

I learn from Mr. Morris that the drake was first seen about September 1, 1884, in Poxibogue Pond, in the village of Bridge Hampton, on Long Island, in company with some domestic ducks owned by a Mr. Topping. This gentleman at first tried to shoot him, but he proved to be very wary, and when approached would fly away toward the ocean, about two miles distant. Several other persons saw him and tried unsuccessfully to capture him. He showed a liking for the pond, and finally came regularly every morning to feed with the tame ducks, returning to the ocean at night. One day during a severe thunder squall the tame ducks left the pond and ran into their pen for shelter, the wild bird accompanying them. The owner closed the door and thus captured him. He simply clipped his wing-feathers and let him run with his flock.

The duck, or female hybrid, alighted in Otter Pond, near the upper part of Main Street in the village of Sag Harbor, early one morning in October, 1884. She accompanied some tame ducks on shore, and several men attempted to drive her with the others into a duck pen, but she took wing, struck against a fence, fell back, and was captured before she could recover herself. Her wing was also clipped and she remained a captive.

Several persons who saw the strange birds thought they were of the same species; so the two were brought together. They mated, and the female laid two clutches of eggs and sat upon them, but they proved infertile. They were allowed their liberty, kept together, and associated with a flock of tame ducks. They are now owned, Mr. Morris informs me, by Mr. A. L. Thorne, of Whitestone, Long Island.—J. A. ALLEN, *Am. Mus. Nat. Hist., New York City.*

Tringa damacensis (Horsf.) in Alaska; a Sandpiper new to the North American Fauna.—Among the birds collected by Mr. Chas. H. Townsend, during his trip on the U. S. Revenue Cutter 'Corwin,' is an example of this species, obtained on Otter Island, Bering's Sea, June 8, 1885. The specimen is an adult female, in breeding plumage. An account of this species, embracing full synonymy, a comparison with allied species, critical remarks, and observations on habits, may be found in Dr. Stejneger's 'Ornithological Explorations in Kamtschatka' (Bulletin No. 29, U. S. National Museum), pp. 116-118.—ROBERT RIDGWAY, *Washington, D. C.*

The Masked Bob-white (*Colinus ridgwayi*) in Arizona.—In 'The Auk' for April, 1885 (Vol. II, p. 199), Mr. William Brewster described a new species of Bob-white, under the name *Colinus ridgwayi*, based on a male specimen taken by Mr. F. Stephens in Sonora, Mexico, a few miles south of the Arizona line. Mr. Stephens, according to Mr. Brewster, had "recently examined two specimens which were actually taken in Arizona, thus adding the species to our fauna." Through the kindness of Mr. Herbert Brown, of Tucson, Arizona, I have recently had the opportunity of examining thirteen specimens of this interesting species, all taken within the last few months in the Barboquivari Mountains, Arizona, about