

**Two New Birds for Maine.** — The United Ornithologists of Maine report the occurrence of two birds new to the State. The February number of the 'Maine Sportsman,' their official organ, published in Bangor, reported the taking of a Greater Redpoll, *Acanthis linaria rostrata* at Gardiner, Dec. 30, 1896, by Wm. L. Powers. The bird was shot from a flock of Lesser Redpolls, and the skin sent to Mr. Wm. Brewster, Cambridge, Mass., for identification.

The March number contains the account of a number of skins collected in the winter of 1878-79 by James Carroll Mead of North Bridgton. Mr. Mead was with Mr. Powers when the Greater Redpoll was captured, and on returning home and inspecting his collection, he deemed it wise to submit them to Mr. Brewster, who identified one as the *Acanthis linaria holboellii*, which decision was afterward ratified by Mr. Robert Ridgway of the Smithsonian Institution. — WM. L. POWERS, *Gardiner, Me.*

**The Redpoll in Maryland.** — Sunday, January 17, 1897, while walking in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, I saw a highly colored male Redpoll (*Acanthis linaria*). When first seen it was perched in a tree about twenty feet from me, and after watching it for some time with a field glass, I tried to approach nearer, but when my eyes were off it for an instant it disappeared from view, and although I hunted it for quite a while I was unable to see it a second time.

I was surprised to see one, as I have only expected them during very severe weather, whereas we have not had such, the thermometer at the time registering 42°. — WM. H. FISHER, *Baltimore, Md.*

**Bachman's Sparrow in Maryland.** — While passing through an old scattered pine wood on April 29, 1896, near Kensington, Maryland, my attention was attracted by the loud and unfamiliar song of a Sparrow perched well up in an old dead pine top. I secured the bird, which turned out to be an adult male *Peucea aestivalis bachmanii* in well worn plumage. Close by in another pine I crippled another which managed to reach the top of the tree and remained hidden in spite of my efforts to dislodge it. This is apparently the most northern record on the Atlantic Slope, and is a new addition for Maryland. — J. D. FIGGINS, *Washington, D. C.*

**The Seaside Sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus*) at Middletown, R. I.** — In looking over a collection of land and water birds taken by Mr. Edward Sturtevant in Rhode Island, I found a specimen of a male Seaside Sparrow which he had shot near Gardiners Pond on the Second Beach Marshes in Middletown on July 18, 1889.

During the past summer I walked over these same marshes, but did not see a bird that justified shooting as a Seaside, among the many Sharp-tailed Sparrows (*A. caudacutus*) that inhabited the marshes. But on July 6, 1896, Mr. Sturtevant took a female *A. maritimus* on the marshes.