

grounds up the river many times during the time of incubation, one morning before sunrise she flew by, from the tree to the river, with a little duck in her beak which she left in an eddy a short distance up stream. She then made ten or twelve trips to the nest and each time took a little duck in her beak by the neck to the water, where they all huddled in a little bunch. It was all done in a few minutes and she evidently took them to the water very soon after they were hatched, as they were only little balls of down. In going to and from work, we passed the little bunch many times. On our approach the old duck would fly away and leave the little ones huddled in a bunch near the shore where the water was quiet.

John Muir in his 'Boyhood and Youth, a Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf' tells of a friend of his who was a keen observer who had seen the mother wood duck perform this same feat.—E. G. KINGSFORD, *Iron Mountain, Mich.*

Northern Phalarope in Michigan.—I am glad to be able to record two specimens of this rare bird taken within our limits. In November last, we received from Mr. Albert Hirzel of Forestville, Sanilac County, Michigan, a mounted specimen of a female Northern Phalarope (*Lobipes lobatus*) taken on October 4, 1911, while swimming in Lake Huron near Forestville. At the same time Mr. Hirzel sent us a male bird of the same species taken on October 28, 1911, while running along the beach at the same place. This species was given a place in my 'Michigan Bird Life' on the strength of several more or less definite Michigan records, no one of which, however, was supported by an actual specimen which could be located, in addition to several unquestioned records from adjoining states.

The above specimens seem to establish the bird properly in the Michigan list and they are numbered 9687 (female) and 9688 (male) in the museum catalog of the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.—WALTER B. BARROWS, *Lansing, Mich.*

The Western Goshawk (*Astur atricapillus striatulus* Ridg.), in Iowa.—So far as the writer is aware the Western Goshawk has not been reported hitherto from Iowa. Two Goshawks of this subspecies have come to hand during the past season. The first was secured by Mr. Wesley F. Kubichek of Iowa City, having been shot in Johnson County, Iowa, during the last week in October, 1916. The sex of this specimen was not determined. The second specimen, a female, was shot by Mr. Joseph Shellhorn on his farm near Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, November 16, 1916. Both of these birds were adult.

Mr. C. B. Cory in his 'Birds of Illinois and Wisconsin,' 1912, p. 460, mentions a specimen taken by Chas. K. Worthen near Warsaw, Illinois. The second of the two above mentioned specimens was submitted to Mr. Cory for confirmatory identification.

The past season has witnessed an unusual flight of Goshawks in Iowa,