

FIELD NOTES FOR THE 1941-1942 SEASON
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In spite of the difficulties brought about by war conditions many interesting records have been reported. Especially is this true of the breeding records, a larger number of which appear this year.

The selections were made with the idea of presenting unusual occurrences and breeding records of importance in the area covered by Club activities and eliminating those records which are purely migrational in nature. Some exceptions were made in the case of records sent in by Earl L. Poole as previous publications have not contained so many reports from the Lake Ontelaunee Region. The Club is most fortunate in having such an able and cooperative observer in that locality.

Gavia immer immer. COMMON LOON. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., April 10, (40) an unusually large number (Poole).

Gavia stellata. RED-THROATED LOON. Penn Manor, Pa., March 15, (Yoder); West Chester, Pa., April 12 (Conway); Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., March 22, first spring record (Poole).

Phalacrocorax auritus auritus. DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., November 2 (Poole).

Egretta thula thula. SNOWY EGRET. Stone Harbor, N. J., June 25, several pairs (Pough).

Hydranassa tricolor ruficollis. LOUISIANA HERON. Stone Harbor, N. J., June 19 (Coman); June 25 (Pough).

Florida caerulea caerulea. LITTLE BLUE HERON. Cape May Court House, N. J., December 21, five in immature plumage (Street and others) continuing record January 1 (Coman); Stone Harbor, N. J., summering (Pough); bird banded at Cape May by Reimann has been recovered in British West Indies.

Nyctanassa violacea violacea. YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON. Haverford College Pond, Pa., April 10 (J. M. Cadbury); Stone Harbor, N. J., June 19 (2) (Coman and Potter); Fortescue, N. J., June 19 (1) (Coman and Potter).

Ixobrychus exilis exilis. EASTERN LEAST BITTERN. West Chester, Pa., May 9 (Conway); Penn State Forest, N. J., July 4 (Jacobs); Beverly, N. J., July 29 (Street).

Plegadis falcinellus falcinellus. EASTERN GLOSSY IBIS. Bethany Beach, Delaware, May 9 (J. M. Cadbury).

Chaulelasmus streperus. GADWALL. Spring Lake, N. J., January 31 and February 16 (J. M. Cadbury); West Chester Reservoir, Pa., March 12 and 19 (Conway); Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., April 11 (Poole).

Mareca penelope. EUROPEAN WIDGEON. Belmar, N. J., January 4 (4) (Corn); Spring Lake, N. J., January 31 and February 16 (3) (J. M. Cadbury); Asbury Park, N. J., January 22 (Cutler); Moselem, Pa., January 17 (Poole).

Nettion crecca. EUROPEAN TEAL. January 17 (Poole); West Chester Reservoir, Pa., March 12 to 19 (Conway); Moselem, Pa., January 17 (Poole).

Spatula clypeata. SHOVELLER. Fort Mott, N. J., November 1 (60) (Potter); Moselem, Pa., January 1 (Poole).

Aix sponsa. WOOD DUCK. Wissahickon Creek, Philadelphia, Pa. Wintering for the second successive year (Ross).

Nyroca americana. REDHEAD. Spring Lake, N. J., February 16 (J. M. Cadbury); Lake Ontelaunee, Pa.; March 8 (Poole).

Nyroca valisineria. CANVAS-BACK. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., March 8 (2) (Poole).

Somateria spectabilis. KING EIDER. Wildwood, N. J., January 1, male diving and feeding (Coman); Two Mile Beach, N. J., February 15 (4) (Reimann, Miller and Callopy).

Melanitta delegandi. WHITE-WINGED SCOTER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., May 22 (10) (Poole).

Melanitta perspicillata. SURF SCOTER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., May 16, a very rare occurrence in this locality (Poole).

Oidemia americana. AMERICAN SCOTER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., May 22 (Poole).

Lophodytes cucullatus. HOODED MERGANSER. Museum Park, Reading, Pa., continuously from November 7 to March 8 (Poole).

Cathartes aura septentrionalis. TURKEY VULTURE. Shartlesville, Pa., January 24, unusual for this vicinity (Poole).

Falco rusticolus candicans. WHITE GYRFALCON. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., October 28. Concerning this record, Mr. Poole says: "The Gyrfalcon sight record is always a matter of controversy, and I am fully aware that an immature Gyrfalcon, unless it is very white or very dark, would be very difficult to distinguish from an immature Duck Hawk, but I was fortunate in this case in having a Duck Hawk close at hand to compare with this bird and it was decidedly gray above and below, a color that immature Duck Hawks never assume."

Falco columbarius columbarius. EASTERN PIGEON HAWK. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., October 4 (Poole).

Bonasa umbellus umbellus. EASTERN RUFFED GROUSE. Cape May, N. J., December 21 (Grant); Dividing Creek, N. J., May 4, nest with 10 eggs (Schmid); Mt. Misery, N. J., May 2, nest with 5 eggs (Street); Treasure Island, N. J., July 23 (Cutler).

Creciscus jamaicensis stoddardi. BLACK RAIL. Fortescue, N. J., June 19 (Coman and Potter).

Charadrius melodijs. PIPING PLOVER. Wildwood, N. J., December 21 (Ross and Weyl).

Pluvialis dominica dominica. AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER. Black Doctor near Medford, N. J., August 28 (14) (Moore), August 31 (17) (Haines), September 6 (6) (Jacobs).

Arenaria interpres morinella. RUDDY TURNSTONE. Two Mile Beach, N. J., February 15 (1) (Reimann, Miller and Callopy).

Philohela minor. AMERICAN WOODCOCK. Byberry, Pa., April 15, nest with 4 chicks one or two days old (Miller).

Pisobia fuscicollis. WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., September 4 and 5 (2) (Poole).

Pisobia bairdi. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., August 29 and 30 (Poole).

Limnodromus griseus griseus. EASTERN DOWITCHER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., September 4 (Poole).

Micropalama himantopus. STILT SANDPIPER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., August 23, September 5 and 20 (5)—a rather rare transient (Poole).

Ereunetes mauri. WESTERN SANDPIPER. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., August 29, very rare transient (Poole).

Crocethia alba. SANDERLING. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., September 4 (Poole).

Recurvirostra americana. AVOCET. Fort Mott, N. J., November 2 (12) (J. Rigby), November 16 (7) (Manners).

Larus hyperboreus. GLAUCOUS GULL. Seaside Park, N. J., November 9 (Kramer).

Larus leucopterus. ICELAND GULL. Beach Haven, N. J., January 3 (J. M. Cadbury); East River Drive, Philadelphia, Pa., January 27 (J. M. Cadbury).

Larus marinus. GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL. Penn Manor, Pa., March 7 (Cadbury).

Rissa tridactyla tridactyla. ATLANTIC KITTIWAKE. Seaside Park, N. J., February 15 (3 dead) (Kramer).

Alca torda. RAZOR-BILLED AUK. Seaside Park, N. J., February 15 (dead) (Kramer).

Uria lomvia lomvia. BRUNNICH'S MURRE. Seaside Park, N. J., February (dead) (Kramer).

Alle alle. DOVEKIE. Beach Haven, N. J., January 3 (dead) (J. M. Cadbury); Point Pleasant, N. J., January 22 (Cutler); Seaside Park, N. J., February 15 (dead) (Kramer).

Tyto alba pratincola. BARN OWL. Delaware City, Delaware; November 2 (4 young) (J. M. Cadbury); Glenolden, Pa., January 1, nest with young (Gillespie), January 10, young owls had left the nest and an emaciated adult was found dead (Schmid); May 21 young owls doing well (Gillespie); Moorestown, N. J., February 1, nest (Miller).

Bubo virginianus virginianus. GREAT HORNED OWL. Beverly, N. J., nest with eggs, February 1 (Miller); Haddonfield, N. J., February 14, nest with eggs (Jacobs).

Nyctea nyctea. SNOWY OWL. Sinking Spring, Pa., November 10 to 16 (Poole); Bucks County, Pa., November 19 (Ulmer); Fox Chase, Pa., November 16 (Ulmer); Brigantine, N. J., December 12 (Bailey) and January 18 attacking an oiled loon (J. M. Cadbury); Newtown, Pa., January 11 (H. T. Green); Holgate, N. J., December 20 (J. M. Cadbury); Two Mile Beach, N. J., February 15 (Reimann, Miller and Callopy).

Asio wilsonianus. LONG-EARED OWL. Ambler, Pa., March 8 (6) (J. M. Cadbury).

Asio flammeus flammeus. SHORT-EARED OWL. Fortescue, N. J., June 19 (3) (Coman and Potter); Frankford, Pa., September 23 (Miller).

Centurus carolinus. RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER. Swarthmore, Pa., March 15 (Schmid); Cheyney, Pa., May 18 (Schmid); West Chester, Pa., May 9 and 16 (Conway).

Sphyrapicus varius varius. YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER. Philadelphia, Pa., August 11 (Mohr).

Tyrannus verticalis. ARKANSAS KINGBIRD. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., August 25 (Poole).

Empidonax virescens. ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. Wissahickon Valley, Pa., June 25, nest on which it was later reported that the young birds remained for twelve days (Bond).

Otocoris alpestris praticola. PRAIRIE HORNED LARK. Philadelphia, Pa., April 14. Nest with 3 eggs and a pair of birds in a gravel field of more than 50 acres, probably a first breeding record for Philadelphia discovered by Reimann and Miller; Two Mile Beach, N. J., July 6, adult feeding two young (Coman).

Mimus polyglottos polyglottos. EASTERN MOCKING BIRD. Philadelphia, Pa., 1800 Rhawn Street; summering. This bird imitated 35 different species during one hour and a half observation (N. J. McDonald).

Hylocichla fuscescens fuscescens. VEERY. Wissahickon Valley, Pa., June 25, two nests (Bond); Pennypack Park, Pa., nesting (Miller).

Prothonotaria citrea. PROTHONOTARY WARBLER. Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pa., May 3 (Imsick).

Vermivora celata celata. ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER. Cape May, N. J., September 2 (2) (Kramer); Frankford, Pa., September 25 (Miller).

Vermivora leucobronchialis. BREWSTER'S WARBLER. Pennypack Park, Pa., May 16, bird flushed from nest with three eggs (Miller).

Dendroica pensylvanica. CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER. Wissahickon Valley, Pa., June 26, 3 nests (Bond).

Sturnella neglecta. WESTERN MEADOWLARK. Villanova, Pa., July 17 to 27 (Stewart).

Cassidix mexicanus major. BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE, Cape May, N. J., September 4, (3) (Kramer).

Hesperiphona vespertina vespertina. EASTERN EVENING GROSBEAK. Chestnut Hill, Pa., December 6 (Wright); Haddonfield, N. J., January 17 to March 19, flock of twenty to forty (Peters and others); Medford, N. J.,

February 15 (Evans and Mohr); Moorestown, N. J., early January (Linton); Berwyn, Pa., February 1 to April 1 (Pyle); West Chester, Pa., April 1 (Newman).

