Notes on the
Lays

A list of the birds observed on Conanicut
Island, Rhode Island.

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~~But~~ During a residenceⁿ of three years at
ended in the spring of 1902, numerous
visits we made to Conanicut Island. With
the observations made at these ^{times} visits are
incorporated those of Dr. J. A. Allen, made
during the fortnight ended August 9, 1900.

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1. Larus argentatus. Herring Gull.

on the shores

is Abundant in winter

2. Larus philadelphia. Bonaparte Gull.
Flock of about 20 seen ~~in~~ Nov. 29, 1899.

3. Sterna hirundo. Common Tern.

Seen June 12, 1900; abundant on the shores in summer.

4. Phalacrocorax dilophus, Double-crested
Cormorant.

See notes p. 120.

Five flew north over Conamicut Island,
at sunset (4 P.M.), Dec. 2, 1899.

Somateria dresseri. American Eider.
One mounted in store at Jamestown, was
killed off Conanicut Island during the
winter of 1898-'99.

~~Mounted specimen~~
Note.—

Many sea Ducks ~~do not~~ frequent the
shores of Conanicut Island. In a store,
at Jamestown, I saw specimens of the
American Eider (Somateria dresseri) and
King Eider (S. spectabilis) ~~the~~ which had
been killed off the island during the winter
of 1898-'99.

Somateria spectabilis. King Eider.

One mounted in a store at Jamestown,
was killed off Conanicut Island,
during the winter of 1898—'99.

7 Branta canadensis. Canada Goose.
Flock of ~~7~~ about 75, March 26, 1902.

S. Nycticorax nycticorax naevius. Black-crowned
Night Heron. -

One seen July, 2, 1900.

^{Mighty}

Flight over Conanicut Island.

Two seen on a marsh of Conanicut
Island, December 3, 1899. None had been
seen for some time previous.

9. Rallus virginianus. Virginia Rail. -

No. 181. ♂ ad. Sept. 20, 1900. Coll. L. di Z. Meams.

See Notes on Rhode Island Ornithology,
Vol. 3, p. 14 (Conanicut Island).

10. Fulica americana. American Coot.

Frequents the lake.

14. Gallinago delicata. Wilson Snipe.

In 1899, several were seen as late as
December 2 and 3.

Hugh Taylor shot two September 19, 1900.

12. Tringa maculata. Pectoral Sandpiper.

Mr. Hugh Taylor shot some, in September, 1900.

13. Totanus melanoleucus. Greater Yellow-legs.
Hugh Taylor shot one September 19, 1900.

14 Actitis macularia. Spotted Sandpiper.

Young, recently hatched, were seen July 1, 1900.

Noted June 12, 1900.

Breed, also, on Dutch Island, where four young were caught on June 18, 1900.

15. Squatarola squatarola. Black-bellied Plover.
Hugh Taylor Killed two September 9, 1900.

16.

Circus hudsonius, Marsh Hawk.

One seen September 19, 1900.

17. Falco columbarius. Pigeon Hawk. —

♀ im. Sept. 20, 1900. No. 180. L. di J. Mearns.

18. Pandion haliaetus carolinensis. American
Osprey.

One seen September 19, 1900.

19. Megascops asio. Screech Owl.

One began its cry before dark, at 4:15
P. M., November 29, 1899.

Heard Nov. 30, 1899.

Mr. Isaac Clark shot one at Jamestown,
November 29, 1899.

26. Bubo virginianus. Great Horned Owl.

One shot November 29, 1899.

21. Nyctea nyctea. Snowy Owl.

One was shot December 31, 1901.

22. Coccyzus erythrophthalmus. Black-billed
Cuckoo.

Noted June 12, 1900.

23 Ceryle alcyon. Belted Kingfisher.

One seen, August 7, 1900.

When it catches a fish it flies to a perch and ducks its head downwards repeatedly in the act of deglutition.

Noted June 12, 1900.

24. Colaptes auratus ^{luteus.} Northern ~~Yellow-shafted~~ Flicker.

Several seen July 2, 1900.

Saw 3 in a grove of red juniper, on a rocky point,
and one in a field, Dec. 1, 1899.

Noted June 12, 1900.

25. Chaetura pelagica. Chimney Swift. —

Some were noted by Dr. J. A. Allen, from
July 27 to August 9, 1900.

I saw them August 7, 1900.

Several July 2, 1900.

26. Tyrannus tyrannus. Kingbird.

Several seen August 7, 1900.

Numerous July 2, 1900.

27.

Corvus americanus, American Crow.

Musiator

Arenaria interpres?

28 Dolichonyx oryzivorus. Bobolink. —
Some were noted by Dr. J. A. Allen,
from July 27 to August 9, 1900.
Noted June 12, 1900.

2nd Molothrus ater . . Cowbird.

Seen June 12, 1900.

30. ^AAgelaius phoeniceus. Red-winged Blackbird.

Abundant August 7, 1900.

Old nests seen Dec. 1, 1899.

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Abundant August 7, 1900.

Numerous July 2, 1900.

Old nests were noted December 1, 1899.

Noted June 12, 1900.

31. Sturnella magna. Meadowlark.

Common, singing, July 2, 1900.

Some were singing, December 1, 1899.

Noted June 12, 1900.

32. Stercorarius galbula. Baltimore Oriole.

A pair seen July 2, 1900.

Old nest seen Dec. 1, 1899

An ^{old} nest was seen on the main road between
the two ferries, Nov. 29 + 30, 1899, near
the centre of the island.

33. Quiscalus ~~purpureus~~ quiscula. Purple
Grackle.

Noted June 12, 1900.

34 Passer domesticus, House Sparrow.

Abundant; numbers cross ~~the~~ Narragansett Bay on the ferryboat.

35. Astragalinus, tristis. American Goldfinch.

Some were seen August 7, 1900.

Flocks seen Dec. 1, 1899.

36.
Passeculus sandwichensis savanna.
Savannah Sparrow.

Noted June 12, 1900.
Many Duets

37. Spizilla pusilla. Field Sparrow. —

Some were noted by Dr. J. A. Allen, from
July 27 to August 9, 1900.

38. Spizella monticola. Tree Sparrow.

"A few" were seen December 1, 1899.

Common Nov. 29 and 30, 1899.

39. Junco hyemalis. Slate-colored Junco.

Common in November & Dec.

40.

Melospiza cinerea melodia. Song

Sparrow. - 112. Fin. Dec. 1, 1899. L. di. 3 M.
113 ♂ ad. do. do

Some were seen August 7, 1900.

One July 2, 1900.

Trapped on in "cyclone" trap Dec. 3, 1899.

Common in flocks, singing, Dec. 1, 1899.

Old nests seen Dec. 3, 1899.

One or two noted, Nov. 29 and 30, 1899.

No. 11898 ♂ ad. Dec. 1, 1899.

" 11899 ♂ ad. " 3. "

Noted June 12, 1900.

41. Pipilo erythrophthalmus. Towhee. —

Some were noted by Dr. J. A. Allen, from July 27
to August 9, 1900.

42. Hirundo erythrogaster. Barn Swallow.

Abundant August 7, 1900.

Several July 2, 1900.

Noted June 12, 1900..

43. ^{Riparia}~~Clivicola~~ riparia. Bank Swallow.

Observed August 7, 1900.

44
Empelis cedrorum. Cedar Waxwing.

I saw four, August 7, 1900.

45. Vireo olivaceus. Red-eyed Vireo.

Some were noted by Dr. J. A. Allen
during the fortnight ended August 9, 1900.

46.

Dendroica aestiva. Yellow Warbler.

Noted June 12, 1900.

47.
Dendroica coronata. Myrtle Warbler.

Several seen, December 31, 1899.

Common Nov. 29 + 30, 1899.

48. Galeoscoptes carolinensis. Catbird.
Que., July 2, 1900.

49. Parus atricapillus. Chickadee.

Common December 1, 1899.

Numerous in swampy thickets Nov. 29, 30, 1899.

5⁰ Merula migratoria. American Robin.

Some were seen August 7, 1900

Numerous, singing, July 2, 1900.

"Old nest" noted Dec. 1, 1899.