

probable that the bird referred to was actually found on the Vermont side of the lake. In his brief introduction Merriam makes this observation in referring to the higher Adirondacks: "Birds of all kinds are rare in the dense evergreen forests of the Canadian Fauna. One may travel for hours, and sometimes a whole day, among the lonely mountains and scarcely see a single bird."

Mention should be made of an earlier paper which appeared in three parts in the N.O.C. Bulletin (1878-9) entitled, "Remarks on Some of the Birds of Lewis County, Northern N. Y." Four species are discussed at considerable length; viz. Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Red-headed Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. On June 4, 1878 Merriam and C. L. Bragg found the first eggs of the Northern Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides tridactylus bacatus*) known to science. The nest was discovered near McKeever in the western Adirondacks. The two adult birds and four eggs were collected. This event is reported in the N.O.C. Bulletin, Volume III page 200.

In 1885 Dr. Merriam was appointed Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey which had just been established at Washington, D. C. This position he held for twenty-five years. During this period Merriam and his colleagues developed the "Life Zone" concept, preparing the well known map of North America which delineates biotic regions and zones.

Merriam was the first president of the Linnaean Society of New York which he helped to found while a medical student. He took an active part in organizing the American Ornithologists Union in 1883 and was elected the first secretary. He later was made president of that organization. He was affiliated with numerous scientific and learned societies. Dr. Merriam died in Berkeley, California March 19, 1942. A memorial biographical sketch of his life can be found in the "Auk", Volume 71, page 130 (April 1954).

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