

Rare Birds on Eastern Long Island.—**AMERICAN BARN OWL** (*Strix pratincola*). On Sept. 30, 1898, a fine specimen of this bird was sent me to mount from Gardiners Island. It had been caught in a steel trap, and was in good condition. On October 12 another specimen was sent me from East Marion, L. I., which had also been caught in a steel trap. This was a male—the former a female. The stomachs contained the remains of field mice.

DUCK HAWK (*Falco peregrinus anatum*). A specimen of this bird, in juvenile plumage, was shot on Shelter Island on Oct. 2 and sent me to mount. It was a female, in good condition, but had scaled down on the bill of fare, from ducks to dragon flies—as the stomach contained the remains of several of these insects.

FLORIDA GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*). A specimen of this bird was shot on Shelter Island on Oct. 28, by a gunner, being the first instance of its capture here that has ever come to my notice. It was feeding and swimming amongst the reeds in a rather open pond, and was approached and shot without difficulty, exhibiting little shyness.—**WILLIS W. WORTHINGTON**, *Shelter Island Heights, New York*.

Notes on Two Rare Birds from Long Island, N. Y.—**MOURNING WARBLER** (*Geothlypis philadelphia*).—Giraud, in writing of this species in 1844 (*Birds of Long Island*, p. 65) says: "A few years since, a specimen was obtained by Mr. Bell on Long Island, the only one which I have known to have been procured here." So far as I am aware, there is no other published record of the occurrence of this species on Long Island, so I wish to place on record a specimen, now in the collection of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, taken at New Lots (now a part of the city of Brooklyn), in June, 1862, by George B. Brainerd.

BICKNELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus aliciae bicknellii*).—Since my previous records of this bird (*Auk*, Vol. X, p. 91), I have discovered four additional specimens. Three of them are in the Brooklyn Institute collection, and were collected at Parkville, Kings Co., L. I., by E. F. Carson and Frank Suydam—two of them on Oct. 12, 1892, the other Sept. 30, 1893. Dr. Wm. C. Braislin, of Brooklyn, also has a specimen which he has permitted me to record, collected by himself at Parkville on Oct. 3, 1894.—**ARTHUR H. HOWELL**, *Washington, D. C.*

Springfield, Mass., Bird Notes.—**Sturnus vulgaris**.—During the spring of 1897, nearly a hundred Starlings were liberated near Springfield, some of which survived the following winter, which was one of about the average in point of severity.

Otocoris alpestris praticola.—A flock of about twenty-five Prairie Horned Larks passed last winter in Longmeadow, just south of Springfield; their presence in this vicinity has never been recorded before.

Falco sparverius.—About the middle of last March, a pair of Sparrow