

finding in the intestinal tract two spiny headed worms of the genus *Mediorhynchus* Van Cleave, measuring 30 and 32 mm. in length and of a species not heretofore described.—MRS. AMELIA R. LASKEY, *Graybar Lane, Nashville, Tennessee.*

**Notes from the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts.**—*Nyctanassa v. violacea.* YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON.—This species was unusually common on the Massachusetts coast in August–September, 1933, and for the first time was recorded in the western part of the state. One in second-year plumage was discovered at Northampton on September 12 and remained through the month, being particularly well seen on September 23.

*Rallus e. elegans.* KING RAIL.—A brief but unmistakable glimpse of one flying over a bush in mid-marsh was obtained in Northampton on September 13, and in the following ten days several other observers heard or saw it.

*Pluvialis d. dominica.* GOLDEN PLOVER.—Early on October 5 one was heard calling and seen to descend to a flock of Killdeers at a rain-pool in Hadley. Twenty-four hours later it was seen to depart thence southward. Our only recent prior record was of one seen, again with Killdeers, in the same town on August 31, 1931.

*Squatarola squatarola.* BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER.—On the very cold morning of October 26, when all standing water was frozen, one was found on a plowed field in Hadley. It had a small bill, hardly at all swollen towards the tip, and seemed very immature, but was absolutely identified by leg-color, axillars, and flight note.

*Pisobia bairdi.* BAIRD'S SANDPIPER.—Following the Berkshire County examples reported in the January 'Auk,' the first ever found in our valley was identified at Hadley on October 1.

*Pelidna alpina sakhalina.* RED-BACKED SANDPIPER.—At least four, one of them in rufous, summer-like plumage, were noted in Hadley, October 22–29, inclusive. Our only prior record in this century was of one in Holyoke, October 16–17, 1932.

*Coccyzus a. americanus.* YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO.—A very late example of this species, hereabouts always unusual, was identified in Hadley on October 18 by Miss Fannie A. Stebbins.

*Nyctea nyctea.* SNOWY OWL.—An unusually early bird spent three hours of November 9 in a spruce on top of Round Hill, Northampton. A big flight was expected, but did not arrive.

*Chordeiles m. minor.* EASTERN NIGHTHAWK.—A very late straggler was noted at Pittsfield on September 23.

*Picoides arcticus.* ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER.—A male in Easthampton on September 24 (a strikingly early date) was discovered by John Treadway and confirmed by A. C. Bagg.—S. A. ELIOT, JR., *Northampton, Mass.* and AARON C. BAGG, *Holyoke, Mass.*