

immediately suggested "Brown Thrasher Family," and when the white banners in wings and tail were spread in flight the identification was perfect. A friend, who was familiar with them, both in the South and in California, verified our "find." They were in and around the lawn for a month. Numbers of Blue Jays were with us at the time, and the Mockers would give the harsh scream of the Blue Jay so perfectly, that unless seeing the bird, we would be unable to distinguish the real from the mimicry. This, aside from the shrill call note, was the only sound we knew them to make. Brown Thrashers are very common in this locality.

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA RECORDS OF SOME EASTERN BIRDS.

The state museum of South Dakota is in an embryonic stage, but it contains a few interesting South Dakota bird skins. A short time ago I went over the collection selecting specimens that promised to be of interest and sent off a number to the U. S. Biological Survey for identification by H. C. Oberholser. Wells W. Cooke, in a recent letter, mentioned some twenty-three as noteworthy extensions of established ranges. The data concerning the records of such western birds has been published in "The Condor." It is here desired to submit that on certain eastern forms whose ranges are extended westward hereby. Specimens from Menno were collected by E. H. Sweet. I am responsible for the remaining.

Hairy Woodpecker (*Dryobates v. villosus*).—Menno, Hutchinson County, Southeast-central S. D., August 2. The supposition has been that the Hairys were of the northern variety.

Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax trailli alorum*).—Forestburg, Sanborn County, Southeast-central S. D., August 10; Everts, Dewey County, Northwest-central S. D., August 6. The most common small flycatcher of eastern South Dakota.

Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis sarumna*).—Vermilion, Clay County, April? A migrant.

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes g. grammacus*).—Hutchinson County, June 21. A common summer resident.

Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*).—Hutchinson County, May? A rare or accidental migrant.

Winter Wren (*Tannus h. hiemalis*).—Hutchinson County, April 14. A rare migrant.

White-breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta c. carolinensis*).—Menno, Hutchinson County, February 15.

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