

Two Unusual Massachusetts Records.— On October 20, 1910, Mr. T. C. Wilson, of Ipswich, brought me a young male Clapper Rail (*Rallus crepitans crepitans*). It was shot in the salt marshes of that town near the Poor Farm, and was a young bird of this season. This seems to be the second authentic Massachusetts record.

Three Spoonbill Ducks (*Spatula clypeata*) came into Wenham Lake, Massachusetts, on October 15, 1910. I secured all of them. There are only two other records of this duck at Wenham from 1899 until the present date. All three specimens were males.— J. C. PHILLIPS, *Wenham, Mass.*

Old Records for Massachusetts and Rhode Island.— In looking over my note books recently I came across a few entries which seem to me sufficiently interesting to record in 'The Auk,' and which may possibly be of use for future reference.

Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. While out shooting at the western part of the island a number of years ago, I heard a shot close at hand, and on driving up I found Mr. Escheveria (a regular summer resident) standing near the shore of the Reedy Pond. I found he had just killed a Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius longirostris*). I carefully examined the bird, which he offered to give me, but which I declined. In all the years I have been shooting on the island this is the only authentic instance that I am aware of that it has been taken here, and I therefore desire to record it. I regret now that I did not make a note of the date of capture. It was, however, in August or September.

November 5, 1875. Shot one Pintail Duck (*Dafila acuta*).

October 4, 1877. Shot two Red-backed Sandpipers (*Pisobia alpina sakhalina*).

September 23, 1878. Two Passenger Pigeons (*Ectopistes migratorius*), in immature plumage, on the outskirts of Siasconset Village.

August 31, 1889. Shot one Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*), in immature plumage, apparently born on the island. September 23 saw a young bird, on November 23, saw another, and on September 10, 1881, shot one.

October 2, 1880. Saw six Wood Ducks (*Aix sponsa*) in the north head of the Hummuck Pond and shot three of them; they were not in full plumage.

February 22, 1891. Saw five or six Meadowlarks (*Sturnella magna*).

August 25, 1884. Shot one Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*), the only one I have heard of there.

August 19, 1888. Saw two Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*). I have seen several others, but have not the dates.

August 21, 1892. Shot one Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa hamastica*); had some red feathers on the breast.

February 21, 1892. We shot a Loon (*Gavia immer*) to-day from the Jetty, which had scarcely any feathers on the wings; the bird could not possibly have flown. I took it to be a case of moult.