

that does not congregate in flocks while with us, they being seldom seen in companies of more than two or three. They are not common during winter and are only found at that season along river valley roads that are fringed with coniferous bushes.

Junco hyemalis. SLATE-COLORED JUNCO.—This season (1901) is the only time the writer has observed this species here so late in the year, one being observed December 4, during a heavy snowstorm. It seemed as happy as if it had just arrived from the south in April.—W. H. MOORE, *Frederickton, N. B.*

The Occurrence of the Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) in Mid-winter in Massachusetts.—On January 12, 1902, the writer, with Mr. H. M. Spelman and Mr. R. S. Eustis, found between forty and fifty of these birds at Ipswich. Four or five were on a hillside about half a mile from the beach, and the remainder among the sand-dunes by the sea. The day was stormy and cold, the fine snow blowing and drifting so that the beach grass on which they were feeding was more or less covered. Perhaps on this account the birds were tamer than usual and allowed a close approach. The Longspurs were alone, and also associated with Horned Larks and Snow Buntings. Three Ipswich Sparrows were seen with them.

It is not uncommon to find the Longspurs in the early part of December in Ipswich. Thus I have records for December 10, 1898, and December 8, 1901.—CHARLES W. TOWNSEND, *Boston, Mass.*

The Lapland Longspur Wintering in Massachusetts.—In our 'Birds of Massachusetts' (1901), Mr. Reginald Heber Howe, Junior, and the undersigned, gave, as the only instance known to us of the wintering of the Lapland Longspur in the State, the record of one from Ipswich, Jan. 6, 1877. This specimen with above date on the label, is preserved in the mounted collection of the Boston Society of Natural History. By a mere chance the fact came out that this specimen, which was presented by Messers. E. A. & O. Bangs, was probably from the same lot of birds, bought at the Boston Market, from which came the McCown's Longspur, credited by Mr. C. J. Maynard to Massachusetts. It appears that the market-man of whom the specimens were obtained, when asked if they came from Ipswich, replied, as he naturally would, in the affirmative, and it seems reasonable to believe that these two birds were in reality from the West, and that there are no actual winter records for the State. Lately, however, Mr. Howe, in company with Mr. Louis Agassiz Shaw, while at Ipswich on the 18th of January, 1902, took one, and saw at least five others, so that we are now able to give the species unquestioned standing as of at least occasional occurrence in Massachusetts in winter.

While on three trips to Ipswich during the autumn of 1901 (Oct. 22, Nov. 9 and 28) Mr. Howe found Longspurs in unusual abundance, and apparently, as this season has been comparatively mild, a proportion have