

fifty miles by motor from the capitol city, and about midway between Stafford and Fredericksburg, Virginia, on U. S. Highway No. 1. The earliest previous record for this section as given by May Thacher Cooke¹ is April 6, 1919.

An interesting sequel to the collection of this set was noted on April 3, 1932, when we again visited this locality. A short search resulted in our flushing the bird from a new nest of her own construction, placed in a windfall about four feet from the ground, and within fifty feet of the site of the earlier effort. The nest again held its two eggs which we left undisturbed. Incubation appeared to be considerably advanced.—ALEXANDER WETMORE and FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, *Washington, D. C.*

Late Occurrence of Eastern Mourning Doves.—On December 27, 1931, the writer observed near this city a flock of between sixty and seventy Eastern Mourning Doves (*Zenaidura macroura carolinensis*), interesting both for its size and the late date of occurrence, undoubtedly due to mildness of the season. The birds were on the ground, evidently feeding, in a brushy tract at the edge of woods. Upon being disturbed they arose almost *en masse* and alighted in near-by, barren-limbed trees, presenting a picture strikingly remindful of certain Passenger Pigeon delineations. Small groups of doves have been recorded as wintering hereabout during recent years. It should be stated, however, that their general numerical status in central Illinois shows a very noticeable decrease within the past decade.—HAROLD M. HOLLAND, *Galesburg, Ill.*

The Snowy Owl in South Carolina.—On December 29, 1931, I was watching some small birds on the Grove Plantation near Adams Run, Charleston Co., S. C. Suddenly I noticed a movement in a clump of Spanish moss in a nearby live oak and as I looked up a Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) burst out of the tree and flew noiselessly away. The identification was unmistakable as the bird flew directly in front of me.

I procured a gun but was unable to secure him and when last seen he was flying away over the rice fields.—J. WILLCOX BROWN, *White Oaks, Montchanin, Delaware.*

Snowy Owl in Michigan.—During the winter of 1930-31 I observed three of these birds near McMillan, Luce Co., Michigan. One on December 5, 1930, perched on the top of a dead hemlock. It or another individual was seen on several subsequent dates by Mr. R. S. Ruggles who lives nearby. Another bird flew past my trapping station and rested for a while on a balsam fir tree on January 8, 1931. The third observation was of a bird perched on the top of a windmill on February 19, 1931. It was heavily barred with black, evidently a female.—OSCAR MCKINLEY BRYENS, *McMillan, Luce Co., Mich.*

¹ Birds of the Washington, D. C., Region. Proc. Biol. Soc. Wash., Vol. 42, p. 34, Mar. 25, 1929.