

located, commented on an earlier draft of the manuscript, and allowed me to mention some of his observations.

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**First Rhode Island record of Bewick's Wren.**—On 4 October 1969 I netted a Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) on Block Island, Rhode Island. The bird was collected and is now No. 793543 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York where John Bull confirmed the identification. Some of the tail feathers were missing when the bird was netted, and, as the rest of them fell out easily, the wren was presumably molting.

This is the first known record for Rhode Island and one of the few records for New England. The only New England specimen I have found was collected in Alton, New Hampshire 25 April 1890 (Forbush, *Birds of Massachusetts and other New England states, part 3*, Norwood, Massachusetts Dept. Agr., 1929). There seems to be no specimen record for New York, although Bull lists several recent sightings from the New York City region (*Birds of the New York area, New York, Harper and Row, 1964*, pp. 327-328). Bewick's Wren is a southern and western bird breeding as far northeast as central Pennsylvania (Check-list of North American birds, fifth Ed., Baltimore, Amer. Ornithol. Union, 1957), and it is usually rather sedentary. Its appearance on Block Island about 15 miles off the coast of Rhode Island is surprising, especially as the weather records of the Block Island State Airport show no unusual winds or storms preceding October 4.—ELISE LAPHAM. Accepted 9 Feb. 70.