

a boy, on October 13, 1914 (H. K. C. No. 17970). This bird was taken to Mr. R. A. Turtle, the Chicago taxidermist, who kindly presented it to me. It measures: length 20 in., extent 49 in., wing 14.75 in., tail 8.75 in. Cere, legs and feet yellow. Iris slaty brown. It is dark brown above, mottled with light brown and yellowish buff; below from bill to tail, clear yellowish buff with dark brown markings on the sides of the breast. This is the first Swainson's Hawk I have ever seen taken here.—HENRY K. COALE, *Highland Park, Illinois.*

Nesting of the Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra minor*) in Crook Co., Oregon.— During the summer of 1914 while camped in the yellow pine forest near the little town of Sisters, Crook County, Oregon, I was fortunate enough to locate the nest of the Red Crossbill. On July 21, while standing near camp I saw a female fly from the ground with a large bunch of grass in her bill. She flew to a tree near by, where she perched for a moment, and was joined by the male, when both birds flew to another tree farther on. I arrived under the tree just in time to see the female disappear in a dark mass that I soon made out to be the nest. The male perched on a small twig near by for some time, but finally flew away leaving the female in the nest, where she stayed several minutes, giving me the impression that house building was about over. I watched this pair several days and saw the female carry several loads of nesting material, but, although the male was often near I did not see him help in any way. Both birds were very noisy while near the nest. On July 26, my time was up in this locality, so on that date the female parent, the nest, and the one egg it contained were taken. The nest was located near the end of a branch, about fifteen feet from the trunk and about ninety feet from the ground in a large yellow pine (*Pinus ponderosa*). Dry sage-brush twigs, rootlets, weed and grass stems were used in its construction. The whole appearance of the nest suggested that of the House Finch nest on a slightly larger plan. The one egg was pale bluish, spotted and streaked with shades of brown and purple, mainly about the larger end.—STANLEY G. JEWETT, *Portland, Oregon.*

The Barn Owl (*Aluco pratincola*) in Massachusetts.— On October 31, 1915, a male Barn Owl was captured in Longmeadow, a few miles from Springfield, Mass. There is but one other record of the occurrence of this species in so much of the Connecticut valley as lies within the borders of Massachusetts.—ROBERT O. MORRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

Cowbird wintering in Massachusetts.— On November 26, 1915, beside a small swamp, on the borders of Flax Pond, Lynn, Mass., I found a male Cowbird (*Molothrus ater ater*) in company with a flock of English Sparrows. On December 26, I received a postal from my friend, Mr. G. M. Bubier, announcing that he had that day seen a male Cowbird, associating with English Sparrows, beside Strawberry Brook, the outlet of Flax Pond,