

✓ Occurrence of *Tringa maculata* and Other American Birds in Hawaii.

—The following brief notes are in line with those published by the writer in 'The Auk' for July, 1900, and tend to show that a greater number of American littoral species find their way annually to the Hawaiian Islands than hitherto has been supposed.

*Tringa maculata*. PECTORAL SANDPIPER. — Mr. George C. Hewitt shot a specimen of this Sandpiper at Kaalualu on the Kau coast, Oct. 14, 1900. Later in the month he procured a second example in the same locality, kindly sending both specimens in alcohol to the writer for identification. This, I believe, is the first record of the bird in the islands. For the present, at least, we must regard its presence here as accidental.

*Charadrius squatarola*. BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER. — A specimen of this Plover was shot by Mr. Hewitt late in October near Kaalualu. This is the first recorded instance of the occurrence of the bird in the Hawaiian Islands, though no doubt its casual appearance is to be looked for in flocks of its relative, the Golden Plover.

*Calidris arenaria*. SANDERLING. — I mention this species merely to note that Mr. Hewitt shot a specimen on the Kau coast in October, and that early in the same month two individuals visited the Hilo Beach and remained there for more than a fortnight where I watched them daily feeding unconcernedly within a few yards of the houses. As I have elsewhere stated, the species is to be regarded as an annual winter visitor, though in small numbers.

*Bernicla*, sp.? — In October at least two distinct bands of American Geese were seen on a number of occasions near Hilo, and a number were killed, none of which, however, was the writer fortunate enough to see. Probably there were twelve or fourteen individuals altogether. Both *B. nigricans* and *B. minima* are quoted by Wilson (Birds of the Hawaiian Islands, Introduction, p. xxv) from Kauai on the authority of Palmer, Mr. Rothschild's collector. In time no doubt all the species of geese from the west coast of America will be recorded from the islands as accidental visitors. That any considerable number of geese will ever seek winter quarters in the islands is more than doubtful, since suitable feeding grounds of sufficient extent are not found here.

*Dafila acuta*. PINTAIL. — I cannot learn that this duck is ever very common on the island of Hawaii. It is, however, to be classed with the Shoveller as an annual winter migrant, though by no means so common as that species. A few are obtained each year by sportsmen.

*Graculus*, sp.? — A cormorant made its appearance the last week in November in Hilo Harbor, where, apparently it has established headquarters, wandering from here along the coast to the south for several miles. Mr. Pratt, who has seen and shot cormorants in California many times, is my informant, and he has seen the individual in question several times at close range. It is, of course, impossible to conjecture the species.—H. W. HENSHAW, *Hilo, Hawaii*.