

Mockingbird Nesting on Nantucket, Massachusetts.—A nesting pair of Mockingbirds, and nest containing two infertile eggs and one nestling about a week old were discovered on June 20 on Nantucket Island and later in the day another adult bird was seen some miles from the site of the nest. I am unable to say whether this record is unique or merely rare.

I do not wish to disturb the birds but have offered to send the infertile eggs to the State Ornithologist if he so authorizes. It is entirely possible that the Mockingbird would establish itself here on this island.—HENRY EMERSON TUTTLE, *Nantucket, Mass.*

Some Unusual Birds for Berkshire County, Massachusetts.—*Rallus elegans*. KING RAIL.—Although there are occasional occurrences of the King Rail in the eastern part of Massachusetts, reports of this bird in the western part of the state are wanting. In the early morning of July 2, 1930, Mr. Stanley Clarke Jr., of Pittsfield, and the writer were maneuvering a canoe up a narrow inlet at the head of Pontoosuc Lake, in Lanesboro, when we came suddenly upon a bird of this species moving among the grasses at the edge of the water. We saw it only long enough to assure ourselves of its identification. But later, on our return, just after flushing a Wilson's Snipe (rather a rarity here in summer) we met the Rail in the same place. We were able to approach quietly within eight feet of the unsuspecting bird, which obligingly permitted us to examine it for fully twenty minutes.

Piranga ludoviciana. WESTERN TANAGER.—According to the third volume of Mr. Forbush's 'Birds of Massachusetts,' this species has been definitely recorded in New England upon six previous occasions. In venturing to establish the following sight record, I feel positively certain of the identification because of the obvious and unmistakable field marks of the bird. On September 23, 1930, in company with Mr. H. A. Barton, of Dalton, I observed in the Pleasant Valley Bird and Wild Flower Sanctuary, at Lenox, an adult male Western Tanager in winter plumage. The bird was studied under fairly favorable conditions, with 7 x binoculars, at a distance of thirty feet. Passing it off casually at first as a Scarlet Tanager, my attention was riveted to the bright yellow underparts of the bird and I could not recollect having ever seen a Scarlet Tanager at that season with breast so intensely and uniformly yellow. The bird also exhibited its conspicuous wing-bars to our satisfaction—a fitting badge of its identity.

Vermivora pinus. BLUE-WINGED WARBLER.—In the volume referred to above, Mr. Forbush described this bird as "accidental or wanting" in western Massachusetts. On May 26, 1929, near the outlet of Stockbridge Bowl, in Stockbridge, Rev. Walden Pell of Middletown, Del., and I witnessed a fine adult male. Rev. Mr. Pell had discovered the bird in the very same place three days earlier.—MAURICE BROWN, *Lenox, Mass.*