

FIELD NOTES AND REPORTS
OCTOBER 1937 TO SEPTEMBER 1941

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In this issue of Cassinia we are publishing only those records which seem of unusual interest. A mass of data sent in by members and correspondents was compiled and the minutes of all meetings of the Club were scanned for important records.

For New Jersey we selected only those records which were outside of the normal range in place or season for the species as published in "Bird Studies at Old Cape May" by Witmer Stone. Pennsylvania and Delaware records were chosen with care in order to present a true picture of the entire area covered by the activities of the D. V. O. C.

Beginning with the 1941-1942 season a note book will be set up with a page for each species and all reports sent in and made in meetings will be entered as they occur. These records will be available to all members of the Club at any time and it is hoped will eliminate the possibility of the omission of important records which undoubtedly has occurred in the past.

The Club wishes to express appreciation for the full reports sent in by Earl L. Poole from the Lake Ontelaunee Region, a number of which are included in this issue.

Field Notes for the 1937-1938 Season
October 1, 1937 to September 30, 1938.

HOLBOELL'S GREBE. *Colymbus grisegena holboelli*. Springton Reservoir, March 27 (Serrill).

HORNED GREBE. *Colymbus auritus*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., November 13 to January 16 (Poole).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT. *Phalacrocorax auritus auritus*. Hawk Mountain, Pa. (35) October 8 (Poole); Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., May 15 (Poole).

SNOWY EGRET. *Egretta thula thula*. Moselem, Pa., July 9 and September 12 (Poole); Tinicum, Pa., September 1 (Kramer).

LITTLE BLUE HERON. *Florida caerulea caerulea*. Cape May, N. J., April 15 (75) (Schmid).

BLUE GOOSE. *Chen caerulescens*. Bombay Hook, Delaware, October 17 (Kessler); Phoenixville, Pa., April 28 (Huber).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON. *Mareca penelope*. Springton Reservoir, Pa. (6) March 27 (Serrill).

EUROPEAN TEAL. *Nettion crecca*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., February 3 to March 6 (Poole).

RING-NECKED DUCK. *Nyroca collaris*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., Wintered (Poole).

CANVASBACK. *Nyroca valisineria*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., January 25 (Poole).

BUFFLE-HEAD. *Charitonetta albeola*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., January 25 (Poole).

EASTERN HARLEQUIN DUCK. *Histrionicus histrionicus histrionicus*. Indian River, Delaware, March 31 (Hill).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER. *Melanitta deglandi*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa. (8) October 3 (Poole).

AMERICAN SCOTER. *Oidemia americana*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., October 3 (Poole), Tobyhanna, Pa., July 4 (Roberts).

RUDDY DUCK. *Erismatura jamaicensis rubida*. Tinicum, Pa. (78) November 6 (Kramer).

HOODED MERGANSER. *Lophodytes cucullatus*. Philadelphia, Pa., January 29 (Schmid).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK. *Buteo platypterus platypterus*. Narberth, Pa., (1000); September 25 (Livingston).

GOLDEN EAGLE. *Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*. Hawk Mountain, Pa., September 19 and October 3 (5) (Poole); February one shot near Pemberton, N. J. (Pumyea).

EASTERN PIGEON HAWK. *Falco columbarius columbarius*. Tuckerton, N. J., January 11 (Miller).

EASTERN RUFFED GROUSE. *Bonasa umbellus umbellus*. Great Egg Harbor River, N. J., September 20 (Reimann).

AMERICAN COOT. *Fulica americana americana*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., Wintered (Poole).

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER. *Pluvialis dominica dominica*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., October 10 (Poole).

EASTERN WILLET. *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus*. Cape May, N. J., November 14 (Livingston).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER. *Pisobia fuscicollis*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., October 10 (Poole).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER. *Limnodromus griseus scolopaceus*. Tuckerton, N. J., October 30 (Street).

STILT SANDPIPER. *Micropalama himantopus*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., October 3 (Poole).

MARBLED GODWIT. *Limosa fedoa*. Holgate, N. J., September 3 (Kramer).

BLACK-NECKED STILT. *Himantopus mexicanus*. Glenolden, Pa., September 28, seen by Warden Carl Larop and reported by Gillespie.

ICELAND GULL. *Larus leucopterus*. Brigantine, N. J., February 27 (Lindauer).

FORSTER'S TERN. *Sterna forsteri*. Brigantine, N. J., August 28 (Ross); Cape May Point, N. J., September (Kramer).

COMMON TERN. *Sterna hirundo hirundo*. Brigantine, N. J., November 21 (J. Cadbury).

ROSEATE TERN. *Sterna dougalli dougalli*. Holgate, N. J., September 4 (Kramer); Holmesburg, Pa., July 1 (Miller).

CASPIAN TERN. *Hydroprogne caspia imperator*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa. (9) September 17 (Poole).

GREAT HORNED OWL. *Bubo virginianus virginianus*. Newcastle Co., Delaware, February 27, nest with three eggs (Schmid).

SNOWY OWL. *Nyctea nyctea*. Fort Mott, N. J., December 5 (Keating); Brigantine, N. J., December 10 (Smith); Tinicum, Pa., January 16 and 30 (Kramer); Tinicum, Pa., March 13 (Debes).

LONG-EARED OWL. *Asio wilsonianus*. West Chester, Pa. (3) February 20 (Conway).

SAW-WHET OWL. *Cryptoglaux acadica acadica*. Yeadon, Pa., December 8 (Gillespie).

NORTHERN PILEATED WOODPECKER. *Ceophloeus pileatus abieticola*. Montgomery County, Pa., May 1 (F. Ulmer, Jr.).

ARKANSAS KINGBIRD. *Tyrannus verticalis*. Harrowgate, N. J., October 14 (Miller); Cape May, N. J., January 2 (Schmid); Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., September 18 (Poole).

ALDER FLYCATCHER. *Empidonax trailli trailli*. Pennypack Creek, Philadelphia, Pa., June 21 (Yoder).

CAROLINA WREN. *Thryothorus ludovicianus ludovicianus*. Chestnut Hill, Pa., November 7, first record since cold Winter of 1934 (Moore).

PROTHONOTARY WARBLER. *Protonotaria citrea*. Haverford, Pa. (Serrill).

YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER. *Dendroica dominica dominica*. Mount Holly, N. J., April 1 to 9 (Sprow and Highley).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER. *Oporornis agilis*. Pennypack Creek, Philadelphia, Pa., October 9 (Yoder); Frankford, Pa., October 2 (Miller); Narberth, Pa., August 28 (West).

EASTERN BLUE GROSBEAK. *Guiraca caerulea caerulea*. Mount Holly, N. J., May 17 (Highley and Sprow).

COMMON REDPOLL. *Acanthis linaria linaria*. Cape May, N. J. (5) February 20 (J. Cadbury); West Chester, Pa., (4) February 20 (Conway).

EASTERN FOX SPARROW. *Passerella iliaca iliaca*. Pennypack Creek, Philadelphia, Pa., Wintered (Yoder).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR. *Calcarius lapponicus lapponicus*. Brigantine, N. J., November 21 (Cadbury).

EASTERN SNOW BUNTING. *Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis*. Fort Mott, N. J. (7) November 13 (Walton); Brigantine, N. J., November 21 (Cadbury).

Field Notes for the 1938-1939 Season
October 1, 1938 to September 30, 1939.

COMMON LOON. *Gavia immer immer*. On November 28 a sleet and snow storm forced many loons to come down on land; 80 at Coatesville, Pa. and 24 near West Chester, Pa. (Conway). The West Chester birds were banded and released; 50 at Sellersville, Pa. (Street), 50 at North Wales, Pa. (Street).

RED-THROATED LOON. *Gavia stellata*. Cape May, N. J., May 30 (D.V.O.C. field trip).

HOLBOELL'S CREBE. *Colymbus grisegena holboelli*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., April 20 (Poole); West Chester, Pa., April 22 (Conway).

HORNED GREBE. *Colymbus auritus*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., March 30 (Poole).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT. *Phalacrocorax auritus auritus*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., October 16 (Poole).

GREAT BLUE HERON. *Ardea herodias herodias*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., January 7 and 16 (Poole).

SNOWY EGRET. *Egretta thula thula*. Cape May County, N. J., nest with young July 9 (Gillespie and McDonald); Stone Harbor, N. J., July 23 (H. and D. Cutler).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. *Nyctanassa violacea violacea*. Salem, N. J., April 30, nest with 5 eggs (Miller).

EASTERN GLOSSY IBIS. *Plegadis falcinellus falcinellus*. Delaware City, Delaware, April 23 (Kramer); Tinicum, Pa., April 23.

COMMON CANADA GOOSE. *Branta canadensis canadensis*. Springton Reservoir, Delaware County, Pa., nested (Higgons); West Chester Reservoir, Chester Co., Pa., nested (Conway).

GADWALL. *Chaulelasmus streperus*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., December 24, March 31, May 13 and 30 (Poole); Penn Manor, Bucks Co., Pa., February 12 (3) (Abbot) and March 11 (Yoder).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON. *Mareca penelope*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., March 1 to April 29 (Poole); Penn Manor, Bucks Co., Pa., March 11 (Yoder); West Chester, Pa., March 17 to 31 (Conway).

EUROPEAN TEAL. *Nettion crecca*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., March 1 (Poole).

BUFFLE-HEAD. *Charitonetta albeola*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., April 22 (250—an unusually large number) (Poole).

BLACK VULTURE. *Coragyps atratus atratus*. Cape May, N. J., April 2 (Schmid).

EASTERN GOSHAWK. *Astur atricapillus atricapillus*. Hawk Mountain, Pa., October 30 and November 27 (Poole); Cape May Point, N. J., November 10 (Kuerzi).

GOLDEN EAGLE. *Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*. Hawk Mountain, Pa., October 1 and 9 (Poole); Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., December 26 to March 19 (Poole).

EASTERN PIGEON HAWK. *Falco columbarius columbarius*. Brigantine, N. J., December 10 (Smith); Island Beach, N. J., December 31 (Kramer).

BLACK RAIL. *Creciscus jamaicensis stoddardi*. Bombay Hook, Delaware, July 15, nest and fledgeling (Kramer).

FLORIDA GALLINULE. *Gallinula chloropus cachinnans*. Richmond, Philadelphia, Pa., December 24 and January 5 (4) (Reimann); Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., April 22 (Poole).

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER. *Pluvialis dominica dominica*. Brigantine, N. J., August 20 (Kramer); Tinicum, Pa., September 25 (Cadbury); Lake Ontelaunee, Reading Pa. (2) November 6 (Poole).

BAIRD'S SANDPIPER. *Pisobia bairdi*. Ocean City, N. J., September 3 (E. Rigby).

EASTERN DOWITCHER. *Limnodromus griseus griseus*. Tuckerton, N. J., November 6 (Weyl).

MARbled GODWIT. *Limosa fedoa*. Holgate, N. J., August 20 (Kramer).

AVOCET. *Recurvirostra americana*. Fort Mott, N. J., October 1 to November 13 (Potter and others).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE. *Lobipes lobatus*. Brielle, N. J., October 2 (10) (Kramer).

PARASITIC JAEGER. *Stercorarius parasiticus*. Long Beach, N. J., October 15 (5) (Newman).

ROSEATE TERN. *Sterna dougalli dougalli*. Holgate, N. J., July 16 (Kramer).

CASPIAN TERN. *Hydroprogne caspia imperator*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa. (3) April 22 (Poole).

BLACK SKIMMER. *Rynchops nigra nigra*. Hancock Bridge, N. J., October 30 (Street).

DOVEKIE. *Alle alle*. Cape May, N. J., March 12 (McDonald).

BARN OWL. *Tyto alba pratincola*. Cobbs Creek Park, Philadelphia, May 23, nesting (Kramer).

SNOWY OWL. *Nyctea nyctea*. Fort Mott, N. J., November 28 (Worth).

NORTHERN BARRED OWL. *Strix varia varia*. Meadowbrook, Pa., December 25 (Kramer).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER. *Centurus carolinus*. Cape May, N. J., October 12 (Schmid).

ARKANSAS KINGBIRD. *Tyrannus verticalis*. Tuckerton, N. J., September 10 (Gillespie).

ALDER FLYCATCHER. *Empidonax trailli trailli*. Holmesburg, Pa., June 19, Nest with 4 eggs (Miller).

NORTHERN RAVEN. *Corvus corax principalis*. Tinicum, Pa., March 12 (Moore and Daly).

EASTERN WINTER WREN. *Nannus hiemalis hiemalis*. Germantown, Pa., November 15 one in full song (A. C. Emlen).

MIGRANT SHRIKE. *Lanius ludovicianus migrans*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., April 16 (Poole).

BELL'S VIREO. *Vireo belli belli*. Sewell, N. J., August 10, trapped by Baetzel.

LAWRENCE'S WARBLER. *Vermivora lawrencei*. Germantown, Pa., April 28 (A. C. Emlen and Stewart); Elkins Park, Pa., May 4 (Whitten).

CONNECTICUT WARBLER. *Oporornis agilis*. Pennypack Park, Philadelphia, Pa., October 9 (Yoder); Philadelphia, Pa., September 13 (Kramer).

BOBOLINK. *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*. Valley Forge, Pa., June 26, nesting (Huber).

DICKCISSEL. *Spiza americana*. Wyncote, Pa., November 30, one banded by Wm. Pepper, Jr.

COMMON REDPOLL. *Acanthis linaria linaria*. Philadelphia, Pa., February 16 (J. Cadbury).

EASTERN LARK SPARROW. *Chondestes grammacus grammacus*. Brigantine, N. J., September 9 (Kramer and Yoder).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR. *Calcarius lapponicus lapponicus*. Fleetwood, Pa., February 12 (Poole); Ocean City, New Jersey, February 16 (Price).

Field Notes for the 1939-1940 Season October 1, 1939 to September 30, 1940.

EUROPEAN CORMORANT. *Phalacrocorax carbo carbo*. Island Beach, N. J., December 17 (Kramer).

SNOWY EGRET. *Egretta thula thula*. Cape May, N. J., May 30, nest with one egg; June 18, nest with 6 eggs; July 8 nest with 4 young (Worth).

EASTERN LEAST BITTERN. *Ixobrychus exilis exilis*. Tinicum, Pa., July 11, nest with 4 young (Kramer and Lutz).

BLUE GOOSE. *Chen caerulescens*. Pine Valley, N. J. Two weeks in the fall (Huber); Boonton, N. J., November 26 (J. Cadbury).

EUROPEAN TEAL. *Nettion crecca*. Lake Ontelaunee, Reading, Pa., February 4 (Poole).

SURF SCOTER. *Melanitta perspicillata*. Sea Isle City, N. J., July 22 (Kramer).

BLACK VULTURE. *Coragyps atratus atratus*. Alloway, N. J., November 18 (Miller); Cape May, N. J., March 25 (2) (Yoder); Springton Reservoir, Delaware County, Pa., April 3 and 14 (J. Rigby); Delaware City, Delaware, May 8 (2) (J. Rigby).

AMERICAN OYSTER-CATCHER. *Haematopus palliatus palliatus*. Tuckerton, N. J., May 19 (2) (Edwards).

AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER. *Pluvialis dominica dominica*. Tinicum, Pa., September 23 (2) (Cadbury); Delaware City, Delaware, November 12 (Cadbury).

PURPLE SANDPIPER. *Arquatella maritima*. Wildwood, N. J., April 14 (Cutler).

STILT SANDPIPER. *Micropalama himantopus*. Tinicum, Pa., October 3 (Reimann and Miller).

MARBLED GODWIT. *Limosa fedoa*. Stone Harbor, N. J., September 29 (2) (J. Cadbury).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT. *Limosa haemastica*. Ocean City, N. J., July 17 (J. Rigby); Stone Harbor, September 28 (J. Cadbury).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE. *Lobipes lobatus*. Holgate, N. J., May 30 (Kramer).

GLAUCOUS GULL. *Larus hyperboreus*. Island Beach, N. J., December 31 (Kramer).

IVORY GULL. *Pagophila alba*. Island Beach, N. J., February 3 (Cutler).

ATLANTIC KITTIWAKE. *Rissa tridactyle tridactyla*. Island Beach, N. J., February 3 (Cutler).

ROSEATE TERN. *Sterna dougalli dougalli*. Brigantine, N. J., May 30, nesting (Kramer).

RAZOR-BILLED AUK. *Alca torda*. Seaside Park, N. J., February 11, (Kramer); Island Beach, N. J., February 25 (8 dead) (Lindauer).

BRUNNICH'S MURRE, *Uria lomvia lomvia*. Island Beach, N. J., February 25, (1 dead) (Lindauer).

DOVEKIE. *Alle alle*. Island Beach, N. J., December 31 (Kramer) and February 11 (Cutler).

BLACK GUILLEMOT. *Cephus grylle grylle*. Boonton, N. J., November 26, (Cadbury).

SAW-WHET OWL. *Cryptoglaux acadica acadica*. Pennypack Park, Philadelphia, Pa., November 19 (2) (Yoder); West Philadelphia, Pa., April 4 (Moskoff).

CHUCK-WILL'S WIDOW. *Anstrostromus carolinensis*. Cape May, N. J., July 3 (Choate).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER. *Centurus carolinus*. West Chester, Pa., January 13 to February 10 (Conway).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER. *Sphyrapicus varius varius*. Wallingford, Pa. (Wintered) (Gillespie).

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER. *Muscivora tyrannus*. Cape May, N. J., November 1 (Brown).

PRAIRIE HORNED LARK. *Octocoris alpestris praticola*. Concordville, Delaware County, Pa., May 20 (Nest) (Carter).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER. *Vermivora celata celata*. Norristown, Pa., October 12. Banded by Middleton.

DICKCISSEL. *Spiza americana*. Cape May, N. J., September 22 (Kramer).

EASTERN EVENING GROSBEAK. *Hesperiphona verpertina vespertina*. Glendolden, Pa., December 9 (Gillespie); Browns Mills, N. J., March 6 (Pumyea).

CANADIAN PINE GROSBEAK. *Pinicola enucleator leucura*. Chestnut Hill, Pa., January 1 (Cadbury).

COMMON REDPOLL. *Acanthis linaria linaria*. Cape May, N. J., December 3 (Hess); West Chester, December 21, (Siddall).

EASTERN CHIPPING SPARROW. *Spizella passerina passerina*. Cape May, N. J., January 7 (Cadbury); Chestnut Hill, Pa., January 13 (Goldstein).

Field Notes for the 1940-1941 Season October 1, 1940 to September 30, 1941.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. *Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*. Haverford, Pa., (Wintered) (Baily).

YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. *Nyctanassa violacea violacea*. Penny-pack Park, Philadelphia, May 4 (Newman and Yoder); Cobbs Creek, May 22.

FLAMINGO. *Phoenicopterus ruber*. Delaware City, Delaware, May 15 (Cadbury); May 29, Tuckerton, N. J., May 29 (Newman and Lindauer).

BLUE GOOSE. *Chen caerulescens*. Bombay Hook, Delaware, March 30 (Conway).

GADWALL. *Chaulelasmus streperus*. Bombay Hook; Delaware, March 30 (Conway).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON. *Mareca penelope*. Island Beach, N. J., February 22 (Rigby and Cutler); Belmar, N. J., March 30 (J. Newman); Penn Manor, Bucks County, Pa., March 30 (J. Newman).

WOOD DUCK. *Aix sponsa*. Wissahickon Creek, Chestnut Hill, Pa., pair, Wintered (Ross).

KING EIDER. *Somateria spectabilis*. Island Beach, N. J., February 22 (Rigby and Cutler); Belmar, N. J., March 30 (R. Newman).

BLACK GYRFALCON. *Falco rusticolus obsoletus*. Brigantine, N. J., February 9 (Cadbury).

WILSON'S PLOVER. *Pagolla wilsonia wilsonia*. Holgate, N. J., July 19 (2) (Cutler).

MARBLED GODWIT. *Limosa fedoa*. Stone Harbor, N. J., August 18 (8) (Choate); Holgate, N. J., August 23 (Rigby).

RED PHALAROPE. *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Holgate, N. J., June 7, (Kramer).

NORTHERN PHALAROPE. *Lobipes labatus*. Holgate, N. J., June 7, (Cutler); Fort Mott, N. J., September 18 (J. Cadbury).

PARASITIC JAEGER. *Stercorarius parasiticus*. Cape May Point, N. J., September 27, 4 observed from shore (Kramer).

LONG-TAILED JAEGER. *Stercorarius longicaudus*. Cape May Point, N. J., September 28, seen from shore (Cadbury).

ATLANTIC KITTIWAKE. *Rissa tridactyla tridactyla*. Holgate, N. J., February 2 (Kramer).

SNOWY OWL. *Nyctea nyctea*. Malvern, Pa., February 21 (Conway).

CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW. *Antrostomus carolinensis*. Cape May Point, N. J., May 10 (Kramer).

NORTHERN PILEATED WOODPECKER. *Ceophloeus pileatus abieticola*. Frenchtown, N. J., June 22 to August 31 (Weyl).

ARKANSAS KINGBIRD. *Tyrannus verticalis*. Fort Mott, N. J., November 11 (Miller).

PRAIRIE HORNED LARK. *Otocoris alpestris praticola*. Painter's Crossroads, Chester County, Pa., nested for third year (Conway); Philadelphia Airport, nested (Rigby); Stone Harbor, N. J., August 18 (with young) (Choate).

EASTERN RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET. *Corthylio calendula calendula*. Elkins Park, Pa., February 17 (Underdown).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER. *Vermivora celata celata*. Ardmore, Pa., November 21 (Baily).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK. *Hedymeles ludovicianus*. Norristown, Pa., one male present during June and July (Middleton).

RED CROSSBILL. *Loxia curvirostra pusilla*. Chestnut Hill, Pa., February 8 (Walker); Newtown Square, Pa., March 22 (A. & P. Crawford); Whitemarsh, Pa., April 13 (McDonald).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. *Loxia leucoptera*. Chestnut Hill, Pa., February 23 (Goldstein); Berwyn, Pa., March 15 (G. W. Pyle).

IPSWICH SPARROW. *Passerculus princeps*. Seaside Park, N. J., January 12 (Cadbury); Fortescue, N. J., March 23 (Kramer).

CLAY-COLORED SPARROW. *Spizella pallida*. Brigantine, N. J., November 2 (Yoder).