

occasionally breeds in this district, and I have seen the nests of both in 1898 and 1899.

15. I shot a specimen of the King Eider in December, 1896, among the Thousand Islands, near the Fiddler's Elbow. The bird was in very poor condition, and probably came from the Hudson Bay region, where I believe the Brunnich Guillemots, that have visited the St. Lawrence recently, come from, and not from the Gulf.

16. A specimen of the Horned Grebe in full summer plumage was shot by Mr. Stratford, of Kingston, in April last, in Cataraqui Marsh.

17. The Least Bittern spends the summer in the marshes between Kingston and Brockville, and last year I saw eggs that were taken near Kingston in June.

18. Cooper's Hawk occasionally nests in the same district, but is not common.

19. The Saw-whet Owl very rarely breeds. I have seen one that was caught among the Thousand Islands in June.

20. The Screech Owl (*Scops asio*) is becoming quite common, and the young are met with every year.

21. Two specimens of the American Barn Owl have recently been obtained near Kingston. One of them was caught alive by D. Breakey, of Wolfe Island, and is now in his possession.

22. The Black-billed Cuckoo.—This bird is very common in the vicinity of Kingston, as it also appears to be down the St. Lawrence. It frequents moist and marshy locations, and is not often met with far from water. This year I met with two nests each containing one egg on the 8th and 9th of June respectively. The nest was the frailest affair possible. With regard to the nest of the 9th June, I visited it again on the 12th, and to my surprise it contained five eggs, whereas only four could have been expected. In addition to this the nest was greatly improved and strengthened since the visit of June 9th, and showed plainly that the bird had added to it after laying her first egg.

23. The Yellow-billed Cuckoo occasionally nests around Lansdowne, Ont., but is rare. Three eggs appear to be the usual number laid. I saw nests in 1898 and 1899.