

Chapman's 'Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America,' Second Edition.¹— It is interesting to note that a second edition of Chapman's 'Handbook of the Birds of Eastern North America' was quickly called for, showing not only that a good work is appreciated, but also evincing the strong popular interest in the study of our birds. The second edition is from the same electrotype plates as the first, from which it differs merely in the correction of a few typographical errors and the addition of an appendix of six pages giving a 'field-key' to about 100 of the more common species, based on their coloration, characteristic habits, notes, and haunts, with a view to their ready identification in the field.— J. A. A.

Stone on the Name Calliste.²— Mr. Stone finds that the generic name *Calliste* Boie, 1826, is preoccupied by *Callista* Poli, 1791, and that *Aglaia* Swains., 1827, the next name applied to the birds of this genus, had been previously used for both mollusks and hydrozoans. It appears, therefore that *Calospiza* G. R. Gray, 1840, is the earliest available name for this group of Tanagers. — F. M. C.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Brünnich's Murre in Michigan.— On the morning of December 13, 1894, a Brünnich's Murre (*Uria lomvia*), in dying condition, was picked up on the Flat River, a small stream near the city of Greenville, Michigan. It came into the hands of Mr. Percy Selous, a naturalist and taxidermist of that place, who subsequently sent it to me for inspection, and eventually presented the specimen, well mounted, to the State Agricultural College. Mr. Selous writes me that the bird, an immature male, was greatly emaciated, and was dead, though not really cold when he obtained it, probably not more than an hour or two after its capture. This, I believe, is the first actual record of the occurrence of this species in Michigan, and is of special interest as rendering more probable the several more or less reliable reports of capture of other members of the family within the State. — WALTER B. BARROWS, *Agricultural College, Mich.*

Oceanodroma socorroensis off San Diego, Calif.— During April and May of the current year a number of Socorro Petrels were seen off San Diego, and a small series was secured by the writer, thus adding the species to the avifauna of the United States. The species has heretofore been known only from the unique type taken at Socorro Island by Chas. H. Townsend. — A. W. ANTHONY, *San Diego, Calif.*

Nesting of the Red-breasted Merganser on Saddleback Ledge, Maine.— On June 21, 1894, I made a visit to Saddleback Ledge, a small, grassy island situated about six miles from Isle au Haut, for the purpose of col-