



nard put aside quite a number of the more interesting specimens that have since been kept together. This collection, numbering 337 skins, has just been acquired by my brother E. A. Bangs and myself.

It includes, besides many interesting things, the types of the four forms, *Colinus bahamensis*, *Speotyto bahamensis*, *Dendroica bahamensis* and *Hæmatopus prattii*, — named last autumn by Mr. Maynard.<sup>1</sup> These four forms appear to me to be perfectly good, but two of the names — that for the Pine Warbler and the Burrowing Owl — used by Mr. Maynard are preoccupied, and these must receive new names.

Most of the birds were taken at Nassau, New Providence, but there are a few from some of the other islands. Many of the species are represented by young in first plumage and some by adults in the worn, faded plumage of mid-summer. A few of the skins were made by Mr. H. J. Claridge, late in the summer of 1897, and sent to Mr. Maynard after he had himself returned home.

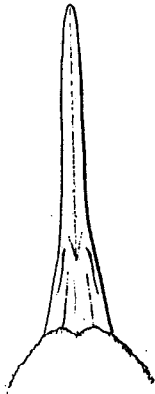
Following is a complete list of the collection. My only excuse for giving so many common species, that have been recorded again and again, is that it may be useful to working ornithologists to know where such things can be found in series.

1. *Sterna anæthetus* Scop. BRIDLED TERN. — One pair of adults both taken on Booby Rocks, May 21, 1897.
2. *Sterna dougalli* Montag. ROSEATE TERN. — One adult ♀ taken May 18, 1897 on North Key.
3. *Hæmatopus*<sup>2</sup> *prattii* Maynard. PRATT'S OYSTER-CATCHER. — Two specimens, cotypes of the species — a mated pair — taken April 29, 1893, on Flemmings Key, where they were about to breed. This strongly characterized species is a resident of the Bahamas, breeding locally throughout the islands. It is about the size of *H. palliatus*, but has larger, heavier tarsus and foot and a remarkably different bill; the bill of *H. prattii* being exceedingly broad and stout (see cut). *H. prattii* is paler throughout than *H. palliatus*, the brown of back lighter, the black of head and neck duller, and this latter color not extending backwards so far either above or below. I have compared the cotypes of *H. prattii* with an extensive series of skins of *H. palliatus* from many

<sup>1</sup> 'Appendix to Catalogue of the Birds of the West Indies.' Issued as a separate leaflet by Mr. Maynard Nov. 29, 1899. Reviewed by Dr. J. A. Allen, Auk, April, 1900, p. 187.

<sup>2</sup> Misspelled "*Hæmatopus*" by Maynard.

points along the south Atlantic collection of William Brewster,



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A. Bill of *Hæmatopus prattii* (Bangs Coll.)  
B. Bill of *Hæmatopus palliatus* (S. C. (No. 12492, Brewster Coll.))  
Both one-half natural size.

of the continental form that the bill and the size of the tarsus are

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No.	
3360	♂ ad. Cotype.
3361	♀ ad. Cotype.

4. *Ægialitis wilsonia* (Ord) both males, one taken on Little Bahama, April 30, 1893. Neither of them intermediates between that form and
5. *Ægialitis meloda* (Ord) Island, Eleuthera, May 1, 1893.

39. *Seiurus aurocapillus* (Linn.). OVEN-BIRD.—One ♀ from Nassau, February 6, 1897.
40. *Dendroica tigrina* (Gmel.). CAPE MAY WARBLER.—Ten specimens, one from Nassau, and nine from Current Island, Eleuthera, taken from April 20 to April 27.
41. *Dendroica petechia flavivertex* Chapman. CHAPMAN'S WARBLER.—One adult ♂ from Nassau, May 7, 1897.
42. *Dendroica kirtlandi* Baird. KIRTLAND'S WARBLER.—A pair of adults, ♂ taken April 5, ♀ March 4, 1897, both at Nassau.
43. *Dendroica achrustera*,<sup>1</sup> nom. nov. BAHAMA PINE WARBLER.

*Dendroica bahamensis* Maynard, not *Dendroica pityophila bahamensis* Cory, Auk, October, 1891, p. 348.

Five specimens, including the cotypes of the species, a mated pair taken March 6; an adult ♀ taken March 20; an adult ♂ taken March 24; a young, in nestling plumage, taken May 28,—all at Nassau.

The New Providence Pine Warbler is a very distinct island form. The adult ♂ differs from the adult ♂ of *D. vigorsii* in having the throat and breast pale yellow (about pale lemon yellow); belly and under tail-coverts soiled white; flanks and sides brownish; the upper parts much duller—more brownish, less greenish. The adult ♀ differs from the adult ♀ of *D. vigorsii* in being much duller and browner below with very little yellow on throat and this of a very pale shade; upper parts dull olive brown instead of greenish.

The nestling differs from any nestlings of *D. vigorsii* I have seen, in having the back a color very near cinnamon-rufous (this region in nestlings of *D. vigorsii* being, usually, about sepia).

*D. achrustera* is a smaller bird than *D. vigorsii*, as shown by the following measurements:

Measurements of *D. achrustera* Bangs.

No.		Sex.	Wing.	Tail.	Tarsus.	Culmen.
3351	Cotype	♂ ad.	64.	52.	18.4	12.
3353	Topotype	♂ ad.	64.	53.	18.4	12.2
3352	Cotype	♀ ad.	63.	51.	18.6	11.4
3354	Topotype	♀ ad.	62.5	50.	18.6	12.

In adult males of *D. vigorsii* I find the wing measures not less than 70 mm. and often exceeds this by several mm.

44. *Dendroica palmarum* (Gmel.). PALM WARBLER.—One ♂, Nassau, April 26, 1897, a late date for this species.

<sup>1</sup> Αχρὸστρεπᾶ=less highly colored.

45. *Dendroica discolor* (Vieill.).  
mens, from Nassau, Sandy Key and  
ary 25, March 24 and April 20.

46. *Cœreba bahamensis* (Reich)  
Twelve specimens, seven adults from  
lings from Current Island, Eleuthera;  
young April 20 and April 27—and  
Key, April 8.

47. *Spindalis zena* (Linn.). BAH  
imens, all from Nassau, taken from

48. *Euethia bicolor* (Linn.). G  
Nassau; adults taken from Februar  
June 16.

49. *Pyrrhulagra violacea* (Linn.)  
specimens from Nassau, Current  
Key, taken from February 12 to Jul

50. *Passerculus sandwichensis*  
row.—Three specimens from Nassau

51. *Agelaius bryanti* (Ridgw.).  
taken at Fresh Creek, Andros, Ma.

## GENERAL

The Red-necked Grebe in Micl  
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(*Colymbus holballii*) was picked  
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wise would have done, and this ac  
ual period. This bird is of ve  
now in my collection.—PERCY S

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Killick Shoal Light, in Chincote  
of Germantown, Philadelphia.  
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years, that he had never seen an  
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