

are here recorded, and reference is made to the type of the former species secured just over the line, in Essex County. The brief annotations refer mostly to the abundance of the species and the dates of rare captures are usually given. There are four species that one would expect to find included which have evidently not been met with by our author, *i. e.* *Empidonax pusillus traillii*, *E. acadicus*, *Geothlypis formosa*, and *Turdus aliciae* (including, perhaps, *bicknelli*). These are found near New York City, where the fauna may be said to be almost identical with that of Morris County, but with these exceptions the list seems complete save for the probable future records of accidental visitors. Though *Porzana carolina* is called a "common migrant," it has been known to breed in the County near Whippany, and it may breed abundantly. *Ammodramus caudacutus* is said to be "not uncommon." Occurring as it does on fresh water marshes, the question naturally suggests itself, may this not be *nelsoni*? Further comment seems unnecessary. The list bears evidence of unusual care in its compilation, and is worthy of more prominence than is found in the columns of a local newspaper. —J. D., JR.

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## GENERAL NOTES.

**Note on the Correct Name of *Symphemia semipalmata inornata* Brewst.**  
 —In 'The Auk' for April, 1887 (Vol. IV, p. 145), Mr. Brewster described the western form of the Willet under the name *Symphemia semipalmata inornata*. In discussing the synonymy of the new form he concludes "(4) that *Totanus speculiferus* Cuvier (R. A., I, 1817, 351 [*lege* R. A. 2d ed., I, 1829, 531]) and Pucheran (R. et M. Z., III, 1859, 569 [*lege* R. et M. Z. 2<sup>e</sup> sér., III, 1859, 369]) is not now determinable." It turns out, however, that the two forms of the Willet had long since attracted the attention of Dr. Sclater (Ibis, 1862, p. 199, footnote), who, in examining specimens taken in Florida by Mr. G. C. Taylor, was "inclined to consider them distinct. The larger variety," he adds, "seems to have already been called by