

Allen-Francis D.
Sept. 2nd 1895

Quarta thing, Mr. Brewster, can you tell me
if the terminal system is new for mammals? &
if not where (Japan or the Americas, or in the word
"ornith" (orn) among birds?)
I don't believe you knowed 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 bid 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 *Panus hadroniceus* and *Pendiculus striata* on Stratton Mt., ^{7th} June 30th,

Keenels? 430's, ~~altitude~~ about 3800 feet. Do you know of P. Andersonian having been found as far south as that in the breeding season? I can find no record of it in the Guide to the Northern Rockies. I visited Mr. Richards' farm on Slide Mt. I visited June 7. a. Keenels there, but I doubt if the surrounding woods be congenial — a thick growth of spruce about timbered feet in height.

It might be that some surprising season be through that region, or I am tired in the same direction. Z. blivis and M. migration were also seen there in 1886, when I was at Keenels; but before, and S. sioides were apparently absent;

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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. 13th. 1896

the mountain, July 4th + 5th, 1891,
and Aug. 7, 1892, going up to the
top the three days. The only
Canadian birds I found were
D. maculosa, *T. a. bellusii*, *T.*
hyemalis, and *T. hiemalis*, all
on my first visit. I should
surely have noted 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 not
be the same. The extremes
for *H. rufus* are Apr. 24 and
May 11, for *G. carolinensis* May 3 + 18.

Very 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 Quip 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

themself 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 ~~the~~ 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 ceased ~~§~~ 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 descriptions 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 woodcock songs?

HOUGHTON
MIFFLIN &
COMPANY
✱ EDITOR'S
OFFICE ✱
4 PARK ST.
✱ BOSTON

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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 make-up 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 wish
to
open
to
change 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. ^{proterea}
I suppose) on Fegan Hill.
Could it have been bred
there, do you think?
Wasn't 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~~ ^{was} ~~been~~ in there all the
summer, enjoying country life, but have
not been up into the Canadian farms
or woods. Best regards to Mr. Fernald,

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 Sandwinking with rudimentary mind-ties or even merely taken? I fear our ~~that~~ I saw shot out of a flock at Harvard, Sept. 11. The kind ties are only about .05 of an inch long (in the skin)

flop off to another tree, showing an immense expanse of wing. The only peculiarity 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 ^{are} progressing satisfactorily. I wanted particularly to tell you

about meeting a great
gray owl in the woods
yesterday. It was on
J. D. 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
cawed 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 ^{he} _{never}
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

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, J. H.

July 7, 1904.

Re Redstart
with white fs
yellow in tail-

7 Rutledge St.

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 snow-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.
West Roxbury

Aug. 10, 1904.

Dear Mr. Brewster,

Dr. George W. Niles,

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 whistling quality. It was probably as low in pitch as that low note of the chipmunk's, ^{perhaps lower} 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 nearby. 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 manner of it was distinctly suggestive of a living creature. It was given three times in pretty quick succession, - intervals of half a minute perhaps, - 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 Auk about it.
What do you think of

my James? ~~Chorthris~~ 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 your Minster 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 in 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.

P.S. 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 trees.

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
rather ~~to~~ 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,

~~Plum
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
to 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.

Yours sincerely
Francis H. Allen

Common *Pharus* 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 on the place now, and the male
sings freely. Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

215 Lalsonge 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 bernicla
glaucogastra. And Hirundo is a
feminine noun. Boddaert 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 ~~checklist~~ or must be added to list, 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 ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~scarcely~~ in the ~~west~~ for cabs and crows. I have ~~heard~~ ~~two~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~former~~ ~~and~~ ~~one~~ ~~laying~~ ~~egg~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~two~~ ~~left~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~vicinity~~. I wonder if I ought to get after the crows and jays, of 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 ^{is} 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
7 please let me know.

Our mockingbirds now have a nest within 100 ft.
of my house. A fortnight ago to-day when I discovered
it, it contained 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
cards for the ^{1st} 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 exposed 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 rearing of the mockingbirds. There is only one thing lacking now; ~~just~~ that is the female might sing that last note, ~~is to~~ into two parts make a melody. Our 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 ^{say} the nights of the first copulation period were so cold to make 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 Village 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 then and there if she passed

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 Harvard and a younger daughter. I think you will be pleased with her femininity.

I enjoyed and I spent yesterday at Spanish and saw many real. Great migration - saw that I suppose there were in the world, - thousands and thousands and thousands of them. It was a fine sight. Also some 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. Ballis 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 ^{at the office} 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 too small. (\$5.00 was mentioned in our Directors' meeting.) Mrs. Boyd could ~~not~~ 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; she has always been an active worker in D. S. W. — 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. ⁽²⁰⁾

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 Musketicook
would appear to be the correct
form.)

Yours sincerely,
Francis H. Allen

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 ^{the card} ~~it~~ out in full? Had we better have a picture on it?

I hope you will be able to provide at the ^{Saturday, May 13.} 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 fund 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. ^{of former variety} ~~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 thru + 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 and if the female has that note.

*Megotom also
love notes!
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 Lelyon St.

Concord Roxbury

May 24, 1912

Dear Mr. Brewster

I met Earle L.
Orington, 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. Elmer 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,
James H. Allen

plans.
to 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 Ledyange St.
Boston 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 Transcripts 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 Canton, 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 Le Grange St
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 Reddin 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 ^(Aug. 17), it seems best to have the meeting in the intervening week, if that is convenient to you. Robbins

may possibly have to travel in some-
yachts - away 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 indi-
cated, 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 Hale will be in town then,
and Dr. Field and Mr. Cothran,
whom I saw to-day, can both
probably come, Dr. Field almost
certainly. With you and Mr. and
Mrs. Robbins and ^{Dr. Bush and me} ~~I~~, that would
make eight besides Miss Kimball,
and five makes a quorum.

There is also a chance that
some others might make a
pair of comings, 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

The notes call on
without by H. H. H.
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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. Townsend,
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 Dueto
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 kind - note
that two friends me, and here is another:
As night in September I often hear a
low and somewhat shrill note with a
slight but evident downward inflection and
an re in it, — a sort of creak, 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-
^{peated, but not in succession}), 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 Lelyrøge 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. Peckard "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. Forbush 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 ~~somififers~~' 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 is 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 ^{public} 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,

J. S. Merriam



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

form 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 individuals. It seemed to me that the downward inflection was not so evident 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. fuscescens*. 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 variable squeal from the Bicknell, but that was different from these and I don't think it is the common

any one who experienced 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 letter book)

215 Lelysonge 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~~ ^{it} 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 evolu-
tion 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 bank 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 know, 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 Ledyange St.
West Roxbury
July 10, 1913

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 Eldon Brewster myself and sympathize) and in this case it is conscience

"Budge" not, but the other @ big game & nature
I fear sincerely
Miss Hollis

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

hope the matter ought to be referred to the Directors, though, and I will have it brought up at the meeting of next week.

That's a fine list of autumn birds you have seen! It contains two I have never met with, - Cape May warbler and orange-crowned warbler. I wish they might come my way. I see only the birds that come to me nowadays. I've been hearing the migrating thrushes this last few weeks. I think I detect three distinct notes. Besides these

three notes I have heard, one might almost say clear, the characteristic jarring note of *St. virens* Swainson. I have never heard it before ~~for~~ at night in the migration. I think the bird was flying but I heard the note only once. It might be my "house" bird up to 108 species, for I have never seen or heard the olive-back here on the place before.

I saw your Bald's Hill last Sunday from Judge Chubb's new house across the river, when we were dining. It's a

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 on the other hand, seem to
me unusually common here this year.

Yours as always,

Samuel H. Allen

P.S. I did not find Stewar's

Warblers on arrival at Longfellow, and

Kennard, who visited the ~~parts~~

meadows (where they have been for years)

a few weeks ago, who failed 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 Purple-bay Swamp, 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. The latter one or two absent here in May. The generally have at least ^{male singing} one near our

not warblers, I should say,
and Cape May were fairly
common. *Junco* in West
Roxbury ~~June~~ ^{May} 18, and seen
in Cambridge by Mr. Lamb
~~June~~ ^{May} 19, a fortnight earlier
than your latest dates in "Birds
of Comb. Region". I had
a *Parthicus hudsonicus* subsp.
about my house ~~June~~ ^{May} 18 and
a few days earlier.

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

Yours sincerely,
Tomlin Hill

215 Lehigh 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 ^a 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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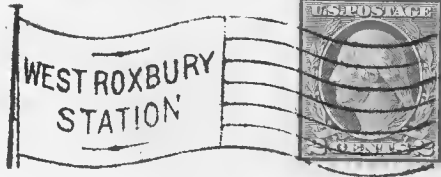
Dear Mr. Deane,

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
writings)



William Brewster, Esq.

October Term

Concord

Mass.



CONCORD, MASS.
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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>Nyctea acadica</i> | 1 seen |
| 5. <i>C. erythrophthalmus</i> | Common |
| 6. <i>D. villosus</i> | 1 seen |
| 7. <i>S. v. varius</i>
<i>D. fulvirostris</i> | Quite common |
| 8. <i>C. auratus</i> | Not common ! |
| 9. <i>A. vociferans</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. cyana</i>	Common
18. <i>E. p. traillii</i>	1 heard	37. <i>P. erythronelas</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. purpurinus</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. ruticilla</i>	Quite common
57.	<i>G. Carolinensis</i>	" "
58.	<i>H. rufus</i>	Common
59.	<i>T. hiemalis</i>	Rather common
60.	<i>Sitta Carolinensis</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.