

lining is of fine rootlets.—WHARTON HUBER, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.*

Notes from Northern New Jersey.—*Spizella monticola monticola*. TREE SPARROW.—An exceptionally late individual of this species was observed on May 5, 1929 at Troy Meadows, N. J. by Messrs. J. L. Edwards, W. Downin, and the writer. This is, so far as can be determined, the latest record for the bird in New Jersey.

Mimus polyglottos polyglottos. MOCKINGBIRD.—A lone bird appeared in a city park in Passaic, N. J. on April 29 and remained at least until July 25. The bird sang profusely throughout its stay and was a very good mocker. It seemed to have a particular aversion to Robins, which it constantly chased out of its "territory."—ROBERT T. CLAUSEN, *Passaic, N. J.*

Notes from Washington, D. C.—*Colymbus holboelli*. HOLBOELL'S GREBE. I watched one of these Grebes for half an hour on the Anacostia River in front of the Washington Navy Yard, D. C., February 5, 1929. The presence of a Horned Grebe (*C. auritus*) nearby enabled me to make direct comparison between the two species. It was seen again February 9.

Clangula hyemalis. OLD-SQUAW. I saw a female on the reservoir at Sixteenth and Kennedy Sts., N. W., D. C., November 20, 1927.

Plectrophenax n. nivalis. SNOW BUNTING. Two seen on the mud-flats off Hains Point, D. C., November 29, 1928, one being secured for the District exhibit in the U. S. National Museum. Mrs. Wm. J. Whiting saw one on the flats at Four Mile Run, Va., January 12, 1929, and here on February 7, 1929 two were noted by Mrs. T. M. Knappen.

Vireosylva philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA VIREO. Two observed in West Potomac Park, D. C., September 8, 1928. At Chevy Chase Lake, Md., September 16, 1928, I watched four for some time; on one occasion within ten feet of me and all lined up on the same limb.

Cistothorus stellaris. SHORT-BILLED MARSH WREN. One flushed in an old field along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal about two miles east of Cropley, Montgomery County, Md. It was studied at close range, the barred head and tail being noted. This is the fourth definite record for this region.—WILLIAM HOWARD BALL, *1233 Irving St., N. W., Washington, D. C.*

Some Abnormal Breeding Records from the South Carolina Coast.—Together with Mr. E. Milby Burton, of Charleston, S. C., the writer has been engaged in banding many of the breeding birds of the Carolina low country during the past season. Of the many nests seen and examined, a few interesting developments have been noted.

Among a large colony of Least Terns (*Sterna a. antillarum*) on Dewees Island, two instances were noted of a Tern laying its egg in a nest of a Wilson's Plover. When the first one was found it was thought that perhaps, some former observer had placed the Tern egg with the Plover's for mis-