

Kentucky Warbler in Massachusetts.—On June 22, 1913, while walking in the Arnold Arboretum, at Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, the writer heard the call note of a warbler followed almost immediately by a song very much different from that of the regular local members of the family. The bird was finally placed in a low moist spot which was covered with rather a heavy growth of high bushes near some oak trees and a spring. I was very much surprised when it proved to be a finely plumaged male Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*). The bright yellow underparts and the black stripe running down the side of the throat were quite conspicuous. The black crown was not so plain, although the yellow about the eye was easily seen. There was not any white evident in the plumage. The warbler was observed from about 12.30 to 1.15 p. m. and was in song most all of the time. The notes seemed to the writer to be rather like two of those of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula calendula*), also recalled the Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus ludovicianus*). The song was a loud clear whistle of three or four double notes. While under observation the bird did not at any time perch above twenty feet from the ground nor did it fly over a rod from the place where it was first seen. Once I approached to within six feet of it.

Supposing at the time that this was the first record of an *Oporornis formosus* for Massachusetts and desiring corroboration I telephoned to Mr. Richard M. Marble of Brookline, who, with Mr. Joseph Kittredge, Jr., also of Brookline, met me in the Arboretum, that same afternoon. The bird was soon found and both Mr. Marble and Mr. Kittredge identified it as a male Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*). The late date, June 22, led me to look for some signs of breeding, but although I searched for several days afterwards I was unable to find even the bird.

This appears to be the second record for Massachusetts, as Mr. Horace W. Wright reports one at Wellesley on May 14, 1907 (Auk, July, 1907).—
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Some Observations on a Pair of Brown Creepers (*Certhia familiaris americana*).—On June 11, 1913, while walking through a strip of woods on Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in company with Mr. A. H. Norton of Portland, I found a pair of Brown Creepers among the dead trees along the banks of a brook. Most of these were evergreen trees and a great many of them were dead with pieces of the bark still attached. A careful search failed to reveal any sign of the nest, which I felt sure must be somewhere in the vicinity.

On June 14, I returned to the same place and found the birds again. I watched them and found that they were gathering something from the trunks of the trees. I kept my eyes on one of the birds which had its bill full of something, and saw it disappear off to my left. I changed my position about twenty-five yards and within five minutes had the pleasure of seeing one of the birds disappear in a hole under a large piece of bark on a fir stump.