

NOTES FROM A COLUMBUS TAXIDERMIST.—I can report an unusual abundance of Wood Duck this fall. I have mounted eight or ten during the past two weeks, and know of as many more that have been killed. In the years 1900 to 1905 I did not see a Wood Duck and came to regard them as nearly extinct. Indeed many new sportsmen did not know what a Wood Duck is like, and some have come to me with Mergansers saying that they had Wood Ducks. I mention this to show that the bird was almost unknown for a time. In the fall of 1905 these Ducks began to come in for mounting and have been growing more common ever since. Some one with more bird-lore than myself must account for the increase. Certainly every one will be glad of it.

In the spring I had a Black-bellied Plover to mount which I regard as rare. I also knew of two Little Blue Herons being taken at Buckeye Lake. They were preserved by a friend who still has them. I mounted a Double-crested Cormorant for Prof. Mercer of Athens, which was presumably taken at Buckeye Lake.

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BEWICK'S WREN (*Thryomanes bewickii*) IN SENECA COUNTY, OHIO.—On April 3rd, while waiting for a street car in the west end of town I twice heard the song of Bewick's Wren and also saw the bird once. As I have been familiar with the bird for fifteen years in Missouri, Virginia and Southern Ohio, I was greatly surprised to run across this species up in this part of the state, and I regard its occurrence here as purely accidental. This record, together with the Henslow's Sparrow of last fall and the Black-crowned Night Heron of May 14, 1907, brings the number of species for this county up to 208.

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