

collected by the late Major Kennicott. Under the name *A. Simpsoniana*, *A. Kennicotti* has been recorded by the writer as occurring on the Ontario shores of lakes Erie and Superior, in lakes Nipigon, Winnipeg and Manitoba, and in the district of Saskatchewan. Mr. Simpson gives the geographical range of *A. Kennicotti* as "upper and middle St. Lawrence River system; north-west into the Mackenzie drainage", so that its occurrence so far to the north-eastward as the Ekwan River is of considerable interest.

*Anodonta Wahlamatensis*, Lea. In the Revista do Museu Paulista, vol. I, p. 220, San Paulo (Brazil) 1895, Dr. H. von Ihering says that *A. Wahlamatensis*, Lea, and *A. Californiensis*, Lea, are synonyms of *A. Nuttalliana*, Lea, but that *A. Oregonensis*, Lea, and *A. angulata*, Lea, are different species.

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### THE PARULA WARBLER.

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The commonest birds are not always the best known. Ask an ornithologist to describe off hand an American Crow and the chances are that, however used he is to seeing the bird in his walks afield, he has waived the minute points which differentiate this bird from closely allied forms not found here. Now had we a second species of more pointed wing, or of slenderer build, or possessing some slight whitish lines on the neck, how critically would he watch our common crow to distinguish it from its relative! He would in time know two kinds better than he now knows one.

Mr. Joseph Beck and I, usually working together, have taken in this locality, nine specimens of Lincoln Sparrow. As an almost necessary result, we have become much better acquainted with the Song Sparrow than we were before we became familiar with its congener.

For several years after I began the study of birds, while my rarer specimens were all preserved, I had no collection of my own. That sylvan gem—the Parula—has passed several times through