

date, and it rained at intervals from six o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock noon, at which time the wind changed to southwest and the weather cleared.

One small flock of eight Eskimo Curlews (the only ones noted here for the entire season) was seen well up in the air, flying on migration, headed towards the west. No birds stopped on the islands, and none were killed.

On the afternoon of August 27, a flock of twelve Plovers was seen, and on the 29th, eleven Plovers were domiciled in a certain protected field on the Kimball farm. On September 17, five Plovers were noted at the western end of Nantucket. The ground on the island this season is in poorer condition than usual, owing to the wet weather, which has enabled the grass and weeds to grow profusely; in addition to this, there has been no ground burned off this year.

I made inquiries several times in the Boston markets in order to ascertain if any of the above birds had been sent in from other localities, but could hear of none. Personally, I have not shot any. It is doubtful if over twelve Plovers have been taken during the entire season on Nantucket and adjoining islands, and not an Eskimo Curlew.

I can but regard with solicitude the killing of these birds in such immense numbers, as also the Bartramian Sandpipers, as they pass northward on migration through the Mississippi Valley in the *spring* on their way to their breeding grounds; many of the females having eggs quite well developed in their ovaries at the time. This has been going on for a number of years. (I called attention to it in *Auk*, Vol. VIII, p. 24, January, 1891.) How long can it continue? It has been several years since any considerable numbers of these birds have landed on the Atlantic seaboard during August or September. I believe the danger line has been passed long since. Protection is generally the laggard in the race. Our Western Associates should look to this matter and endeavor to put a stop to such annihilation if possible. — GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Nantucket, Mass.*

The Turkey Vulture in Connecticut. — While out driving in Old Lyme, Conn., August 31, I was much surprised to note a Turkey Buzzard (*Cathartes aura*) in company with a Red-shouldered Hawk flying around a small patch of woods. This is the first one I have seen so far north as Connecticut. — ARTHUR W. BROCKWAY, *Lyme, Conn.*

A Black Vulture near Quebec, Canada. — On the 28th of October last a Black Vulture (*Catharista atrata*) was killed on the beach at Beauport, about six miles from Quebec; the bird was shot as it was flying towards a carrion. The man who secured the bird thought he had shot a young Eagle, but on seeing its black and unfeathered head and upper neck, I ascertained it was a Black Vulture. This is, I believe, the first record of a bird of this species being found so far north. It was an adult male. — C. E. DIONNE, *Quebec, Can.*