

There are quite a number of records for eastern Massachusetts, the latest appearing to be as follows: One reported by Torrey, Marshfield, Aug. 15, 1889 (O. & O., Sept., 1889); one by Miller, Provincetown, Sept. 11, 1890 (Auk, Jan., 1891); one by Mackay, Nantucket, Nov. 20, 1890 (Auk, Jan., 1891); one by Cory (young of the year), Hyannis, Aug. 30, 1891 (Auk, Oct., 1891). The first named is of special interest, being in the spotted plumage and accompanied by three or four others, a fair inference being that a brood had been hatched in the vicinity.

The breeding of the species farther west, near Springfield, has been a matter of several records, the latest, I think, being that of R. O. Morris (Auk, Jan., 1892), who says "a pair passed this, the fourth successive season, in West Springfield."

In view of the above, can we not abandon the cage bird idea for this section?—F. C. BROWNE, *Framingham, Mass.*

The Willow Thrush (*Turdus fuscescens salicicolus*) a Migrant in Northeastern Illinois.—I am indebted to Mr. Ridgway for the identification of two "very typical" specimens of this Thrush that were collected by the writer the past spring (1894), at Glen Ellyn, Ill., a male being secured on the 6th and a female on the 21st of May.

Since Mr. Coale's original record,¹ only one other specimen, taken by him at Ravenia, Ill., May 17, 1890, referred to in July, 1894, number of 'The Auk,' and now in the Field Columbian Museum of Chicago, has been taken to my knowledge in this State. It is of interest, therefore, to note that on the day of the last capture, May 21, at least two others were seen.

This fall I have found it to be a regular migrant here, specimens being taken Aug. 29 (the date of my 'first,' although a doubtful record, was made three days earlier), and again on Sept. 4, when one was also noticed. Others were here Sept. 1 (1) and Sept. 6 (2); the last one, a single bird, was recorded on the 8th of the month.

In view of the foregoing, supplemented with the general information furnished me by Dr. Merriam, some time ago, that the Agricultural Department at Washington has on file additional Mississippi Valley records of *salicicolus*, it would be well for the observers of Illinois in particular to keep a better lookout for this bird, as it will doubtless prove to be more plentiful with us than has been previously supposed.—BENJ. T. GAULT, *Glen Ellyn, Ill.*

Two Records from Keokuk, Iowa.—On the 16th of December, 1892, I shot a specimen of *Juncus hyemalis shufeldti* on the Illinois shore just opposite this city. It was with several other Juncos, all, as far as I could tell, of the common variety.

¹ Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, 1883, p. 239.