

*Coturniculus* as a genus do it with reservation, and by restricting it to the *savannarum* group. Owing to its doubtful status, if for no other reason, it seems ill-advised to uproot *Ammodramus* from its time-honored associations and transfer it to a group of doubtful status, likely at any time, by almost general consent, to be merged with it, for the sake of establishing a new name on a strained technicality. For, as already said above, the accidental first use of *Ammodramus* in connection with the western form of *savannarum* ought not to outweigh the author's deliberate designation of the type of the genus to which he incidentally and without any incongruous transgression of the real relationship of the forms in question, referred another species. If such lapses from propriety and good judgment as Mr. Oberholser here illustrates should secure partial endorsement, the goal of stability in nomenclature will be more distant than ever, for it does not seem possible that such rulings will meet with general acceptance.

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## GENERAL NOTES.

**A Holbæll's Grebe (*Colymbus holbælli*) at Englewood, N. J., in June.**— This particular individual was present on an artificial ice pond in Englewood for at least three weeks. It was first seen on June 10 and was seen on three consecutive Saturday afternoons. It disappeared between the 24th and 27th. A trolley line runs along the road to the east of the pond, on the other side of which are some golf links. There is another road on the north bank. Two ice storage houses are on the banks, from which ice was taken on several occasions. A breakwater runs along about fifteen feet from the south bank. The grebe was most often in the center of the pond, though continually swimming all over, sometimes getting inside the breakwater. If near the trolley line when a car came along and startled it, it would take to flight and often make a complete circuit of the pond before alighting again. Automobiles startled it more than the trolley cars. The small fish in the pond formed an abundant food supply. It was not in breeding plumage and may have been a bird born last year. The neck was brown, tinged with reddish, and the throat and sides of the head mouse color. — GEORGE E. HIX, *New York City*.