

PASSENGER PIGEON INVESTIGATION.

February 14, 1912.

LIST OF REWARDS WITH CONDITIONS GOVERNING THEM.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) REWARD.—For first information, *exclusive and confidential*, of the location of a nesting pair or colony of passenger pigeons, anywhere in North America; when properly confirmed and if found by confirming party with parent birds and eggs or young UNDISTURBED:

Colonel Anthony R. Kuser will pay a reward of . . . \$300
 John E. Thayer will pay a reward of . . . \$700

For first nesting discovered thereafter in the following States will be paid by:—

John Burroughs, New York	\$100
A. B. F. Kinney, Massachusetts	100
Anonymous, Massachusetts, for 2d find	100
Allan B. Miller, for 1st nesting found in Worcester Co., Mass.	20
Edward Avis, Connecticut	100
Harry S. Hathaway, Rhode Island	100
Worthington Society, New Jersey	100
John Dryden Kuser, for 2d nesting found in New Jersey	10
Henry W. Shoemaker, Penna. \$200 (adds \$25, if nest is protected)	225
W. B. Mershon, Michigan	100
R. W. Mathews, Minnesota	100
Ruthven Deane, Illinois	50
John E. Thayer, Me., N. H., Vt., Ont., Wis., \$100 each	500
John Lewis Childs, for first three nestings not entitled to any of the above rewards, \$200 each	600

The purpose of these offers is to secure an intelligent search of the American continent for breeding pigeons in the hope that, if found, the species may be saved from extermination.

All above rewards are offered solely and only for information of location of undisturbed nestings. We do not desire possession of any birds, alive or dead, but are working solely to save the free, wild pigeon.

To insure intelligence and good faith informants of nestings are advised to enclose or agree to forfeit at least \$5 in case they have failed to identify the birds correctly. This is only fair, since the amount may cover but a small part of the costs occasioned by a false report. The money will be immediately returned, if the birds are found to be passenger pigeons (*Ectopistes migratorius*). In the case of nesting pigeons, there can be no excuse for sending in false reports. *Disregard all nests on*