

FROM FIELD AND STUDY

Bobolink Again in Idaho.—Referring again to *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* in Idaho (see CONDOR, 1911, for previous note): On August last, less than a quarter of a mile from where the bird was noted in 1909, I found a flock of about twenty-five, in the autumn plumage of course, nevertheless unmistakably Bobolinks. One taken proved to be an adult male. This is my second record for the species in Idaho. Apparently it has now gained a firm foothold in this valley. All conditions seem to favor a rapid increase in numbers.—L. E. WYMAN.

Rare Takes for San Mateo County, California.—For the past few years I have been steadily adding to my list of county birds, and at this time think it of sufficient importance to record some of the rarer ones, and also one taken in another part of the State.

Ancient Murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*). One immature female in juvenal plumage taken off San Bruno in San Francisco Bay on December 23, 1907.

Pacific Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis glupischa*). Female taken in the bay near Redwood City, February 4, 1906; others seen at different times.

Ashy Petrel (*Oceanodroma homochroa*). Female taken November 9, 1909, on the bay near Redwood City. Another reported on November 16, 1911, near Redwood City.

Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*). Numbers of these ducks are taken almost every fall on the bay, and several are in my collection; also a fine male in breeding plumage taken from a flock of a dozen on a small lake near Menlo Park, February 16, 1910.

Barrow Golden-eye (*Clangula islandica*). After examining hundreds of specimens of golden-eyes for many years past, I at last succeeded in securing a young male, in immature plumage on November 19, 1908, and a female on November 28, 1910; all others were of the common, or American Golden-eye, which are quite plentiful during the fall migration on the Redwood City salt marshes.

Old-squaw (*Harelda hyemalis*). Two specimens, female, on December 17, 1909, and male on January 25, 1910, on the bay near Redwood City. Others have been seen the past two winters.

American Scoter (*Oidemia americana*). A single female taken on the bay near Redwood City Creek on January 17, 1909; probably the only record for inland waters in California.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*). One taken on February 14, 1902, and another on October 15, 1907. These are the only specimens I have ever noticed in the county.

Brewer Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*). Two specimens collected in city limits, one taken on December 7, 1893, the other on February 17, 1897. The sex of both is in doubt owing to shot holes. No others of this species have been seen.

California Least Vireo (*Vireo belli pusillus*). Only one record for the county, a male taken on April 5, 1905, in city limits.

Emperor Goose (*Philacte canagica*). One specimen, a female, taken at Rio Vista, California, November 3, 1910. This is as far as I know the fourth record from the State. The bird was with a large flock of American White-fronted Geese and was in very poor flesh. Mr. Charles H. Smith of the above city kindly presented the specimen to the writer, saying that he had never killed or even heard of such a bird being seen in that locality before, where thousands of geese are taken yearly.—CHASE LITTLEJOHN.

Wood Ibis near Long Beach.—On July 2, 1911, I collected a specimen of *Mycteria americana* at Dominguez Station, near Long Beach, California. The bird was feeding in a mud slough in a very amusing manner. It was standing almost knee deep in the muddy water, and would insert its bill almost up to the eyes and then, standing on one foot, would seem to be stirring up the water with the other foot. The farmers in the vicinity of the place where this specimen was taken said that from one to half a dozen had visited this slough almost every day for a month. Other members of the Cooper Club report having seen Wood Ibises, about the time of the taking of my specimen, among various sloughs along the coast of Los Angeles County.—J. E. LAW.

Another Eastern Fox Sparrow in Southern California.—On November 11, 1911, while collecting in the Los Angeles River bottom near Burbank, Los Angeles County, I saw and shot a female Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca iliaca*) which is indistinguishable from birds in my collection that were taken in the eastern states. This is the seventh specimen of the species recorded from the State, and the second from the above locality.—ALFRED B. HOWELL.

The American Merganser at Lake Tahoe.—One of the prettiest sights in my experience came very unexpectedly while I was standing on a board walk in front of a little cabin at the edge