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THE organization of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club was suggested at a preliminary meeting held in Philadelphia January 22, 1890, the following gentlemen being in attendance: William L. Baily, J. Harris Reed, George S. Morris, Samuel N. Rhoads, and Spencer Trotter, M. D. The club was finally organized, and a constitution adopted, on February 3 of the same year. The original membership and officers were as follows:

*President*—WILLIAM L. BAILY.

*Secretary and Treasurer*—SAMUEL N. RHOADS.

*Members.*

WILLIAM L. BAILY,	SAMUEL N. RHOADS,
GEORGE S. MORRIS,	WITMER STONE,
J. HARRIS REED,	SPENCER TROTTER, M. D.,
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The primary object of the Club during the first year of its existence was the recording and comparison of data relating to bird migration, as observed at several localities in the neighborhood of Philadelphia. Occasionally ornithological papers were read and discussed by the members, and later this became an important feature of the meetings.

- Abstract of Proceedings I
  - 1890/1891 (1892) edited by Witmer Stone
- Abstract of Proceedings II
  - 1892-1897 (1898) edited by Witmer Stone
  - Constitution and By-laws
  - Officers and Members
- Abstract of Proceedings III
  - 1898-1899 (1900) edited by Witmer Stone

## Proceedings

Birds of the Blizzard of February 1899

Migration Data on City Hall Tower by William L. Baily

Summer Birds of the Higher Parts of Sullivan and Wyoming Counties, PA compiled by Witmer Stone

Officers and Members of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club - 1900



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#### BIRDS OF THE BLIZZARD OF FEBRUARY, 1899.

In consequence of the extremely cold weather which prevailed February 9 to 11, and the remarkable snowfall of February 12 and 13, it was generally expected that a marked effect would be noticeable in the character of the bird life in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. With the object of securing data on this point, circulars were issued by the Club to all its members and correspondents.

The returns show that Horned Larks and Redpolls were the only

northern species whose presence was due directly to the blizzard. Horned Larks were plentiful all through the Delaware Valley, coming even into Philadelphia, where open lots offered them opportunities for alighting. In the village of Rancocas, N. J., they came daily to feed on grain thrown out to them by the miller, together with Blue Birds, Meadow Larks, English Sparrows, and Juncos (Thos. J. Beans). In the vicinity of Olney, Philadelphia, quite a number of Prairie Horned Larks (*Otocoris alpestris praticola*) were associated with the common form and specimens were obtained by Albert Whitaker and G. S. Morris.

The Redpoll records are limited to a flock of about twenty, observed at Marietta, Pa., by W. H. Buller, February 14 and 15, and three at West Chester, by Thos. H. Montgomery, Jr., February 14.

Meadow Larks and Crows were reported by several observers to be very tame, and fearlessly approached houses and yards in search of food and shelter. Juncos and Song-sparrows, while somewhat affected by cold and hunger, did not suffer nearly so much as the English Sparrows, large numbers of which perished. Quite a number of Quail were also frozen, and several Crows and a Carolina Wren were found dead. Dr. J. F. Prendergast reported two Clapper Rails found dead at Stone Harbor, N. J., a few days after the storm.

On North Mountain, Sullivan Co., Mr. Otto Behr reported that the Tree Sparrows, usually very common, seemed to disappear on the approach of the severe weather, and doubtless sought a lower altitude.

Mr. August Koch reported a single Herring Gull caught on the ice on the Susquehanna River at Williamsport.

At Waynesburg, Greene Co., Pa., Mr. J. Warren Jacobs states that a number of Old Squaw Ducks were seen, while Cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, etc., were apparently little affected by the cold.

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Recent Capture of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in Florida  
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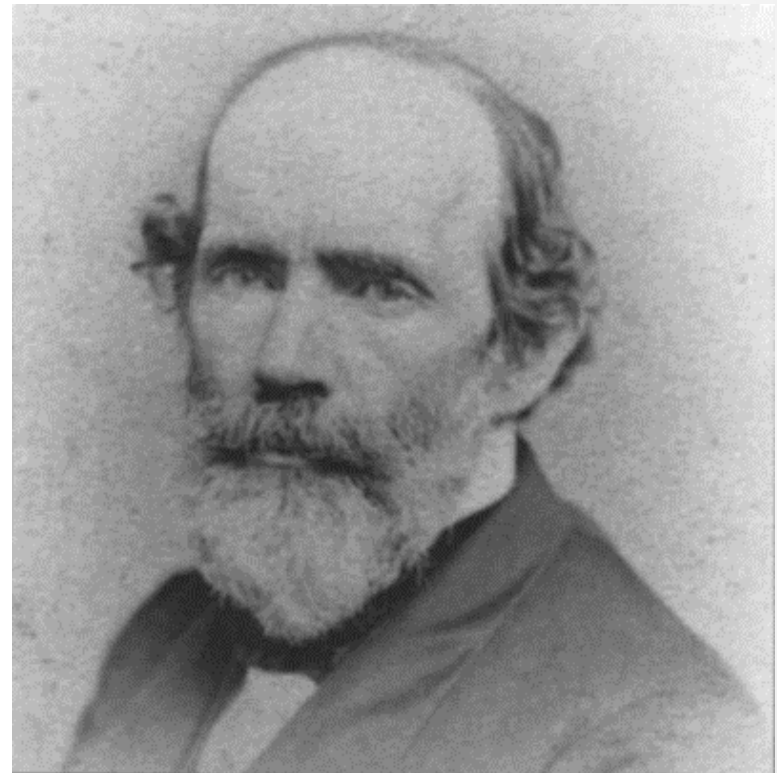
# John Cassin

(September 6, 1813 - January 10, 1869)

One of the giants of American ornithology.

Was America's first taxonomist, describing 198 birds not previously mentioned by Alexander Wilson and John James Audubon.

He was named honorary curator of the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences in 1842.



# John Cassin

There are five North American birds that honor John Cassin in their common names –

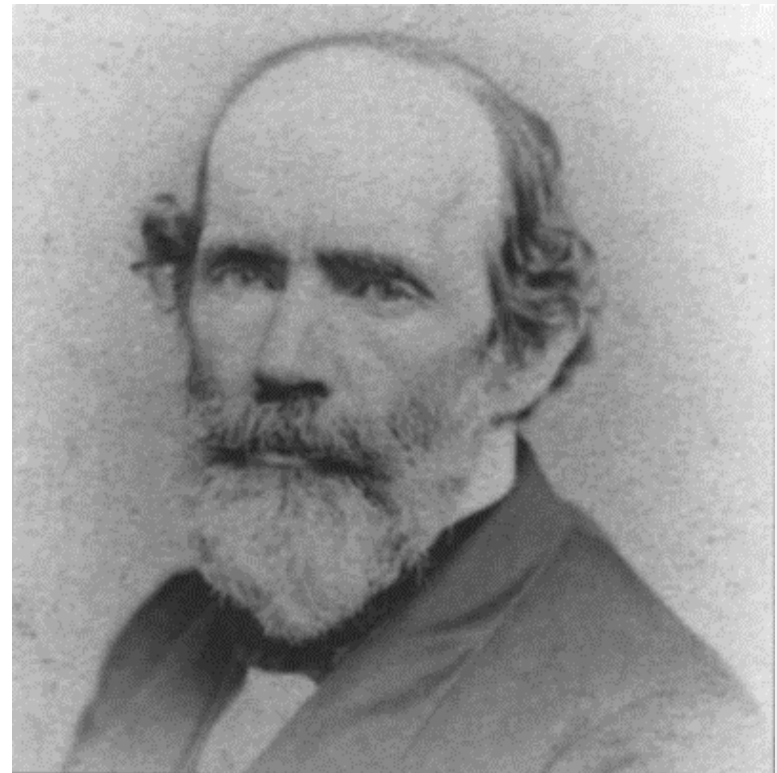
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Cassin's Kingbird

Cassin's Sparrow

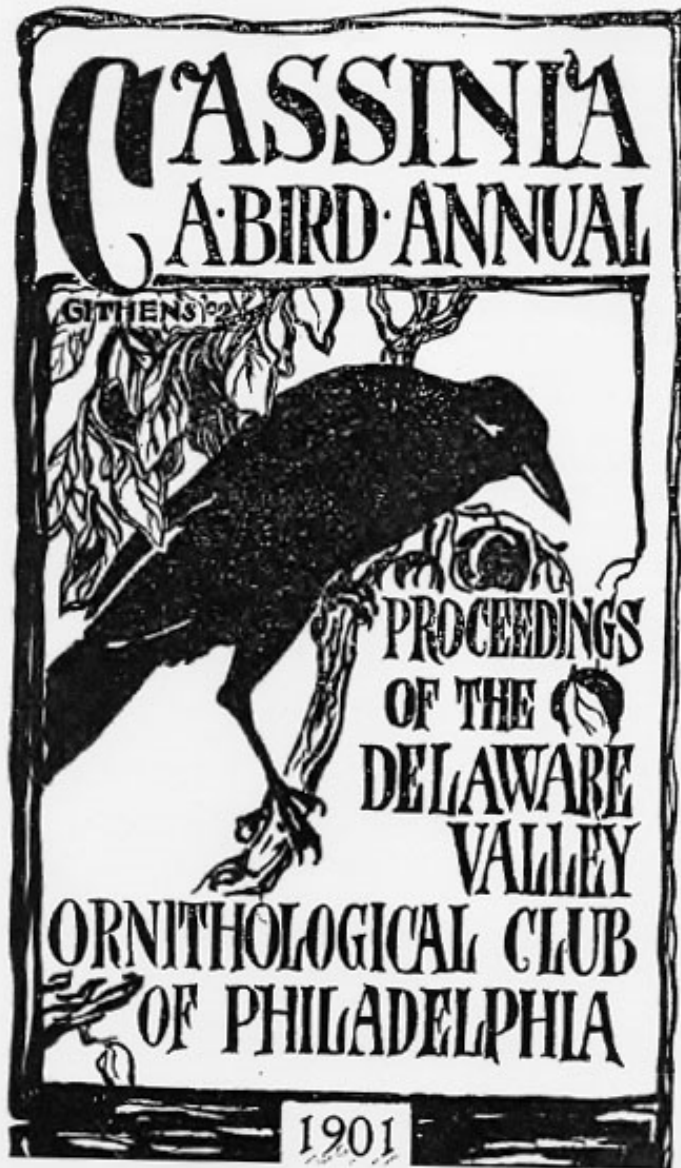
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- Observations on the Summer Birds of Parts of Clinton and Potter Counties by Francis R. Cope
- Photographing a Nighthawk's Nest and Young by William L. Baily
- A Walk in the Paoli Pine Barrens by William J. Sherrill
- The Yellow-winged Sparrow in Pennsylvania by Samuel Wright
- Trespassing of the Rose-breasted Grosbeak in the Carolinian Fauna by William B. Evans
- Nesting of the Mockingbird in Eastern Pennsylvania by W. E. Roberts and W. E. Hannum
- A Spring Migration Record for 1893-1900 by Frank L. Burns
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