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THE PURPLE SANDPIPER AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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It seems desirable to place on record a specimen of Arquatella maritima that is in the collection of the Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan. This bird, No. 47105, was secured at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 11, 1883, by H. E. Chubb and is evidently a bird of the year. Although long attributed to the Great Lakes region, actual records are extremely scarce and known specimens even more so. The above record seems to represent the only Ohio specimen extant. Dr. Wheaton says: "Very rare visitor on Lake Erie. Mr. Winslow informed me that a specimen was taken many years since in the vicinity of Cleveland, which was preserved in the Museum of the Cleveland Academy of Natural Science." (Ohio Geological Survey, Vol. 4, 1882, Birds, p. 476.) Whether this specimen is in existence or not I have been unable to ascertain.

Jones (The Birds of Ohio, Ohio State Acad. of Science,

1903, p. 69), was able to add no further records to the above, and there is no Michigan record.

In Illinois there seems to be only two records for the species. An adult male was obtained on the Lake Michigan shore, near Chicago, November 7, 1871, which was in the collection of Dr. J. W. Velie (Nelson, Birds of Northeastern Illinois, Bull. Essex Inst., Vol. 8, p. 127), and one taken at South Chicago in June, 1895, is in the possession of Mr. Frank M. Woodruff (Auk, 1896, Vol. 13, p. 180). In Wisconsin Kumlien and Hollister (Birds of Wisconsin, 1893, p. 45) state, "In the collection of the Oshkosh Normal School, is a specimen which was said to have been taken at Bay View, Door County, in May, 1881."