. Cal. Ac. Sc. II, January, pp. 269-318.
1887. Discovery of the Nest and Eggs of the Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertina*). <Bull. Cal. Ac. Sc. II, July, p. 449.

1887. Description of a New Subspecies of Petrel from Guadalupe Island. <Bull. Cal. Ac. Sc. II, July, p. 450.
1887. Unusual Nesting Sites I. <Bull. Cal. Ac. Sc. II, July, pp. 451-454.
1887. Unusual Nesting Sites II. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. I, December, pp. 7-10.
1888. Birds and Eggs from the Farallon Islands. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. I, January, pp. 25-50.
1888. Description of a New Subspecies of Song Sparrow from Lower California, Mexico. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. I, September, p. 197.
1889. Descriptions of the Nests and Eggs of some Lower Californian Birds, with a Description of the Young Plumage of *Geothlypis beldingi*. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. II, October, pp. 20-24.
1889. Notes [on the Small Thrushes of California]. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. II, October, pp. 69-72.
1889. *Puffinus griseus* (Gmel.), *Puffinus gavia* (Forst.) and *Stercorarius pomarinus* (Temm.) on the Coast of California. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. II, October, p. 87.
1889. A Specimen of *Passerella iliaca* taken in California. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. II, October, p. 90.
1889. A Catalogue of the Birds of Lower California, Mexico. <Proc. Cal. Ac. Sc., 2nd Ser. II, December, pp. 237-320.
1890. Ornithological Observations during the Total Solar Eclipse of January, 1889. <Zoe I, March, pp. 21-24.
1890. [Note on Capture of White-throated Sparrow at San Francisco.] <Zoe I, April, p. 46.
1890. [Review of] Recent Literature. Zoology. <Zoe I, April, p. 61.
1890. Notices of Supposed New Birds. <Zoe I, July, pp. 148-150.
1890. [Review of] Recent Literature. <Zoe I, October, p. 252.
1890. [Remarks concerning Belding's "Land Birds of the Pacific District."] <Zoe I, November, p. 277-278.
1890. Found Dead on the Beach. <Zoe I, November, pp. 282-283.
1890. An Ornithological Retrospect. <Zoe I, December, pp. 289-293.
1891. Andrew Jackson Grayson. <Zoe II, April, pp. 34-68.
1891. [Review of] Recent Literature. <Zoe II, April, pp. 86, 87.
1891. Notices of Certain Californian Birds. <Zoe II, July, p. 128.
1891. The "Reed Birds" of the San Francisco Markets. <Zoe II, July, pp. 142-145.
1891. The Cape Region of Baja California. <Zoe II, October, pp. 185-201.
1892. A Check-list of the Water Birds of California. <Zoe III, July, pp. 135-140.
1892. Note [on *Xema sabinii*, etc.]. <Zoe III, July, p. 165.
1892. [Review of] Recent Literature. <Zoe III, July, pp. 179-180.
1893. Second Occurrence of the Fox Sparrow in California. <Zoe III, January, p. 363.
1893. Occurrence of *Clangula Hyemalis* in California. <Zoe III, January p. 363.
1893. Notes on Game Laws, etc. <Zoe III, January, p. 377.
1893. Notes on the Food of Birds I. <Zoe IV, April, pp. 54-58.
1893. A Rookery of Man-o'-war Birds. <Nidiologist I, September, p. 1.
1893. Vaux's Swift at Redwood City. <Zoe IV, October, p. 224.
1893. The Bohemian Waxwing in California. <Zoe IV, October, p. 226.
1894. Eggs of the White-throated Swift. <Nidiologist II, September, pp. 7-8.