

reported as actually spending the winter with us. The present season, it should perhaps be added, has been exceptionally severe.—BRADFORD TORREY, *Melrose Highlands, Mass.*

**Notes on the Occurrence of Uncommon Species at Beaver, Pa.**—*Clangula hyemalis*. LONG-TAILED DUCK.—On April 15, 1890, a party of three, all females, appeared at the mouth of the Big Beaver Creek, of which two were secured by one of the local gunners and given to me for inspection. The fact is certainly somewhat worthy of remark considering the lateness of the date and the mildness of the previous winter.

*Phalaropus lobatus*. NORTHERN PHALAROPE.—On the 26th of September, 1890, while pursuing a wounded duck, a bird of this species flew past me and alighted not a dozen paces away, showing no more fear or suspicion than would a Least Sandpiper. My shotgun missed fire twice before I at last secured it, in a condition unfortunately quite unfit for preservation. The only note it uttered was the chirp, which, more or less modified, characterizes nearly all the Shore-birds.

*Tringa bairdii*. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER.—Shot a single individual of this species September 16, 1889, while in company with a couple of Semipalmated Plovers.

*Geothlypis philadelphia*. MOURNING WARBLER.—Two specimens have been taken thus far, one on May 11, 1889, the other on May 21, 1890, which dates, though in different years, probably represent the extremes of migration at this place.—W. E. CLYDE TODD, *Beaver, Beaver County, Pa.*

*Cistothorus marianæ*, *Buteo lineatus alleni*, and *Syrnium nebulosum alleni* in South Carolina.—A very interesting collection of birds made by Mr. James E. Benedict, of the National Museum, on the coast of South Carolina (near Charleston), in January, 1881, contains several specimens of the first-named of the above mentioned species and one each of the other two—all perfectly typical. The *Cistothorus* is so exceedingly different from *C. palustris*, in both plumage and proportions, judging from these specimens alone, that I could not doubt their specific distinctness.—ROBERT RIDGWAY, *Washington, D. C.*

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### Camera Notes for Ornithologists.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE AUK:—

*Dear Sirs:* At the last Congress of the American Ornithologists' Union there were exhibited many photographs of all sorts of ornitholog-