

it had been feeding on a very mellow carcass, and committed the fatal error of alighting on a nearby tree-stub instead of making off. For information of the circumstances of capture I am indebted to Mr. Lewis S. Golsan, of Prattville. We persuaded Mr. Moncrief to donate the specimen to the State Department of Archives and History and it is now in the museum of that institution at Montgomery.

The rarity of the Golden Eagle in Alabama is indicated by the fact that Mr. Howell ('Birds of Alabama,' Montgomery, 1924, p. 138) advances but three records for the entire State—two in northern Alabama and one on the Florida line.—ERNEST G. HOLT, 312 Bell Building, Montgomery, Ala.

The Saw-whet Owl in Yellowstone Park.—One of my friends, while on a trip through Yellowstone Park, picked up, near Panther Creek, a specimen of this Owl (*Cryptoglaux acadica acadica*) and, knowing my interest in birds, sent it to me.

It is in the usual dark, and brownish plumage of the young, and was found on August 4, 1923. This is, so far as I am able to learn, the first record for this Owl in Yellowstone Park.—W. H. BERGTOLD, Denver, Colo.

Burrowing Owl in Northern Indiana.—On April 16, 1924, while on a field trip with Leon L. Walters and Karl P. Schmidt, both of the Field Museum of Natural History, I shot a Burrowing Owl (*Speotyto cunicularia hypogaea*) at Dune Park, Porter County, Indiana.

The day was sunny but cold and a high wind was blowing. Few birds were to be found except in the more sheltered masses of woodland. While searching for perches suitable for bird mounts on an openly wooded hillside, just above the Dunes Highway and nearly opposite Dune Park Station on the New York Central Railway, I flushed an Owl from the ground, among some pine branches. Recognizing it as a Burrowing Owl, I secured the shotgun, flushed the bird again and brought it down.

It proved to be a male, now in the collection of the Field Museum of Natural History, in excellent plumage and in good flesh, with no sign of having been kept in captivity. This species has a wide range west of the Mississippi, but it does not appear to be recorded from Illinois, and I believe this to be the first record of its occurrence in Indiana. Other accidental records from New York and Massachusetts are known.

It is possible, though perhaps scarcely probable, that this occurrence of the Burrowing Owl in the sand dune area of northern Indiana is a forerunner of an actual colonization of this area by this form. Such an extension of its range would parallel the eastward spread of Franklin's Spermophile (*Citellus franklinii*) and of the Plains Garter Snake (*Thamnophis radix*).—ASHLEY HINE, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Ill.

Pileated Woodpecker in the Helderberg Mts., N. Y.—Although Eaton's 'Birds of New York' does not mention the fact, the Pileated Woodpecker is a resident of the Helderberg Mountains of Albany County,