

have seen an individual of this bird in Pawtucket, R. I., several times during the past winter. The first date was Dec. 28, 1901; the second, Jan. 16, 1902; and the subsequent dates were Feb. 3 and 12, and March 4, 1902. There is no doubt it was the same bird each time, as each observation was made in the same locality, — a swampy sheltered stretch along an old canal. The last time I recorded this bird he appeared to be having trouble with a flock of Jays. — C. C. PURDUM, M. D., *Pawtucket, R. I.*

Note on Birds from the South Pacific. — Mr. Joseph R. Slevin, cadet on the S. S. Ventura, has kindly presented to the California Academy of Sciences the birds that came aboard during the last voyage, namely: one male *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, January 27, 1902, Lat. $3^{\circ} 30' S.$, Long. $167^{\circ} 10' W.$; three female *Sterna fuliginosa*, one male *Puffinus chlororhynchus*, one male *Puffinus nativitatis*, January 28, 1902, Lat. $9^{\circ} 21' S.$, Long. $169^{\circ} W.$ All these birds struck the ship in the night when it was raining, probably lured to it by the lights. The *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* does not differ from specimens from California, Oregon, and the Grand Banks. This species perhaps affords another instance of interhemisphere migration. — LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Calif.*

Unusual Winter Records. — Owing to the unusually mild weather and frequent thaws of the past winter, a great many birds have wintered here (Cambridge, Mass.) which usually pass farther south. I have observed the following: —

American Robin. Large flocks, seen about Arlington Heights until February 1, after which date only a few were seen until the spring migration. Their chief food was the berries of the buckthorn.

Hermit Thrush. One seen on the 14 and 16 of December in the Harvard Botanical Gardens in this city.

Long-billed Marsh Wren. One seen in the Fresh Pond marshes until February 12.

Swamp Sparrow. Several seen in the Fresh Pond marshes throughout the winter.

White-throated Sparrow. One seen December 7 and 8; and one singing on March 28, near Belmont. They probably wintered.

Savanna Sparrow. One seen at Ipswich on March 31. As Mr. R. H. Howe, Jr., shot one at the same place on January 18, this probably had wintered there.

Meadowlark. Several seen in Fresh Pond marshes until December 17.

Red-winged Blackbird. Several seen throughout the winter in the Fresh Pond marshes.

Cowbird. Two seen in the Fresh Pond marshes on December 26.

American Woodcock. One seen on December 1 and 8 on the edge of a pool near Arlington Heights.