

The Marsh Hawk in the North Carolina Mountains.—In 'The Birds of North Carolina,' by Messrs. Brimley and Pearson, the range of the Marsh Hawk (*Circus hudsonius*) is given as "whole state east of the mountains in winter; otherwise recorded by Cairns as an uncommon fall transient in the mountains of Buncombe County, and by Coues as a common resident near Beaufort, on the coast."

Though no definite elevations are given by Cairns for Buncombe County in regard to the observance of this species, his statement that it is uncommon coincides with the writer's experience, although rare would be more applicable for, after some fifteen years of study of the summer and fall birds of the mountain region, I have observed the Marsh Hawk on but one occasion on August 20, 1931, at Blowing Rock, Watauga County, at an elevation of 4000 feet.

Four days later, on the 24th, Miss Mary L. Vardell, saw a Marsh Hawk over the golf links of the Green Park Hotel, about two miles and a half in an airline from Cone's Lake. In view of the fact that the species seems never to have been observed about Blowing Rock previously, it is highly probable that the same bird was seen on both occasions. Though often spending much, or all, of September in Buncombe County, at an elevation of about 2500 feet, the writer has never seen *Circus hudsonius* in that section. The line of migration evidently passes some distance to the eastward.—ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., 92 South Battery, Charleston, S. C.

Early Fall Records of the Marsh Hawk in Alabama.—While driving along a country road on August 25, 1931, I saw a Marsh Hawk at close range flying low over a pasture on the plantation of W. H. Vaughn, about five miles southeast of Montgomery. A week later, when I related the occurrence to Duncan McIntosh, of Fairhope, he told me that he had seen a Marsh Hawk at Gulf Shores, near Foley, on August 30, 1931, and another the next day at Cochran Bridge, near Mobile.

The earliest date of arrival of the Marsh Hawk in Alabama that I find in the literature is September 15 (Howell, Birds of Alabama, 1924, p. 130). The dates given above, therefore, set a new record.—ERNEST G. HOLT, 312 Bell Building, Montgomery, Ala.

Virginia Rail in the Stomach of a Green Frog.—At Bush River near Perryman, Md. in June, 1929, I discovered in the stomach of a green frog a downy young Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*).—W. STUART CRAMER, 44 E. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.

The Recent Nesting of the Piping Plover in Connecticut.—That the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodius*) has increased in recent years and now breeds regularly on beaches of Long Island and Massachusetts is well-known. These changes in shore-bird life, however, take place more slowly on beaches within Long Island Sound than on those of the open ocean. For the past ten years I have been watching for the return of the Piping Plover without success until this year, 1931.