

Baird's Sandpiper near Washington, D. C.—On Sept. 3, 1894, while collecting Sandpipers and other birds on the floating confervæ on the flats in the Potomac River, off the mouth of Four Mile Run, Alexandria County, Virginia, I took a fine immature male specimen of *Tringa bairdii*. This specimen has been identified by Mr. Ridgway and is the first recorded instance from the Virginias and the District of Columbia. It was alone at the time, though hundreds of individuals of *Ereunetes pusillus*, *Tringa maculata* and *Totanus flavipes* were flying about or feeding on the surface of the confervæ.—R. S. MATTHEWS, *Washington, D. C.*

The Ruff and Western Sandpiper near Washington, D. C.—With other Waders on the confervæ off the mouth of Four Mile Run, Alexandria County, Virginia, I collected on September 3, 1894, an immature female *pavonella pugnax*. The condition of the specimen would warrant the belief that it was bred on this continent.

I also took on September 8, at the same place, an immature male *Ereunetes occidentalis*, which is the first record from this locality. In contrast with the excessive fatness of many specimens of the Least and other Sandpipers taken lately at the same place, both the above, especially the Sandpiper, were quite lean. A second specimen, an immature female, was taken on Sept. 11, at the same place, by Mr. R. S. Matthews. These specimens were seen and identified by Mr. R. Ridgway.—WILLIAM PALMER, *Washington, D. C.*

An Asiatic Cuckoo on the Pribylof Islands, Alaska.—An adult male Cuckoo (No. 118864 U. S. N. M. Coll.) that I collected among the sand dunes of Northeast Point, St. Paul's Island, on July 4, 1890, has been identified by Dr. L. Stejneger as *Cuculus canorus telephonus* (Heine). This bird, whose summer habitat is Japan and Kamschatka, has several times been taken on Bering Island. When collected it was busily engaged capturing some large flies, which are abundant on these islands, and with which its stomach was literally packed. It had been seen by the natives in the same place for more than two weeks, and was probably the same individual seen by myself on June 13, when becalmed in a fog off the eastern side of the same island, on which occasion it circled overhead like a Gull for some time while calmly inspecting the boat, and then moved off northwards.—WILLIAM PALMER, *Washington, D. C.*

The Capture of *Basilinna leucotis* in Southern Arizona.—While collecting in the high Chiricahua Mountains, in southern Arizona during the past summer, the writer had the pleasure of securing a specimen of *Basilinna leucotis*, a new bird to the United States.

During the early part of June a camp was made at Fly Park, a well wooded area southeast of the head of Pinery Cañon, at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. A boreal honeysuckle (*Lonicera involucrata*) grows