

Allen-Francis D.  
Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Quarta thing, Mr. Brewster, can you tell me  
if the terminal system is new for mammals? Is  
the foot called ulpa vulpa fulva, or is the word  
"ovinity" (iron) always tucked in?  
I don't believe you thanked you for  
telling me about the cuckoo's song, but  
I am sure the less grateful, and to  
show you that I appreciate your kindness,  
I now deal up with a few more questions.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis D.

West Roxbury,  
Sept. 2, 1895.

My dear Mr. Brewster,

In Loudon, Vermont, this summer I heard  
an owl hooting one night,  
and I thought that perhaps  
you could tell from my  
imperfect description what  
kind it was, — whether  
barn or great horned, for  
I suppose it must have  
been one or the other. It  
was after I had got to bed,  
so I had no chance to follow  
him up. He sang his song over  
and over again, and I com-  
mitted it to memory. It was  
Wa-hoo-hoo-hoo, hoo-hoo-hoo-hoooo

with a falling inflection on the last syllable. The last part (after the caesural pause) sounded exactly like "Who cooks for you?", except for articulation, of course. "Who cooks for you all?" is according to Wilson, I believe, the interpretation the backwoodsman gave to the great horned owl's hoot; but the quality of the voice, which was surprisingly soft and had a kind of "satiny" texture, made me think that perhaps the author was a barred owl. It reminded me a little of a dog's bark, too, in spite of its softness. The owl was some distance off, and probably distance lent enchantment.

I found *Parus ludovicianus*  
and *Perisoreus strictus* on  
Stratton Mt., <sup>Vt.</sup> June 30th,

Kennel's 430's, ~~altitude~~ about 3800 feet. Do you know of P. ludovicianus having been found as far south as that in the breeding season? I can find no record of it in the Guide to the Northeast Redoubt. P. strictus Mr. Richards found on Skid Mt. I visit June 7. a Kennel's there, but I doubt if the summer singing would be compared — or their growth of spines about twenty feet in height.

Ammit thinks you surprisingly seem to be through that region, as I am tired in the same direction. Z. alpestris and P. migrationis were also seen there in 1886, when I was at Kennel's. Very before, one S. sialis was apparently absent;

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

~~West Roxbury~~ CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Jan. 13, 1886

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Mr. Hoffmann has notified me that his paper on the winter distribution of N. E. birds is ready. So unless you prefer to have a Committee report next Monday instead, I will announce his paper. I have looked into my note-books, thinking I might possibly have a record of J. u. Swainsonii on Monadnocks, but I don't find any. I visited

Allen, F. G.

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1896

the mountain, July 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup>, 1891,  
and Aug. 7, 1892, going up to the  
top the three days. The only  
Canadian birds I found were  
*D. maculosa*, *T. a. bellasii*, *T.*  
*hyemalis*, and *T. hiemalis*, all  
on my first visit. I should  
surely have noticed Swainson's  
or Bicknell's Thrushes, if they  
had been at all common,  
singing or calling.

Yours sincerely,

F. G. Allen

West Roxbury,  
Apr. 21, 1896.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Here are  
some dates which seem to  
me phenomenally early:

*H. rufus*, Apr. 19, One singing  
in W.R.

*C. pelagica*, Apr. 19, Two - W.R.

*C. erythrogaster*, Apr. 19. Six (?) - W.R.

Worthington found *P. subis*  
in Dedham on the 16th.

I have just seen Mr. Hoff-  
mann, who says he saw an  
*H. rufus*, Apr. 16), and *M. varia*  
+ *D. virens*, yesterday.

I see, by the way, that in

the new Minot, you say that  
the Catbird and Brown Thrush  
correspond closely in their  
times of arrival and departure.  
If that is to be taken literally,  
perhaps my experience is an  
unusual one; for my averages  
for the last fifteen years'  
observations in and about W.R.  
are May 2 for *H. rufus* and  
May 8 for *G. carolinensis*.  
Some years the first arrivals  
escaped me, so that the true  
dates would doubtless be a  
~~little~~ earlier, but I don't  
know why the ratio should be  
be the same. The extremes  
for *H. rufus* are Apr. 24 and  
May 11, for *G. carolinensis* May 3 + 18.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

Francis H. Allen

Allen-Francis, G.

April 21. 1896

of waiting, got up myself, when he rose and performed his aerial song again, coming down at a distance.

I don't quite understand what you call the "twittering" in your Club article. The only vocal sounds I heard were what I suppose you call the "water-whistle" notes.

There seemed to me a little confusion at first but they speedily resolved

7 Rutledge St.  
West Roxbury  
May 24, 1900.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I heard a rail at "Artificial" last Monday evening, and, as I know nothing of the rails, I am wondering which species it was. Can you tell me from this all too imperfect description? Opinions at the Club seemed to differ. It



sounded to me like  
kik, kik, kik-ik, kik-ik,  
kik-ik, kik-ik, with a  
very slight rise in pitch,  
I should say, at the  
end. It was rather  
musical in tone and  
pitched lower than the  
short i sound in kik  
would indicate, perhaps.

I have been listening  
to the woodcock's evening  
hymn lately. I heard  
three of them singing  
at once last Sunday  
evening. One of them

lighted within about  
15 yards of me, as I  
crouched behind a trans-  
parent bush waiting for  
him. I didn't hear  
the ~~fit~~ fo't-ul note at  
all from him, though I  
am morally certain that  
he knew I was there  
and so must have faced  
my way. (It was too  
dark for me to see  
him after he had light-  
ed.) At any rate  
he absolutely refused  
to get up until I tried

Allen, F. H.

May 24, 1900.

I suppose I shall hardly see you again till next fall, for I go on my vacation about the first of June and so shan't attend the next meeting of the Club. I'm going to Chocoma — not a very exciting place ornithologically but the best I can do this year. I hope you will have a good summer of it.

Yours sincerely  
Francis H. Allen

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themselves into groups of ~~four~~ musical notes, each group consisting of four uttered in a descending scale (I don't know the interval, for I am not a musician — perhaps thirds, or fourths). The first of these notes were uttered while the last of the ~~two~~ wing whistles were being made. At least this was sometimes, and I think

usually, the case,"  
though once or twice  
at least the wing notes  
had occurred ~~before~~ before  
the vocal notes began.  
These remarks are based  
on the performance of  
two of the birds. The  
third was too far  
off for me to hear  
him distinctly. This  
third bird was in the  
same place where I  
heard one Saturday,  
May 12. And at that  
time I confess that

I did not notice  
that the musical notes  
were grouped in fours.  
None of the descrip-  
tions I have read say  
anything about this  
foursome style, and  
I wonder if these  
two birds of mine had  
an unusual song.

One of the birds peented  
43 times between two of  
his flights.

Isn't this rather late  
in the season for wood-  
cock songs?

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OFFICE ✱  
4 PARK ST.  
✱ BOSTON

Dec. 29, 1902.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

You have doubtless received the firm's letter of Saturday, and I trust that the terms named are satisfactory. As I am in the editorial department, matters relating to the making of contracts and mechanical work, etc., do not naturally go through my hands, but I shall be very glad to help in any way I can and will meet you and Mr. Batchelder

Allen - Francis H.

Dec. 29, 1902

at any time and place  
you may appoint.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen



I write  
you Feb. 21  
again to  
bring  
changes W.B.

Feb. 20, 1903.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. Mind  
has sent us your corrections  
for the "Land-Birds and Game-  
Birds," and, as in the case of  
all plate corrections, they  
have come to me before going  
to the printer. It is unfortu-  
nate to have to perpetuate the  
errors slip in a third edition.  
They are bad things at the  
best; so few readers ever think  
to look at them. If you were  
willing to sacrifice the references,

the simple statement that the  
Kentucky warbler had been  
thrice taken in Connecticut  
could be inserted on p. 87 as a  
note to Note 44. It would  
make the column a line longer  
than it ought to be, but the  
next page is a little long too,  
and that would not make any  
particular difference.

On p. 343 in the footnote,  
it would save considerable over-  
running if you could strike  
out the words "that has been"  
and then let it read "I know  
of but one specimen taken here  
at that season."

Yours sincerely,  
William Brewster, by Francis H. Allen

Allen - Francis H.

Feb. 20. 1903.

7 Rutledge St.  
West Roxbury  
Sept. 23, 1903.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

(On August  
16 I saw an immature  
horned lark (O. a. <sup>proterea</sup>  
I suppose) on Fegan Hill.  
Could it have been bred  
there, do you think?  
Was it that too early for  
a migrant? My cousin  
Mr. R. B. Worthington saw  
it, or another like it, on

and have no clew, but they are very  
noticeable.

I hope you have had a very good

summer. I ~~know~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~been~~ in Devon all the

summer, enjoying country life, but have  
not been up into the Canadian fens,  
or woods. Best regards to Mr. Stone,

Yours sincerely  
J. Lewis H. Allen



two days of the previous week and got a much better look at it than I. He could see that the throat was white, rather than yellow, but I could only make out that the breast was spotted — showing it to be a young bird — that there was black about the head, and that the bill was yellowish. (The general appearance, walk, and notes showed that it was a horned lark.)

I didn't take a gun with me, so I wanted to save the bird for next year, if there is any chance of their leaving and then. Does will you be kind enough to tell me if Sandeeking with rudimentary mind-toss or something taken? I fear our ~~that~~ I saw shot out of a flock at Harvard, Sept. 11. The birds are only about .05 of an inch long (in the skin)

flop off to another tree,  
showing an immense ex-  
panse of wing. The only  
peculiarities of the bird that I  
have yet found — that in  
Chapman's new Color Key!  
— makes the wings too  
short compared with the  
tail. In this bird they  
came nearly or quite to  
the end of the tail. He  
always took a rather  
low perch — 10 to 20 ft.  
high. Twice he lighted  
on the tip top of a red  
cedar (i. e. two cedars),

1 Rutledge St.  
West Roxbury  
Feb. 8, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. Townsend  
told me last Monday that  
you were well enough to  
receive callers, and I  
meant to go round to  
Louisburg Square but  
couldn't arrange it till  
this noon, when I found  
that you had gone home.  
I hope you <sup>are</sup> progressing  
satisfactorily. I wanted  
particularly to tell you

about meeting a great  
gray owl in the woods  
yesterday. It was on  
J. H. Warren's place, Red-  
stem, in Dedham. The  
crows were making such  
a racket that I went  
over half a mile out  
of my way to find out  
what the matter was --  
and was well rewarded!

The owl had a partly  
devoured crow in his  
talons. When he dropped  
it I found that the head  
and fore part of the body

and the viscera were gone.  
He was not at all afraid  
of me, but when a crow  
came he made himself  
as inconspicuous as possible.  
Having no weapon I took  
to snowballing him, hoping  
to knock him over with a  
good bad one in the head,  
but he seemed to "have a  
charmed life," and, though <sup>he</sup> <sub>he</sub>  
never dodged but made  
an excellent mark of him-  
self, I failed to reach a  
vulnerable part. When things  
got too hot for him, he would

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but the other times it  
was on a large branch  
of a large tree near the  
trunk — usually in a  
pine. I frequently got  
within 20 feet of him.  
At last I left him —  
for some other observer to  
see, and I don't say  
he is only great gray  
owl that never was  
shot.

Don't bother about ack-  
nowledging this.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen.

Allen, F. H.

July 7, 1904.

Re Redstart  
with white fs  
yellow in tail-

7 Redstart.

West Roxbury

July 7, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane,

Would you  
mind telling me if  
Mr. Brewster has in his  
collection, or knows of,  
a redstart, ♀ or juv., with  
white instead of yellow  
in the tail? I saw  
such a bird in Sherborn  
last Sunday. At least

I could see no tinge of yellow, and I had the bird frequently within ten or fifteen feet under my glass. The wings and sides of breast were marked with yellow, normally. Only the tail had the white instead, and there the white simply took the place of the yellow, marking the tail evenly - not as if it were albinism. I wish I had had a gun with me.

I hope Mr. Brewster likes his sun-bird.  
Please give him my regards.

Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen.

be very much in earnest.  
It seems to me that it  
would be a good thing for  
the Audubon Society to  
have him on the Commission.

If you can do anything  
for him, it ought to be  
done at once, because he  
understands that the Governor  
is going to make the ap-  
pointment very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Frederic H. Allen

Aug. 10, 1904

Allen F. H.

7 Rutledge St.

Westbury

Aug. 10, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. George W. Field,

who, as you know, is a  
Director of the Mass. Audu-  
bon Society and is now  
running what he calls a  
"biological farm" in Sharon,  
telephones me to-day that  
the Governor is considering  
his appointment as a member  
of the Fish and Game

Commission in place of  
Mr. Brackett, who retires.

He wants to get all the  
endorsement he can, of-  
course, and he asked me  
if I would write to you  
about it. He said he  
hadn't met you personally,  
and perhaps you wouldn't  
feel like writing to the  
Governor under those cir-  
cumstances. If you could  
do it, however, it would  
please him, and I think

you would be making no  
mistake. I have seen  
something of Mr. Field lately  
both at the Audubon meetings  
and at his home in Sharon,  
where I have been twice.  
He is a thoroughly good  
fellow, I think, absolutely  
honest, I'm sure, and he  
has made economic biology  
his profession, which ought  
to be an excellent qualifica-  
tion for the position. He is  
a man of about 35 and  
vigorous, and he seems to



Allen - Francis H.

Apr. 9, 1905

hunted over the place, too,  
but could find nothing to  
explain it.

Unless you have heard  
the same note yourself, you  
will probably think I was  
dreaming, but I assure you  
I was as wide awake as  
usual, and, as far as I  
know, in a perfectly normal  
condition mentally.

Can you tell me what it  
was? I haven't been so  
completely puzzled for a long  
time.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

7 Rutledge St.  
West Roxbury, Mass.

Apr. 9, 1905.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I want to  
ask you about a mysterious  
sound I heard this a.m.,  
which may or may not  
have been a bird-note, but  
at any rate was entirely  
new to me. I was looking  
~~at~~ through a group of birds  
on a little rocky knoll  
covered with red cedars and  
fitch pines, etc., jutting out  
into a pasture from the edge  
of a patch of low woods.  
There were juncos and song

sparrows flitting about, a  
field sparrow or two singing  
occasionally, and a cowbird.  
The last named bird was  
the most stationary and the  
most vociferous, and I was  
trying to get a look at him,  
when I heard a low-pitched,  
liquid note which may be  
represented by the syllables  
glub-glub, with a sort of whist-  
ling quality. It was probably  
as low in pitch as that low  
note of the chipmunk's, <sup>perhaps lower</sup> but  
nothing like it in tone. It  
seemed to come from the  
ground or near it, while the  
cowbird, which was the only

bird of those present that I  
could think of in connection  
with it, was probably ten or  
twenty feet up in a tree near  
by. The location - a little  
rocky knoll with the land  
falling away on all sides -  
seemed to rule out the idea  
that it could have been  
running water, and the man-  
ner of it was distinctly sug-  
gestive of a living creature.  
It was given three times in  
pretty quick succession, -  
intervals of half a minute per-  
haps, - and then I heard no  
more of it, though I sat  
quietly there for some time. I

Allen - Francis H.  
Sep 7. 1905

East Boxford  
Mass.

Sept. 7. 1905.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Will you  
be kind enough to tell  
me if you often find  
juncos here in eastern  
Massachusetts in the juve-  
nal plumage, streaked above  
and below? I saw one  
here in Boxford last  
Saturday, Sept. 2, one  
day earlier than Dr. T.'s  
earliest date (for a bird

at Groveland, just north  
of Roxford).

We had a white-throated  
sparrow breeding here this  
summer. He sang - or  
rather I heard him -  
frequently between June 29  
and Aug. 6, and I found  
two young ones in juvenile  
plumage Aug. 20. I also  
heard another one sing  
twice, June 4 and July 2!  
So I think we perhaps  
had two nesting pairs here.  
I have just sent a note  
to the Club about it.  
What do you think of

my guess? ~~Chorthalpa~~ Chorthalpa N. H., about 50 miles  
further north, seems to be the nearest record  
breeding place in eastern N. H., and I find  
no records for Eastern Mass. in Howard  
Allen's list. I have not your Minut here  
in Roxford.

With kind regards to yourself and Mr. Deane,  
Yours sincerely,

Francis H. Allen.



July 13, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Mr. Abbott Thayer has offered to use his book on protection coloration. I think the only difficulty we shall find in the way of publishing it is the matter of expense, but that may be a serious one on account of the many illustrations, colored and uncolored, involved. Would you mind expressing your opinion as to the value

Allen - FH  
July 13. 1906.

I should also be very glad to get your opinion as to the probable demand for Mr. Shayer's book.

of Mr. Shayer's discoveries, so that I can quote it for the benefit of the house in its deliberations on the matter? I have found the M.S. and pictures exceedingly interesting to me, and have tried his blue joy experiment successfully with a sheet spread under the lens.

I hope you are better than you were in the spring and are having a pleasant summer.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

after seen, the following may  
be of interest: Sept. 12, 1904, I  
saw, about noon, a party  
of swm swifts flying  
through Dover, Mass., towards  
the South. They flew si-  
lently and directly, but  
later I saw some swifts,  
possibly the same birds,  
flying about in the air  
at a point farther south  
and apparently feeding. On  
Aug. 26 of this year, at  
Worcester, I saw a large  
number of swifts in the  
air near our house late in  
the P. M. but noticed no  
general movements. Later,

~~Plain  
return~~

Worcester

Sept. 12, 1906.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have read your  
book through with a great  
deal of pleasure, and  
profit too, I am sure. Of  
course I can't add any-  
thing to what others must  
have said as to its impor-  
tance as a faunal paper,  
but I should like to  
express my "professional"  
admiration for the thorough-  
ness and excellence of the

proofreading and the want  
freedom from error of all  
kinds. I like very much  
what you say about the  
publication of records of  
birds merely observed but  
not taken, and the way  
you insist on having the  
evidence presented in such  
cases. Too many of us, I  
fear, either through thought-  
lessness or through a false  
pride in our own standing  
as observers, have neglected  
this important part of  
the records.

Here are a few notes  
suggested by my reading  
of the book:-

C. albicollis. I saw a  
pair of buffle-heads from  
near the Boston side,  
Harvard Bridge, Feb. 24, 1906.  
They were very near, and I  
watched them a long time  
with my glass. Others saw  
these birds about this time,  
I believe, and you doubtless  
have a note of them already,  
though too late for the book.

C. pelagica. If what you  
say about the migration of  
the swift means that birds  
evidently migrating are not



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however, about 7 P.M., a  
flock of about 20 flew  
over the house from west  
to east. These birds were  
not flying directly like  
those of Sept. 18, 1904, but  
they kept together neverthe-  
less, in a well-marked  
flock.

I saw a broad-winged  
hawk in Waltham last  
Sunday. It was tame, as  
they usually are, and I got  
near enough to see the wide  
barring of the tail very  
plainly when it flew. This

region is evidently of more  
of a Canadian cast than  
the Cambridge region. Soli-  
tary vireos seem to be fair-  
ly common, and I have  
seen (in June) at least 2  
hairy woodpeckers. Also saw  
a young Canadian warbler,  
Aug. 5. Wood thrushes  
abundant but vireos com-  
paratively scarce. I found  
one solitary vireo's nest with  
young.

Your sincerely  
Francis H. Allen

common flowers as vice versa,  
which no one thinks of calling  
"weckay wairsa". But even then  
we encounter difficulties with the  
Latinized forms of names in other  
languages, as for instance, shall we  
say Linconii or lin-col'ni? I  
favor the former, as some of these  
words are unpronounceable in Latin,  
— Cooperi, for instance.

I hope you won't curse me  
out for introducing this subject.  
Perhaps it may be a relief to  
think of something comparatively  
frivolous after labors on more im-  
portant matters! Don't trouble to  
acknowledge this letter if you are  
busy.

We have a pair of mockingbirds  
here in the place now, and the male  
sings freely. Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

215 Lylesange St.  
West Roxbury, Mass.  
Apr. 20, 1909.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

While the  
committee is revising the Check-  
List, I want to raise the  
question whether Hirundo erythro-  
gastra is not the correct form  
instead of H. erythrogaster as the  
Ninth Supplement made it. The  
feminine ending ra seems to be  
given to compounds of the word  
gaster after feminine nouns in other  
combinations in the Check-List.  
See Petrochelidon lunifrons melanogas-  
tra, Sula leucogastra, Branta bronica  
glauco-gastra. And Hirundo is a  
feminine noun. Boddart's apparently

published the name as *Hirundo erythro-*  
~~gaster~~ *gaster*, but isn't it permitted  
to correct endings to make them  
conform in gender?

Here are a few suggestions for  
the vernacular names: -

Great Loon [no! W.B.]

Greater Scaup Duck [no! W.B.]

Upland Plover [already adopted]

Ringneck [Yes! if not already adopted W.B.]

Eastern Phoebe [no! W.B.]

Shore Horned Lark [no! W.B.]

Eastern Meadow Lark [no! W.B.]

Common Redpoll [no! W.B.]

Snow Bunting [adopted]

\* Savannah Sparrow "

Red-eyed Towhee [Chewink W.B. winter]

or better, call these birds Chewinks, To-  
wheel" being so commonly mispronounced.

Solitary Tiro

Black and Yellow Warbler [Yes! W.B.]

White-bellied Redpoll Warbler [no! W.B.]

Yellow Redpoll Warbler

\* Wasn't it named for the city?

Northern Gator-thrush [no! W.B.]

Black-capped Chickadee [no! W.B.]

Veery [already adopted]

[I strongly favor what follows W.B.]

I wonder, too, if it would be  
outside of the province of the  
Check-List to consider formulating  
and publishing rules for the pro-  
nunciation of the scientific names.

Hardly any one I know seems  
to have any consistent practice in  
this respect. Most use a variable  
mixture of the old English pronun-  
ciation of Latin and the modern Con-  
tinental, and many seem to be  
ignorant of the rules of quantity.  
Personally I use the English rules,  
as I was taught to do at school  
when not actually reading the Latin  
language, regarding the scientific  
names as I should regard such

215 La Grange St.  
West Roxbury  
June 3, 1909

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I had intended long before this to answer and thank you for your letter of Apr. 23 concerning the vernacular names, etc., in the Check-list. I'm glad to learn that certain changes you mention were to be made. Certain others you mention I am sorry for. Of course we always speak of the robin and the redstart, for instance, but neither

from sketches or must be close to facts, but I have not seen or heard anything to indicate any change in the situation. The birds on my list about Long to the west, but are very pale in the immediate neighborhood, and the male seems especially ~~dark~~ <sup>stately</sup> in the west for cubs and crows. I have killed two of the former and one "young" form; the only two left in the vicinity. I wonder if I ought to get after the crew and pay, if which there are a number about.

Have you heard of Mr. Condit's blue-winged warbler in Sudbury? He has seen a pair and

of those birds on our list is  
the robin or the redstart, and  
it seems to me absolutely in-  
correct to call them so in  
anything so formal as a Check-  
List of N. A. Birds which is to  
be used all over the world.  
However, we must bow to su-  
perior authority.

But the emergency that now  
spurs me to write you <sup>is</sup> the ab-  
sence of our Secretary and the  
necessity of having a Sec. pro  
tem. Mr. Allen spoke of it at  
the last meeting of the Club but  
not till after we had passed the  
"business" stage of the proceedings  
and neither of us remembered just  
how the arrangement was to be made

under the by-laws. I have the printed by-laws be-  
fore me now and I judge from Article 5 that it  
is for you to appoint some one. Very likely Mr.  
Allen has already communicated with you on the  
subject and perhaps he has left the record-book at  
the Museum, but I don't know. If there is any  
thing for me to do before or at the meeting of June  
I please let me know.

Our mockingbirds now have a nest within 100 ft.  
of my house. I fertilized eggs to-day, when I discovered  
it, it contains four eggs. I suppose there must

positively identify the male at  
least, and his friend Mr. Cadue  
has found the nest, containing four  
eggs and a cowbird's, which last  
he destroyed. I went out  
there Monday P.M., but though  
I heard the bird sing once,  
or thought I did, — I didn't  
get a look at it. Mr. Purdie  
knows where the bird was and  
perhaps he has been there.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis Beal

P.S. I hope you will be at the  
meeting. I should also be delighted  
to show you the mockingbirds if you  
could come over.

215 Le Grange St.  
West Roxbury, Mass.  
June 20, 1909.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Just after  
sending off my letter to Con-  
cord I learned from Mr.  
Purdie that you had gone to  
Umbagog. As it turned out,  
everything went smoothly. Allen  
had left the book and the  
cares for the <sup>1st</sup> October meeting  
with Mr. Murdoch, and we  
elected the letter secretary pro  
tem at the meeting of June 7.  
He will simply have to write out  
the records for that meeting and  
send out the cards for the first  
meeting of next season, also perhaps



serve at that meeting. I'm sorry I bothered you about it, especially as it seems G. M. was trying to save you trouble.

The mockingbirds got their four young safely launched from the nests on the 12th. I banded two of them but preferred not to handicap all four in that way, — for I suppose it may be a handicap. A bird that shows a band on his leg is more likely to be shot, I should think. I saw the parents feeding three of them this morning. I'm not certain whether the fourth is still about or not. They can now fly fairly well and they keep up in the trees, so that I suppose danger from anything but hawks and owls is prac-

tionally over, — at least till they begin to shift for themselves and feed on the ground. It has been a source of great satisfaction to me, this successful meeting of the mockingbirds. There is only one thing lacking ~~now~~; ~~just~~ that is the famous night song that both retained into two parts make a model of. One bird sings more freely by day than my kind I ever knew anything to do with, but so far he has been silent at night. I don't <sup>say</sup> the night of the first copulation period was too cold to inspire him.

I hope you will write up your story of the kind of whistle. It yours sincerely,  
James H. Allen



HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY

4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

Feb. 4, 1910.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Would Mr. Abbott Thayer make a good lecturer as one of an Audubon course? Would he be willing to do it, do you think, and would he talk well? I know he is anxious to get his views known, and it occurred to me that he might give us a very interesting lecture if he would. We are trying to arrange our course

now, and the possibilities of new things seem scarce. Perhaps you can suggest somebody else. I have thought of Dugmore and Duertes, but I don't know whether they are available or not.

Another question about Mr. Thayer: In acknowledging my thanks for one of his separates of his Popular Science article the other day he suggested that I might help the cause by writing on to the Smithsonian people recommending that they reprint it as they did his Ark article some years ago. Can you tell me if True is the man to address? I suppose they are still printing those things in their

Annual reports? Mr. Thayer complains that zoologists are slow to come to his views. Is this so as far as ornithologists are concerned? I have been very much impressed myself, and though some of his notions seem a bit far-fetched, I have thought him sound in the main. I have his book, which he kindly sent me.

Have you heard of the Brookline Villeye hawk owl? The Boston Traveler photographer took a picture of a hawk owl there last week and exhibits it in the Travler window, but I can't learn that any ornithologist has seen the

bird. I have a copy of the photograph and am proposing to send it to Bird-Lore. It is unmistakably a hawk owl. G. M. Allen noticed the picture first.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis Hallen

West Roxbury  
Oct. 24, 1910.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Miss Kimball  
tells me you want to postpone  
the meeting between the Audubon  
Directors and Mrs. Boyd, the  
proposed "executive secretary," till  
the next regular meeting of the  
Board. Do you think it would  
be feasible to put the whole thing  
through at that meeting, after the  
Directors had all seen and talked  
with Mrs. Boyd, and elect her  
there and then if she were

above birds and her given talks on them  
to school children and others. She was  
a Miss Trickett, and her sister is Dr. Grace  
Trickett, who is well known, I believe. She  
is now a widow with two sons at Har-  
vard and a younger daughter. I think  
you will be pleased with her femininity.

I enjoyed and I spent yesterday at  
Spawick and saw many real. beautiful mignon-  
sims than I suppose there were in the  
world, — thousands and thousands and  
thousands of them. It was a fine sight.  
Also Sam's fishing, etc.

Yours sincerely,  
James H. Allen

muster? It would seem to be a pity to have to part it off for another month. Since the last meeting Miss Richards and I, at the suggestion of Mrs. Ballou and Miss Hall, have had an interview with Mrs. Boyd, and my own opinion of the desirability of giving her a trial has been confirmed. I haven't seen Miss Richards since, but I am sure she feels the same way. Mrs. Boyd is willing to give us <sup>at the office</sup> two full mornings in the week, and undertake to do considerable outside work in the way of addressing women's clubs, etc., for

\$5.00 a week. This sum was mentioned only tentatively and I think she might take less if we thought that the work. (\$5.00 was mentioned in our Directors' meeting.) Mrs. Boyd could ~~also~~ give us three days in the week if we wished, but Miss Richards would think that perhaps two days would be enough to begin with. Mrs. Boyd is a woman of force and tact; who has always been an active worker in Lowell; — in the Historical Society, women's club, church, Public Library Committee, etc. I know her well about her five years and know that she is very much thought of and liked. She knows arithmetic

215 Helmsrange St. <sup>24</sup>

West Roxbury

Jan. 13, 1911.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have just been reading your very interesting account of the bitterns. Why can't more of us see things like that? I can't help thinking of Mr. Wright's offer-  
tunities to do something besides census-taking. (I don't say some one has already called your attention to the last paragraph but one before this one you quote from Miss Leonard's article. That seems to

make her statement clear. I  
remember now reading the  
paper when it appeared and be-  
ing skeptical!

As to the Indian name for  
~~the~~ Concord River see Thoreau's  
"Walden Woods," p. 157 of the Manu-  
script Edition, where Musketcook  
would appear to be the correct  
form.)

Yours sincerely,  
Francis Haller

Boston

Apr. 27, 1911.

And. Gannett all. i.  
meeting. Mr. G.  
\$100. The chair fund.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

The subject of a street-car advertising card came up after you left the meeting yesterday, but we concluded that it would not be advisable to display the card till the close cars went on in the fall. It was therefore voted to postpone the matter till the next meeting, May 10, which would give time for making arrangements against the fall. We hope you



will be able to come to the meeting and give us your idea as to just what the card should be. If for any reason you can't come, could you send word about it, ~~or~~ write <sup>the card</sup> ~~it~~ out in full? Had we better have a picture on it?

I hope you will be able to provide at the <sup>Saturday, May 13.</sup> Public Meeting. We are to have a tea for the Social Secretaries immediately after, at the Chilton Club (if it can be arranged) or at some near-by hotel. The ladies of the Board are going to run that, of course. The

matter of the new chart also comes up, and we ~~would~~ try to raise \$1200 or \$1500 to pay for it. There seems to be no prospect of our having cash enough to fulfill it for some years in the ordinary course. Mrs. Hemenway promises \$100 towards it and will try to raise more, and all the Directors are supposed to try to get subscriptions for the purpose, on a liberal, of course, in our being able to raise the full amount necessary. You know we have paid under \$100 for the two new charts, but we propose to issue only one of them now. <sup>of former ones only</sup> ~~ditto~~



HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY  
4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

April 28th, 1911.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Would it trouble you to look over the enclosed paper on the Bluebird, by Enos Mills, at your leisure, and let me know what you think of it? Some of the observations--that of the young bluebirds at play, for instance--seem to be a little unusual.

Yours sincerely,

*Francis Haller*

William Brewster, Esq.,

Concord, Mass.

P.S. I had some fun with two screech owls last night, - called them up near the house & kept them wailing and singing, thro' + swooping about for ten minutes or more. Both of them gave the love-song but on different keys. I wonder if they were two males or if the female has that note.

*Megascops asio  
(love note)  
F. H. Allen.*

are disposed to give him a trial  
if the money for a year can  
be raised. This would amount  
to a little over \$1000 besides  
travelling expenses. I suppose  
\$1500 would be a good sum  
to aim at. Mrs. Hemenway  
offers \$500 towards this. If you  
know where we can get any  
more, we should like to hear.

Do you suppose Col. Thayer  
could be counted on?

As I think you know, we have  
made the complete arrangements for

215 Lelyongette St.

Concord Roxbury

May 24, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster

I met Earle L.  
Singleton, the aviator, the other  
day and had a little talk  
with him about bird-flight.  
He has made quite a study  
of it and evidently has ideas on  
the subject. He offered to give  
us a talk at the Nuttall  
Club, and to-day, after consulting  
with Mr. Elwood Allen, I have

arranged with him to come  
to the next meeting, June 3d.  
He will bring his lantern.  
He will give us a sort of lecture, but  
slides and he wants particularly  
to discuss bird-flight with  
ornithologists and especially  
with you. I hope very much  
that you will be able to come  
to the meeting. He seemed like  
an interesting chap and I think  
you would enjoy talking with  
him. I should have consult-  
ed with you before arranging

the thing for the next meeting,  
but that is the last meeting  
left for the season and I was  
afraid to let it go over till next  
fall, — there's no knowing what  
may happen to an aviator.

Another thing, — the Audubon  
Society committee on the secretary-  
ship has renewed negotiations with  
Mr. Winthrop Packard, and he will  
agree to give us half his time  
for \$25 a week, the months of  
July and August excluded. We

the publication of the new chart  
by the Milton Bradley Co. of  
Springfield and the transfer of the  
old ones to them. This is on a  
commission basis, the Society  
paying the bills and owning the  
charts and the publishers selling  
them for us. Mrs. Stemenway  
lends us the necessary money  
without interest, the same to be  
repaid as the returns come in  
from sales once a year. Mrs.  
Stemenway is a very generous  
and careful director! As the

last meeting, you may be interested to know, we elected Mr. William Wharton a director, and he has accepted cordially, Miss Kimball tells me, and says he expects to be able to attend meetings regularly.

I hope you've been having some birds in Concord this week. We have had some very birdy mornings here, especially Wednesday morning. A yellow-bellied flycatcher in the Cranary Burying-ground yesterday.

I hope you'll be able to come and meet Ovington.

Yours sincerely,  
Samuel H. Allen

plans.  
of our  
affairs  
will appear  
you will  
hope  
of

give him a trial. In case the  
Committee succeed in raising  
the \$1200, would you think it  
advisable to have Mr. Packard  
meet you and the whole Board  
of Directors before we took  
definite action? The committee  
had thought of recommending the  
calling of a special meeting of  
the Board to elect Mr. Packard,  
if it was thought best, and get  
so as to get him started on his  
campaign by Sept. 1st.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

215 Ledyard St.  
East Roxbury  
July 14, 1912.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I've asked  
Mr. Robbins to tell you  
about Mr. Packard because  
he is the one who has interviewed  
him. I have never met him  
myself, unless perhaps some years  
ago when our house was publish-  
ing a boys' book for him, —  
"The Young Ice Whalers". At any

date I have no acquaintance  
with him. I know his Trans-  
cript articles, of course, and  
that he has made a number of  
books out of them, but I never  
can read them myself, they have  
so little meat in them. I dare  
say you feel the same way  
about them, for I find that  
most persons who really know  
about outdoor things regard his  
writings as rather frothy. He seems  
to have quite a vogue with a  
certain class of readers, though.

He is a large and "husky" man  
physically, and makes a good  
impression, I understand. He  
has roughed it in Alaska, and  
his "Young Ice Whalers," which is  
one of the results of his experiences  
there, is a very good boys' book.  
He lives, as perhaps you know, in  
Contra, and has lived there for  
some years, — all his life for all  
I know. It seemed to be the  
only promising possibility for the  
position, and the Committee felt  
that he was promising enough to



215 Lehigh Ave  
East Roxbury, July 26, '12

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I was glad to  
get your letter of the 20th  
and to know that you approve  
of engaging Mr. Packard, and I  
must thank you on behalf of  
the Committee for your generous  
subscription. The other day I  
got a check for \$25 from Mr.  
Percott Jay, which brings the sub-  
scription list up to \$1125. We  
may also get something from Dr.

a written request for the meeting, signed  
by three members or required by our  
by-laws.

Now I suppose we must have a  
talk with Miss Kimball before we ask  
her to call the meeting; and I suppose  
on the call. Do you want to see her,  
or shall I? I told Roblin I would return  
him of the job. Monday, his next office day,  
would be the best time, perhaps.

Phillips.

Mr. Robbins had a talk with Mr. Packard and he will be glad to begin work Sept. 1st if we want him. He will also come to meet the Directors at our meeting. He was going away Monday for a fortnight, to be back Saturday Aug 10, and as both Robbins and I are going away on the following Saturday<sup>(Aug. 17)</sup>, it seems best to have the meeting in the intervening week, if that is convenient to you. Robbins

may possibly have to absent in some weeks - even from Wednesday to Saturday of that week (it was to be within that week in the preceding, he wants some which), so that within Monday or Tuesday seems to be indicated, and Mr. Johnson, whom I consulted, could do some Monday. Tuesday, Aug. 13, seems to be the day, therefore, if that suits you, and in thoughts ~~at~~ 2:30 would be a good hour; the place the Library of the Boston Society or near. I presume

I think we can get a quorum.  
Miss Hall will be in town then,  
and Dr. Field and Mr. Cohester,  
whom I saw to-day, can both  
probably come, Dr. Field almost  
certainly. With you and Mr. and  
Mrs. Robbins and <sup>Dr. Bush and me</sup> ~~I~~, that would  
make eight besides Miss Kimball,  
and five makes a quorum.

There is also a chance that  
some others might make a  
point of coming, though most  
of them are out of town now.  
Please let me know if date

and all are satisfactory and  
whether you want me to see  
Miss Kimball.

Your walk over the transitional  
marshes must have been an inter-  
esting one. Do you suppose the  
black ducks were bred there?  
It is interesting to see how birds  
are waiting to take advantage of  
favorable conditions anywhere.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

4 Park St., Boston  
Sept. 18, 1912.

W. B.

Mr. Brewster,

Will you please tell me what your recollection is as to the name of the office to which we elected Mr. Packard? You remember we had quite a discussion at the meeting about the title in connection with the duties of the office. I have a clear recollection myself but

and — the notes call on  
without by H. H. H.

of course of you from  
4 years. I have signed  
with a sign and date  
for Mr. Brewster

during the time I am awake as I lie  
on my upper back. I have them  
mostly in September but have also had  
them in May, August, and about the last  
of July. I have supposed it was some  
kind of sherris wine, but Dr. F. reminds,  
who found me here the other evening,  
didn't recognize it as anything he had  
ever heard and doubted if it was a  
sherris wine. I don't know what she it  
could be, though. Do the sails have any

find that it disagrees with  
Miss Kimball's.

Mr. Packard came to see  
me yesterday and told me  
what he had been doing for  
a starter, — getting out some  
circular letters under Mr. Forbes's  
tutelage. We have had proof  
of the new chart, and Fuertes  
writes me that he is very well  
pleased with the lithographic  
work on it.

I'm always coming to you

with a question about some bird-note  
that has puzzled me, and here is another:  
At night in September I often hear a  
low and somewhat shrill peep with a  
slight but evident downward inflection and  
an h in it, — a sort of creek, not pro-  
longed. The birds fly over my fence  
quite often, sometimes singly, sometimes in  
small straggling companies, to judge by  
the notes as I hear them answering one  
another. Sometimes I hear fifteen or twenty

such flight call? I have  
heard flying over my house at  
night spotted and solitary (probably)  
sandpeeps, upland plover, dunlin,  
and other unrecognized shore-birds  
with several different notes (one  
last Sunday night with a short  
uninflected peep several times re-  
<sup>peated</sup> <sup>but not in succession</sup>), but none of them are  
as frequent as this particular  
one I'm writing about. At this  
time of year they are flying  
from northeast to southwest ap-  
parently, and each one calls several

times without hearing, the notes  
growing louder as the bird draws  
near and then diminishing. ~~So~~  
When I described this note last  
year to Townsend, he thought  
the bird might be the flectoral  
sandpiper, but when he heard it  
the other night he said it  
wasn't that. I wish you  
could hear the birds themselves,  
but perhaps my description will  
suggest to you the solution of  
my puzzle.

Yours sincerely,  
James H. Allen



surprised to find he was calling himself "Field Secretary".

I am delighted to get your answer to my question on the migrating notes, — a subject that has puzzled me for years. The first time I heard it I thought it was Bicknell's or the gray-checked thrush, but the more I heard of it the less it sounded like that to me, and I came to the conclusion that it must be a shore-bird of some species, — partly because I thought I knew most of the

215 Lyngby St.  
Long Roxbury

Sept. 24, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Evidently I can't prove it by you, as the phrase is, that we agreed to call Mr. Peabody "Executive Secretary" and Miss Kimball "Secretary-Treasurer", but I was quite positive that such ~~is~~ was our final decision. You must excuse me if I correct you as to my own part in the discussion, however.

It was my own suggestion that Mr. Packard should be Executive Secretary and Miss Kimball Secretary - Treasurer, and Miss Kimball herself agreed to it when I talked the matter over with her before we called the meeting. That was my proposal at the meeting, but you misunderstood me at first and opposed the suggestion, thinking I had said ~~the~~ "Secretary" instead of "Executive Secretary." When you learned later that you had misunderstood me, you withdrew your opposi-

tion to the proposal, — or at least that was the impression I got, — but perhaps you only modified your opposition. I suppose I must be wrong about the final outcome of the discussion, since you and Miss Kimball remember it differently from me, Mr. Dobush agrees with you, though apparently less positively, and Mr. Robbins is too hazy to say either way. The question arose, as perhaps I said before, in connection with the signing of Mr. Packard's circular letters. I was

Common land-birds' notes, but partly also because it seemed to me to have the quality of some of the songsters' notes. I have not detected any particular difference in the notes that would suggest their coming from more than one species. Some time, perhaps, you will tell me how to distinguish them, but I suppose that would have to be done by word of mouth. I am also very curious to know how on earth you succeeded in identifying them, — I suppose by catching

them as it in the daytime.

Now I think of it, the notes might very well come from a very, but I never heard anything remotely suggesting them from the hermits, or the olive-back.

I've shown your letter to Townsend but shall not let it go farther, and of course I shall not make any <sup>public</sup> use of the information. That Umbagog book is going to be a perfect mine of information. Townsend says you are going to bring out a part of it before long, which

I was very glad to hear.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel A. Allen



HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY  
4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

Oct. 3, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster

I don't re-  
member that anything was  
said at our special Directors'  
meeting about having Mr.  
Packard attend our regular  
meetings, but I suppose we  
should all be agreed that  
he ought to. Wouldn't  
it be well for you as Presi-  
dent to ask Miss Kimball

to send him a card for  
the meeting of Oct. 4 and  
future meetings? Even if  
the point was covered during  
our discussion, it would not  
do any harm to remind  
her, I suppose.

Yours sincerely,  
Dominic H. Allen

Some of the call-note.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

215 Lal, range St.  
West Roxbury  
Oct. 11, 1912.

It can be imitated approximately by whistling.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have been hearing more of the night-passing thrushes. In the very early morning of Oct. 5, - 2 a.m. and thereabouts, - I heard many times from a number of individuals a short, uninflected peep not very high-pitched, apparently with an l in it, like quelp, a rather mellow and sweet note.\* It resembled a form of the Hermit Thrush's chuck.

note which I have heard in  
the daytime, and I suspect  
that the birds were Hermits.

The same night I heard from  
several individuals the note I  
described to you before, or one  
resembling it, but it seemed to  
me a little higher-pitched and  
finer than those I heard in  
early September. I heard this  
note last night again about  
11 P.M. from a number of in-  
dividuals. It seemed to me then  
that the downward inflection was  
not so rapid as in the September  
birds, and when the note came

from near by I seemed to detect  
an s in it, as if it were the  
syllable speak. I suspect  
that these birds were *H. aliciae*  
or *H. a. bicknelli* and that the  
early September birds were *H.*  
*fuscus*. I wonder if you  
would express an opinion on  
the evidence. I haven't heard  
the Bicknell's call-note (to know it)  
for several years, but I remember  
it as much like these night  
calls. I have also heard a vari-  
table squeal from the Bicknell,  
but that was different from these  
and I don't think it is the common

any one who exercises any care  
~~at all not to get it right.~~

In the case of the first  
misquotation, the explanation  
given is ingenious but unconvin-  
cing and is exploded by a  
reading of the next sentence in  
Roosevelt's paper. Now I don't  
~~want to make things unneces-~~  
~~sarily hard for Mr. Stone,~~  
~~but at the same time I~~  
know of no reason why I  
should sacrifice my own repu-  
tation, and the truth too, to

copy  
7-14-9  
(see later book)

215 Lelyongette St.  
Leeds Roxbury  
Feb. 6, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Would you,  
as an act of friendship, look  
over the letter I have written  
for publication in the Ark,  
replying to criticisms made by  
Mr. Stone, Mr. Chapman, and  
Mr. Barbour? I should not,  
of course, expect you to as-  
sume any responsibility for  
what I have said, but I



should greatly value your advice if you felt like letting me have it. There is one serious aspect to the case which I am sure is not generally known. That is that Stone ~~himself~~, in attempting to show that I blundered in the matter of the second "misquotation" — though I did not call it that — with which I charged Colonel Roosevelt, actually misquoted Roosevelt himself by omitting the very clause on which I

based my charge, and this in spite of the fact that he appended a footnote reading "quoted verbatim from Mr. Roosevelt's paper." The only way I can account for this is that Stone got his data from some one else — some extremely careless, or possibly dishonest, person — and failed to verify ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> for himself. I quoted the passage in question correctly in my paper, and there would seem to be little excuse for

save him from embarrassment.  
I think I have put the case  
in a reasonable and courteous  
way in my letter, but I should  
be very grateful for any advice  
or suggestions you might feel  
like giving me. I have also  
replied to Chapman and Barbour,  
both of whom have been a little  
unreasonable, I think.

I haven't had a word from  
Mr. Thayer since my paper ap-  
peared, and I'm afraid he  
didn't like it much better than

J. R. So much for trying to  
be fair to both sides! However,  
I have faith to believe that  
it all tends towards the reso-  
lution of the truth and that  
my little plunge may prove  
to have helped things on.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

I know her ways and manners pretty well. I have labored with her, perhaps tactlessly but certainly sympathetically because I recognized in her certain of my own faults, and long and patiently, to try to get her to see things in a larger way and to show her why it was necessary for us to get outside help to run the Society efficiently; but I never could get her away from her personal view of the case. It was always her work and her relations with the Directors and the Deacons

215 Ledyard St.  
West Roxbury  
July 6, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I was sorry, as I'm sure all the rest of us were, not to be able to agree with you about Miss Kimball and Mr. Parkman, - particularly after you were so nice to me about my Dank letter. (Your hearty words that afternoon at Mrs. Elliot's were a source of

the greatest satisfaction to me.) I wish we could all feel a little surer of Mr. Packard's high-mindedness, but personally I feel surer of him than of Miss Kimball. If it had seemed worth while the other day, I should have said more than I did of Miss Kimball's shortcomings. I have never laid the stress on her failure to keep office hours that some of the others have. It is her absolute unprogressiveness that has worried me most. She

never failed to throw cold water on every new plan that came up, and she never, I think, made a single contribution of her own to in the way of constructive work for the Society. I know she has always been faithful about keeping you informed about things, and I haven't anything to complain of in her treatment of me; but I have had as frequent and protracted dealings with her as almost any of the directors, I think, and I feel that

Secretaries (Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Packard) that seemed to occupy her thoughts; never the good of the cause viewed impersonally. I have, too, there have been several instances where her records of the meetings and her recollections of other things have differed so radically from my own very distinct recollections of particular matters in which I was especially interested that, rightly or wrongly, I have lost confidence in her absolute veracity; and this loss makes me

feel safer with Mr. Packard than  
with her, even if I don't sympha-  
tize with his attitude in all things.

A number of us — in fact, I  
suppose practically all the Directors  
— have for some time wanted to  
get rid of Miss Kimball as soon  
as we could find a substitute.

At the June meeting the matter  
came to a head in my own  
mind after seeing her exhibition  
of ill feeling against Mr. Packard.  
I remarked to Mr. Wharton, as we  
left the meeting together, that now

Miss Kimball couldn't leave us  
any too soon, and he agreed  
with me. The situation had  
scarcely become unbearable.

Well, it's over now, and I  
hope we have made no mistake.  
I don't think we have, though I'm  
far from setting up my judgment  
against yours. But I did want  
to explain my view of the case  
to you a little more fully.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

215 Laly range St.  
West Roxbury  
July 10, 1913

"Budget not, other things, I mean your sincerely, Miss Hallie"

you understand that, however much we like and respect Mr. Forbush, we want to keep you as President. For one thing, we've got him already, and he could hardly be very much more serviceable to us if he were President than he is now, while if you leave us we lose you entirely. I know it's a matter of conscience with you largely (I'm descended from Elder Brewster myself and sympathize) and in this case it is conscience

Dear Mr. Brewster,  
I'm very, very sorry to hear that you intend to resign the Presidency of the Audubon Society. From what you say I'm afraid that no mere refusal to accept your resignation will avail, but couldn't you put it off till later, say till after the first of January next? I know you don't want to hurt the



Society and I'm very much afraid that your resignation, coming just as the new Secretary and Treasurer goes into office, will be taken by the public for what it really is, instead of being regarded as a mere coincidence. And of course we shouldn't want people to know that you were resigning on Mr. Packard's account. If you should forego your resignation, I should hope that Mr. Packard

would conduct himself so well that when the time came you would reconsider your decision entirely and stay with us; but in any case a resignation six months or so from now would be much less harmful to the Society's interests. Won't you think this over, Mr. Brewster? And meanwhile, of course, none of us will say anything about the matter outside. I hope

215 Helyar St.  
West Roxbury  
Oct. 2, 1913

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I have your  
note of Sept. 30 enclosing  
the Conservation Congress letter  
and circulars. I judge that  
you yourself don't think it  
necessary for us to send dele-  
gates, and I should hardly think  
it worth while, since forests and  
water-power are to be the prin-  
cipal subjects for discussion. Per-

fine country ~~you~~ have there.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen



215 Lehigh St.  
West Roxbury

Dec. 11, 1913.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

We are all very  
sorry to lose you from  
the Audubon Society, as  
you must know. I don't  
think any one felt like  
saying anything in the  
meeting yesterday. I must  
thank you again for stay-

ing on with us for  
these few months under  
the new arrangement.

Yours sincerely,  
Francis H. Allen

215 Lelyrond St.  
West Roxbury, Mass.  
June 22, 1915.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

I can almost match  
your tale of Canadian birds  
in Concord with one of  
a myrtle warbler that I saw  
in Westwood last Sunday, June  
20th! As it was in hard-  
wood growth, however, and as  
he disappeared almost imme-  
diately, I suspect he was only  
a migrant, though extraordinarily

shown through the summer. Peewees  
warblers in the other hand, seem to  
me unusually common here this year.

Yours as always,

James H. Allen

P.S. I did not find Stewar's  
sparrows or warblers at Dingus's, and  
Remond, who visited the ~~parc~~  
meadows (where they have been for years)  
a few weeks ago, who fails to find  
them. I hope the colony is not extinct.

belated; which reminds me of how seldom we see any of our smaller migrants thus belated, by accident or otherwise, — I suppose because they are speedily gobbled up by mummies, while crippled ducks and loons and such large birds with fewer mummies escape and spend the summer far south of their breeding grounds. This bird was very clearly seen and positively identified. It was a

male in full plumage and sang once before it disappeared. I saw or heard 12 species of warblers that day, including a Canadian (in Purgatory Summit, where they breed regularly), but, strangely, not including the golden-winged, which are either very scarce in my region this year or else have stopped singing for a time. We have one or two about here in May. We generally have at least <sup>male singing</sup> one near our

not warblers, I should say,  
and Cape May were fairly  
common. ~~June~~ <sup>May</sup> in West  
Roxbury ~~June~~ <sup>May</sup> 18, and seen  
in Cambridge by Mr. Lamb  
~~June~~ <sup>May</sup> 19, a fortnight earlier  
than your latest dates in "Birds  
of Camb. Region". I had  
a *Parthustis hudsonicus* subsp.  
about my house ~~June~~ <sup>May</sup> 18 and  
a few days earlier.

I was sorry I had no  
time to call on you at the  
farmhouse that Sunday.

Yours sincerely,  
Frank H. Allen

215 Lathrop St.  
West Roxbury  
June 20, 1917

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Ever since  
I landed for a few minutes  
at Ball's still just a month  
ago to-day I have been in-  
tending to report to you some  
of the birds I found that  
day there and elsewhere in  
Concord, though my meagre  
reports will probably add nothing



to your record of the day.  
At your camp I saw one  
black-poll and one magnolia  
warbler and heard <sup>a</sup> red-eyed  
vireo, and I saw a great  
blue heron flying across the  
river from somewhere near  
there. Also a little above  
I had a good view of a  
male wood duck flying not  
far off. Other birds observed  
in Concord the same day were  
female Baltimore oriole, Maryland

yellow-throat singing, spotted sand-  
piper, 1 solitary sandpiper, least  
flycatcher, 1 yellow-throated vireo,  
3 Chestnut-sided warblers singing,  
and one Water-thrush; and in  
Sudbury I heard two prairie  
warblers.

What a remarkable spring  
we have had! Tennessee  
warblers in West Roxbury up  
to and including June 8,  
and black-polls, June 15. The  
Tennessee was one of the common-

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Dear Mr. Deane,

Boston, June 10, 1907.

I have seen Miss Granger's bird  
and yesterday Dr. Townsend & I went there together.  
It is undoubtedly *H. leucobronchialis*. ~~I suppose you~~  
~~have heard~~ I thought I had better make my  
report to you, but you have probably heard that  
Maynard, Hoffmann, & C. E. Faxon have all seen it  
& that Maynard found the nest with eggs. I sup-  
pose somebody is going to report the matter to  
the Auk after the facts as to the young are all  
known? I hope the whole thing won't be buried  
in Mr. Maynard's archives. Yours, J. H. Allen

Wright Case of Harvard

(Compare with my  
notes)  
Wright



William Brewster, Esq.

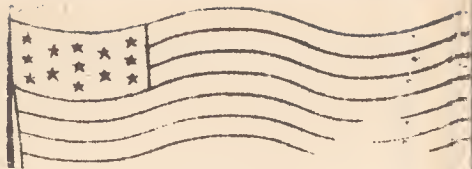
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Birds observed in Campton, N.H., June 18th. to  
 July 2nd., 1888, together with a few observed  
 in Thornton; by Francis H. Allen.

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. <i>A. macularia</i>  | Not uncommon.     |
| 2. <i>B. umbellus</i>   | Quite common      |
| 3. <i>Buteo borealis</i>  | A few observed    |
| 4. <i>Nyctia acadica</i>  | 1 seen            |
| 5. <i>C. erythrophthalmus</i>                                       | Common            |
| 6. <i>D. villosus</i>   | 1 seen            |
| 7. <del><i>S. v. varius</i></del><br><del><i>D. fulvirens</i></del> | Quite common      |
| 8. <i>C. auratus</i>  | Not common !      |
| 9. <i>A. vociferus</i>  | Quite common      |
| 10. <i>Chon. virginianus</i>  | Common            |
| 11. <i>C. pelagica</i>  | Abundant          |
| 12. <i>T. colubris</i>  | 1 seen every day. |
| 13. <i>T. tyrannus</i>  | Common            |

14. <i>M. cinereus</i>	Not common	33. <i>M. fasciata</i>	Common
15. <i>S. phoebe</i>	Common	34. <i>P. erythrocephalus</i>	1 heard
16. <i>Coutopus borealis</i>	1 heard	35. <i>H. ludoviciana</i>	Not common
17. <i>C. virens</i>	Quite common	36. <i>P. cyanea</i>	Common
18. <i>E. p. traillii</i>	1 heard	37. <i>P. erythronoides</i>	"
19. <i>E. minimus</i>	Common	38. <i>P. leucifrons</i>	1 colony seen in Thornton.
20. <i>C. cristata</i>	Not common	39. <i>C. erythrogaster</i>	Abundant
21. <i>Corvus americanus</i>	Common	40. <i>C. riparia</i>	1 large colony
22. <i>D. oryzivorus</i>	1 heard singing	41. <i>A. cedrorum</i>	Common
23. <i>A. phoeniceus</i>	1 seen in Thornton	42. <i>T. olivaceus</i>	Abundant
24. <i>J. galbana</i>	Not uncommon	43. <i>T. solitarius</i>	Not common
25. <i>C. fuscescens</i>	Quite common	44. <i>M. varia</i>	Rather common
26. <i>S. tritis</i>	Common	45. <i>H. ruficapilla</i>	Common
27. <i>P. gramineus</i>	Abundant	46. <i>Comps. americana</i>	"
28. <i>A. s. savanna</i>	Common	47. <i>D. carolinensis</i>	"
29. <i>Z. albicollis</i>	Quite common	48. <i>D. coronata</i>	1 seen twice
30. <i>S. socialis</i>	Common	49. <i>D. maculosa</i>	Quite common
31. <i>S. pusilla</i>	"	50. <i>D. pennsylvanica</i>	Common
32. <i>J. hyemalis</i>	Quite common	51. <i>D. blackburniana</i>	"

52.	<i>D. virens</i>	Common
53.	<i>S. aurocapillus</i>	"
54.	<i>G. trichas</i>	Quite common
55.	<i>Sylv. Canadensis</i>	Not uncommon
56.	<i>S. reticilla</i>	Quite common
57.	<i>G. Cordillensis</i>	" "
58.	<i>H. rufus</i>	Common
59.	<i>T. hiemalis</i>	Rather common
60.	<i>Sitta Cordillensis</i>	" "
61.	<i>P. atricapillus</i>	Not common !
62.	<i>R. satrapa</i>	Rather common
63.	<i>T. fuscescens</i>	Common
64.	<i>T. w. swainsonii</i>	Not common
65.	<i>T. a. pallasii</i>	Common
66.	<i>M. migratoria</i>	"
67.	<i>S. sialis</i>	Quite common.