

Baird Sandpiper (*Pisobia bairdi*). Five seen, of which three were taken, near Del Rey, Los Angeles County, August 17, 1916. Aside from the Catalina Island record, this appears to be the only one for the coast between San Diego and Santa Barbara. If collectors generally would give the beach its share of their attention, possibly this bird, and other species as well, would prove less rare than published records indicate.—L. E. WYMAN, *Mus. Hist. Science and Art, Los Angeles, April 8, 1917.*

Nesting of the Harris Hawk in Southeastern California.—In the first half of March, 1917, a pair of Harris Hawks (*Parabuteo unicinctus harrisi*) were noticed almost every day, but during the last half of the month they were not around so much or not in sight so often. I had looked in all the tall trees in this vicinity but had not found a nest that looked like a hawk's nest, so thought they were nesting some place else.

On April 4 Dr. Loye H. Miller was here to visit the valley and on the 5th we two were going down the lagoon near a garden I have about a quarter of a mile from the store, when I thought of a large nest I had found in the winter in a bunch of mistletoe. This proved to belong to the Harris Hawks. On climbing up to it we found three eggs. Two of the eggs were unmarked and of a grayish color or more of a soiled white, while the other had a few pale brown splotches on the larger end. They looked like they were about to hatch when we found them.

The nest is in a thicket of mesquite with arrowweed underbrush, near a slough that has water in it most of the time. Near the nest is a large thicket of tall willows, and the slough is full of dead trees, cat-tails and tules. One of the tallest of the willows is used more or less as a look-out for the old birds. Although the nest is very close to the houses I have never seen the birds on this side of the lagoon. They do not make very much noise after the nest is established unless something is near the nest.

I visited the nest every two or three days to find out when the eggs hatched. On the morning of the 27th of April one of the birds was out and by night the other two had left their shells. They are of a light buff color.—LEO WILEY, *Palo Verde, California, May 2, 1917.*

Notes from the Fresno District.—To the list of 194 birds of the Fresno district published by Mr. Tyler I wish to add four names. On November 3, 1910, Mr. Joseph Sloan-aker secured at Raisin, and sent to me, a Nevada Sage Sparrow (*Amphispiza nevadensis nevadensis*). This was not reported before owing to a mistake in identification.

March 18, 1916, Alaska Myrtle Warbler (*Dendroica coronata hooveri*); May 15, 1916, Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*); October 2, 1916, Russet-backed Thrush (*Hylocichla ustulata ustulata*): these three birds were picked up dead in the city of Fresno.—WINIFRED N. WEAR, *Fresno, California, June 10, 1917.*

Another Record of the European Widgeon from the State of Washington.—Reports of a more or less reliable nature concerning the capture of *Mareca penelope* in this state are not infrequent, but there are so few actual specimens for comparison and study that such new ones as come to hand would seem to be worthy of recording. The most recent to my knowledge is a handsome male taken by myself on March 31, 1917, on the Nisqually Flats, Thurston County, Washington. It was in the company of about fifty Baldpates (*Mareca americana*) that were feeding on the ranch owned by Mr. William Goodburn, who very kindly gave his permission to collect on his property. No other birds of this species were seen, nor have any others been recorded from the state this season as far as known to me.—STANTON WARBURTON, JR., *Tacoma, Washington, April 4, 1917.*

Notes on the Black-crowned Night Heron near Denver.—While out motoring on May 13, I stopped to investigate a familiar ash "tree claim", or grove, about fifteen miles from Denver, a favorite breeding place for magpies, and was surprised to find a rookery of perhaps fifty nests of the Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax naevius*) in all stages of construction. Noticing one of the birds leave the top of a magpie's nest I made investigation and found three of the herons' eggs on top while inside of the nest were seven fresh magpie eggs; on the ground and in some of the herons' nests was ample evidence of the magpies' depredations. From another tree not over fifty feet distant from this one I flushed a Long-eared Owl (*Asio wilsonianus*) from an