

from a flock of Pectoral and other Sandpipers feeding in a shallow creek bottom, October 19, 1930.

*Coturnicops noveboracensis*. YELLOW RAIL.—While combing the shallow marsh-land at Waukegan, Ill., in company with Mr. J. S. White, an adult female Yellow Rail, which was reluctant in flushing, was collected among the short weeds on a sandy slope bordering the marsh. An examination of the stomach contents revealed that the bird had been feeding upon a variety of weed seed and various insects, including a large grasshopper which could, only partially, enter the stomach.—A. J. FRANZEN, *Field Museum Nat. Hist., Chicago, Ill.*

**Notes from Central Illinois.**—The captures of the following birds in central Illinois seem to be worthy of record. Mr. Leland A. Quindry of Chicago showed me skins of the last two species listed and has kindly allowed me to incorporate their data in this note.

*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*. GOLDEN EAGLE.—A few years ago I saw in a Chicago taxidermist's shop a fine female which was shot near Lacon, Marshal County, Illinois, November 9, 1928, by a farm hand of a Mr. Hitchcock. It was said to have taken two of Mr. Hitchcock's chickens daily for six days previous to its capture.

*Vireo bellii bellii*.<sup>1</sup> BELL'S VIREO.—I secured the male of a pair in Champaign County, June 2, 1933. It is now in the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology.

*Passer montanus montanus*. EUROPEAN TREE SPARROW.—A female with enlarged ovary was obtained by me in English Township, near Fieldon, Jersey County, on April 8, 1928. The specimen is now in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at Berkeley. Although Gault<sup>2</sup> has listed this species from four Illinois counties, he does not say whether it was collected.

*Ammodramus savannarum australis*. GRASSHOPPER SPARROW.—Quindry took a male at Champaign on the remarkable date of January 9, 1932.

*Aimophila aestivalis bachmanii*.<sup>1</sup> BACHMAN'S SPARROW.—A male was secured by Quindry on April 2, 1932, near Champaign.—PIERCE BRODKORB, *Museum of Zoology, Ann Arbor, Michigan*.

**Type Localities of Townsend's "Columbia River" Birds.**—Although Audubon gave the type locality of the Black Oyster-catcher (*Haematopus bachmani*) as the "mouth of the Columbia river," and it so appears in the A. O. U. 'Check-List', Townsend distinctly stated in his 'Narrative' (p. 349) that his specimen was shot near Puget Sound by his friend Dr. William Fraser Tolmie of the Hudson Bay Company, and presented to him. He was anxious to give to it the name of its discoverer, but he was overruled by Audubon, who preferred to honor his own friend. In view of Townsend's disappointment, it is probable that he took a

<sup>1</sup> Double "i" used at author's request—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Check List of Birds of Illinois, 1922, p. 63.