

the smaller Woodpeckers are sometimes bewildered when found digging indifferently in one of two or more cavities in the same stub. In fact the antiquated notion that a bird knows exactly what it is about at all times and places is no longer tenable.—FRANK L. BURNS, Berwyn, Penna.

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SOME NEW JERSEY RECORDS.—I am indebted to Dr. W. R. Wharton the past season for some substantial additions to my collection. The following kinds, taken in Salem county, New Jersey, near the Delaware river, on the dates given, and handled in the flesh by the writer, seem worthy of special mention.

Shoveler or Spoon-billed Duck (*Spatula clypeata*). A female, September 23. One or two are said to have been met with every fall. Considered quite rare along the coast.

Florida Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*). Two immature males, September 2. Local sportsmen shoot an occasional specimen in mistake for one of the larger Rails.

Willet (*Symphemia semipalmata*). A single male, October 8. This was in all probability a transient; although the species was at one time a summer resident.

Duck Hawk (*Falco peregrinus anatum*). An immature female, October 21. Another specimen was secured at the same place some time ago.—FRANK L. BURNS, Berwyn, Penna.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS.

Taylor's Standard American Egg Catalogue, second edition, An Exchanger's Guide and Collector's Handbook. By Henry Reed Taylor. Price 25 cents. Alameda, California.

In eleven pages of preliminaries, some racy, some serious, the author and F. M. Dille discuss several matters of interest, among which the one on "Egg Valuations" will prove of general interest because of the previous varying values, the determining factor seeming to be the abundance of the species in the market, and the possessor's ability to secure prices in exchange. Purchase prices have always been far below exchange prices. It appears from this article that the prices herein quoted are the result of a sort of general agreement among those especially interested. The list proper is, of course, merely a check-list with prices attached where any can be determined. Thus something over 250 of the species and sub-species listed are not accompanied by prices. A careful perusal of the list sets one wondering if .100 for Black Tern and 5.00 for American Woodcock may not really stand for .10 and .50. Other evidences of rather careless work on the part of the printers leaves a degree of disappointment. But one cannot expect a list of this sort, especially at the price quoted, to be perfect. It is beyond question of great value to those who deal in eggs in any way. It suggests the possibility of a revival of the days now two decades