

we recorded the regular occurrence of Alice's Thrush — *Hylocichla aliciae* (Baird), as a breeding bird in suitable places along the coastal regions of Arctic East Siberia, west to the Kolyma. At that time we had received from Mr. Johan Koren only a set of eggs, the parent birds to which were lost, and his notes.

On a more recent trip to the same general region, in the summer of 1915, we asked Koren to look out especially for the bird and to get us a specimen. This he did, and wrote that he found Alice's Thrush breeding commonly, particularly along the smaller side streams of the Kolyma, that are overhung by alders. He sent us an adult female, No. 21800, Coll. of John E. Thayer shot at Neshon Kolymsk, June 8, 1915, which is precisely like Alaskan breeding birds.

The earlier records of Alice's Thrush in East Siberia in the breeding season are — Krit. Obz. Orn. Fauna Vost. Sibiri, 1877, 32, Cape Tschukotsk, (see Stejneger, Auk, I, 1884, 166) and Palmén, Vega — Exp., 1887, 262 Tschuktsch-halfön and Pitlekaj. These were apparently taken by Hartert as indicating only the casual occurrence of *Hylocichla aliciae* in East Siberia, and the species was not given a formal place in his Vogel der Päläarktischen Fauna.

In all probability the individuals of the Siberian colony, travel back and forth each year across Bering Sea and winter with the main bulk of the species in tropical America; just as Asiatic birds, — *Acanthapneuste borealis borealis* (Blasius); *Ænanthe ænanthe ænanthe* (Linn.); *Cyanosylva suecica robusta* (Burturlin); *Budytes flavus alascensis* Ridg. and *Sterna aleutica* Baird — now breeding regularly each year in Alaska still migrate southward and winter wholly on the Asiatic side of the Pacific.— JOHN E. THAYER AND OUTRAM BANGS, *Mus. Comp. Zool., Cambridge, Mass.*

Some Unusual Records for Massachusetts.—The Boston Society of Natural History has recently acquired the following rarities for its collection of mounted birds.

Piranga rubra rubra (Linne). SUMMER TANAGER.—A male taken at Deer Island, Boston harbor, Mass., April 11, 1916. The plumage and general condition of this specimen led us to believe that this bird had not been in captivity. It was taken on the window-ledge of a pumping station.

Antrostomus carolinensis (Gmel.) CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW.—An individual seen flying about the docks at East Boston, Mass., on Oct. 13, 1915, and captured by Mr. N. Hagman. It was not sexed.

Aluco pratincola (Bp.). BARN OWL.—A female specimen of this owl taken by Mr. Chas. Fowle on June 10, 1915, at Lexington, Mass.

Somateria spectabilis (Linné). KING EIDER.—An immature female taken at Newburyport, Mass., by Mr. C. H. Richardson on November 19, 1915.—W. SPRAGUE BROOKS, *Boston Soc. Nat. Hist.*

Bird Notes from the Chicago Area.—**Aluco pratincola.** BARN OWL.—An adult female of this species was given me by Mr. George Dunk-