

Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Cape May, N. J.—On September 25, 1926 on a shallow pond back of the dunes below Cape May, N. J. I found a single Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*) in company with several Pectoral Sandpipers. The bird stood out prominently in contrast to the Pectorals on account of the uniform light buff coloration. It was studied through the binoculars at a distance of about forty feet and all details of plumage could easily be seen, the shell like pattern of the upper parts and the small spots on the sides of the breast. The very short bill was also noticeable and in conjunction with the buffy plumage recalled the larger, Upland Plover (*Bartramia longicauda*). The Buff-breast had lost part of one leg and was content to rest perfectly still with the plumage somewhat ruffled up. When disturbed it flew a few yards and finally becoming alarmed flew off toward Delaware Bay.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.*

Wilson's Phalarope in Massachusetts.—On August 15, 1926, Mr. Charles E. Clarke, of Medford, Mr. George W. Bryan, of Salem, and the writer saw a Wilson's Phalarope at Clark's Pond, Ipswich, Mass. It was in adult fall plumage, very light—about the color of the Sanderling in autumn. The bill was long, slender and black in color, legs and feet dull yellowish and there was no white in the wing. The sides of the head, under parts and tail were mainly white, and once when it flew a short distance and alighted facing away from us we remarked on the peculiar shape of the tail, which is described as doubly emarginate. We watched the bird for over an hour through our binoculars. It was in perpetual motion, darting first one way and then another, with lowered head and neck outstretched and with a slight sinuous motion of head and neck, apparently feeding on minute insects in the air. For the greater part of the time it was on the land, and when in the water merely waded along the edges.

On August 28, at City Point, South Boston, another bird of this species was seen by a number of observers, including Mr. Francis H. Allen, of Boston, and the writer. This bird was resting at the edge of a pool and preening its feathers. It allowed us to approach within twenty feet before taking wing, and all the characteristics of bill, legs and absence of white in the wing were carefully noted.

There have been very few previously recorded instances of the occurrence of this species in Massachusetts.—GEORGE L. PERRY, 68 *Thurston Street, Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass.*

Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominicus*) at Sound Beach, Conn.—On May 30, 1926, the writer with L. De F. Johnson of Searsdale were on the beach at Tod's Neck, Sound Beach, Conn. from 7:30–10:30 A. M. standard time, and having been particularly lucky with shore birds, cut across into the salt meadows, to the southeast end of the neck. Here our attention was attracted by three Plover which we took, at a distance, to be Black-bellied (*Squatarola squatarola*). Cautiously approaching