

RECENT CAPTURE OF IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKERS
(*CAMPEPHILUS PRINCIPALIS*) IN FLORIDA.

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While spending a few days collecting on the Gulf coast of West Florida, in April, 1889, near St. Mark's, I heard of a locality in that vicinity that was particularly wild and unfrequented. "A great place for game," etc., and from the various yarns spun I wondered if some of the rarer species of birds might not be found there, and at frequent intervals since that time had planned for a trip to investigate. Finally, giving up an immediate personal search, I obtained the address of a "cracker," and was assured that some of the species I hoped for were to be found and that the "Ivory-billed Woodchuck" was of the list.

Remembering the common experience in (not) obtaining desirable specimens said by natives to be "abundant" in certain localities, I anticipated no particular developments, and knowing the abundance of the bird, thought I might receive a specimen of the Pileated Woodpecker. I was therefore surprised and delighted to have sent me by mail during January, 1900, two specimens of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, a male and female, in the flesh and both in quite good condition. They were preserved by withdrawing the viscera and using common salt freely on the flesh.

A third specimen, male, was received later from another source, but unfortunately was not well cared for, the sender stating he had sent a "hide," an accurate term since the skin had been torn off by cutting the bird from tail to under mandible, was minus feet, and had evidently been dried by tacking on a board.

The measurements of the two better specimens, as taken when received were as follows:

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Length	19 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	20 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Wing	10 $\frac{3}{8}$	9 $\frac{7}{8}$
Tail	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	7
Tarsus	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bill	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

The length of the female may have been over-extended, due to a difference in preparation before shipment.