

GENERAL NOTES

ADDENDA TO BIRDS OF BUCKS COUNTY—The following items are supplementary to "Birds of Bucks County, Pa.", Cassinia XXXIX, 1953. New species are denoted by an asterisk. We appreciate all additions and helpful suggestions to date, and hope that contributions of data to this cooperative project will continue. Thanks are due especially to Dr. Lewis Sterner who has furnished further information on the water birds of the Pennsbury area which he knows so well, and to Charlotte Gantz and Dorothy Hartmann for their extensive notes on the river valley above New Hope. We regret that space prohibits more extended and interesting annotations. As further observations may dictate, revisions of the published status of certain species will be shown here from time to time.

GREEN HERON, *Butorides virescens*. Occasional late in season. Penn Manor, November 15, 1953 (Finkel).

*MUTE SWAN, *Cygnus olor*. Occasional on the larger waters. Two at Churchville, June 30 to July 15, 1955.

WHISTLING SWAN, *Olor columbianus*. Also five records at Penn Manor, including April 30, 1940 and November 19 and December 3, 1950 (Sterner).

EGYPTIAN GOOSE, *Alopochen aegyptiacus*. Also four birds at Penn Manor, September 14, 1950 (Sehl, Reynolds, Sterner).

GADWALL, *Anas strepera*. Many records from Penn Manor, January, February, March; and one bird, December 28, 1952. (Sterner).

EUROPEAN TEAL, *Anas crecca*. Since there have been no positive records found, this bird should be deleted from the Bucks County list.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL, *Anas discors*. At Penn Manor "every week in March, April, September and October for every year" for many years; also November 1940 and December 20, 1947 (Sterner).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON, *Mareca penelope*. Every week, January, February, March at Penn Manor, 1950 to 1953 inclusive (Sterner).

SHOVELER, *Spatula clypeata*. Seen every year at Penn Manor first three and last three months of year (Sterner). A bird at Ingham Springs, March 1955 (Hartmann).

REDHEAD, *Aythya americana*. "Records every week, every year during winter months" at Penn Manor (Sterner).

RING-NECKED DUCK, *Aythya collaris*. Sterner calls it "abundant" all winter at Penn Manor.

CANVASBACK, *Aythya valisineria*. Throughout winter, sometimes in fairly large numbers, at Penn Manor (Sterner).

LESSER SCAUP DUCK, *Aythya affinis*. "One of most abundant ducks all winter" at Penn Manor (Sterner).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-EYE, *Bucephala clangula*. "Every week, November to March, for last 18 years" at Penn Manor (Sterner).

- BUFFLEHEAD**, *Bucephala albeola*. Same status as Golden-eye, at Penn Manor (Sterner).
- WHITE-WINGED SCOTER**, *Melanitta deglandi*. January, February, March, for last 18 years, at Penn Manor (Sterner).
- AMERICAN SCOTER**, *Oidemia nigra*. Recent record: Penn Manor, November 21, 1954 (Sterner).
- RUDDY DUCK**, *Oxyura jamaicensis*. Regular October to April, Penn Manor (Sterner).
- HOODED MERGANSER**, *Lophodytes cucullatus*. "Many records for January, February, March" at Penn Manor (Sterner).
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK**, *Buteo lagopus*. Also at Penn Manor, February 4, 1951 (Sterner).
- AMERICAN COOT**, *Fulica americana*. "Winters by hundreds at Penn Manor" (Sterner).
- AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER**, *Pluvialis dominica*. Eleven birds at Penn Manor, September 17, 1950 (Sterner).
- SOLITARY SANDPIPER**, *Tringa solitaria*. Common in migration along upper river (Gantz).
- LESSER YELLOWLEGS**, *Totanus flavipes*. Dr. Lewis Sterner feels that the status of both Yellowlegs is similar at Penn Manor.
- STILT SANDPIPER**, *Micropalama himantopus*. Penn Manor, October 5, 1952 (Sterner).
- ***Hudsonian Godwit**, *Limosa haemastica*. Casual vagrant. One bird, Churchville, October 23 and several days thereafter, 1955 (Brady).
- ***Glaucous Gull**, *Larus hyperboreus*. Rare visitor. Penn Manor, March 27, 1949 (Sterner); February 26, 1955 (Schl).
- GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL**, *Larus marinus*. Several records from 1947 to 1955 (Sterner).
- RING-BILLED GULL**, *Larus delawarensis*. "Quite as common as the Herring Gull at Penn Manor" (Sterner).
- RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER**, *Centurus carolinus*. Nested at George School, 1954, 1955 (Craighead and others).
- YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER**, *Sphyrapicus varius*. Occasional winter resident, Carversville and elsewhere (Gantz).
- ***WESTERN KINGBIRD**, *Tyrannus verticalis*. Accidental. Two records at Penn Manor: October 8, 1939, September 19, 1948 (Sterner).
- BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE**, *Parus atricapillus*. Also breeds regularly near Center Bridge and further down river (Gantz).
- BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER**, *Poliophtila caerulea*. Penn Manor, November 24 and December 15, 1946 (Sterner).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER**, *Protonotaria citrea*. Penn Manor, May 11, 1941 (Sterner); Bowman's Hill, May 1955 (Wyckoff); possible nester near Center Bridge, June 19, 1955 (Street, D. Cutler, Herzog, Thomas and others).

PALM WARBLER, *Dendroica palmarum*. One winter record: Newtown, January 1 to 8, 1953.

CONNECTICUT WARBLER, *Oporornis agilis*. Several in autumns of 1952, 1953, 1954 near river above New Hope (Gantz).

WILSON'S WARBLER, *Wilsonia pusilla*. Regular every spring at Center Bridge (Hartmann).

WESTERN MEADOWLARK, *Sturnella neglecta*. Also in May 1955 at Johnsville (Weirick).

DICKCISSEL, *Spiza americana*. One bird just across the line at Somerton, December 15, 1952 to March 22, 1953 (Sterner).

EVENING GROSBK, *Hesperiphona vespertina*. Dr. Packer reports a bird at Newtown, May 1955.

PURPLE FINCH, *Carpodacus purpureus*. Not rare at Center Bridge in winter for past 10 years; ninety birds banded in December, January, February, 1954-1955 (Hartmann).

PINE GROSBK, *Pinicola enucleator*. New Hope, 18-20 birds, February 6 to 8, 1953 (Chas. Platt, Jr.).

*WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL, *Loxia leucoptera*. Rare vagrant. Seven birds, Center Bridge, February 8, 9, 10, 1951 (Hartmann and others); George School, January 1955 (Craighead).

OREGON JUNCO, *Junco oreganus*. Bird banded, Center Bridge, February 11, 1951 (Hartmann); one bird, Bensalem Township, January 1, 1955 (R. Miller).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW, *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. Regular every spring, occasional in winter, near Center Bridge (Hartmann).
January 1, 1955 (Reimann).

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SPRAGUE'S PIPIT IN DELAWARE—On April 3, 1954 near Bombay Hook Refuge, Delaware, I saw a Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) in a large flock of Water Pipits (*Anthus spinoletta*). John C. Miller was with me at the time. The bird was walking in characteristic pipit fashion near the edge of the road in an open field. The general straw color, yellowish legs, and streaked back were all noted in the few seconds the bird was under observation with 8 x 50 glasses. In the summer of 1952 both observers had identified several birds of this species in North Dakota. CHARLES E. PRICE, JR., *Woodward Ave., Moylan, Pa.*

ERRATA

In *Cassinia*, No. XL (1953), page 38, the following record appeared under Local Notes for 1953; it should have been listed for 1954: Brown Creeper. *Certhia familiaris*. Princeton, N. J., about May 18, "pair feeding young in nest, discovered by Todd Newbury", (C. Rogers).

BREWER'S BLACKBIRDS IN DELAWARE—The honor of reporting the first record of Brewer's Blackbirds (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) from Dela-

ware belongs to J. R. Lamplugh and Raymond Brooke, Jr., who saw a mature male, a female and an immature male at Bombay Hook on November 3, 1951. This record was unfortunately omitted from *Cassinia*, and in the 1952-1953 issue it was stated (page 34) that a record reported by David A. Cutler was the first for the state.—Editor.

OTHER RECORDS

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EARED GREBE. *Colymbus caspicus*. Stone Harbor, N. J., February 14, (Brooke, Dionne and Lamplough).

FRIGATE-BIRD. *Fregata magnificens*. Lewes, Del., January 11, found dead; news report in *Philadelphia Inquirer* of January 31. (Ulmer).

CATTLE EGRET. *Bubulcus ibis*. Tabernacle, N. J., May 2, feeding on Fowler's Toad (*Bufo fowleri*) (Potter for McLaughlin); Cape May, April 16 (Borden and McDonald); Bombay Hook, May 15 (D. Cutler for Hickock).

BLUE GOOSE. *Chen caerulescens*. Churchville, Pa., March 14 (7) (Reynolds); Tinicum, Pa., April 8 (9) (J. Miller and Price); Bombay Hook, Del., April 10 (5) (J. Miller and Price); Bombay Hook, November 2 (Street).

BLUE-WINGED TEAL. *Anas discors*. Berlin, Md., February 28 (Wurster); Cape May, N. J., December 12 (D. and H. Cutler and Reimann).

EUROPEAN WIDGEON. *Mareca penelope*. Bombay Hook, October 30 (Matthews and D. Cutler); and November 2 (Street); Shark River, N. J., December 11, two males, (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).

HARLEQUIN DUCK. *Histrionicus histrionicus*. Cape May, December 4 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); and January 30 (Potter for R. T. McCartney); Long Branch, N. J., one male several times during February (Penniston).

AMERICAN EIDER. *Somateria mollissima*. Beach Haven, N. J., adult and immature male and female, (Brooke and Lamplough).

BLACK VULTURE. *Coragyps atratus*. Springfield, Pa., March 21 (2) (Livingston for Robinson); Cape May, September 25 (Arnett and MacMurtrie); Gettysburg, Pa., June 6 (2) (Weirick).

GOSHAWK. *Accipiter gentilis*. Hawk Mountain, Pa., October 24, "Sixteen in five hours—best flight in 18 years", (Kramer for Broun); Cape May, December 4 (2) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK. *Buteo platypterus*. Washington's Crossing, Pa., March 17 (Brady).

GOLDEN EAGLE. *Aquila chrysaetos*. Woodland Beach, Del., November 7, one immature (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).

OSPREY. *Pandion haliaetus*. Banded July 25, 1937 at Erma, N. J., found dead March 29, 1954 in Tattnall Co., Georgia (Gillespie); banded August 6, 1939 at Muscongus Bay, Maine, shot in Cuba, October 8, 1953 (Jos. Cadbury).

OYSTERCATCHER. *Haematopus palliatus*. Ten nests found in New Jersey in 1954 (McMullen).

- PIPING PLOVER. *Charadrius melodus*. Cape May, January 3 (Linton).
- WILSON'S PLOVER. *Charadrius wilsonia*. Beach Haven, N. J., July 24 (2) (J. Miller and Price).
- GOLDEN PLOVER. *Pluvialis dominica*. Tinicum, April 18 (D. Cutler and O'Connell).
- SPOTTED SANDPIPER. *Actitis macularia*. Cape May, January 3 (Jos. Cadbury).
- KNOT. *Calidris canutus*. Beach Haven Inlet, N. J., February 14 (Zeidman).
- PURPLE SANDPIPER. *Erolia maritima*. Stone Harbor, August 2 (15) (Reimann).
- WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER. *Erolia fuscicollis*. Tinicum, October 31 (20) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER. *Erolia bairdii*. Tinicum, September 29 (4) (D. Cutler); October 12 (J. Miller and Price).
- STILT SANDPIPER. *Micropalama himantopus*. Tinicum, September 5 (17) (J. Miller and Price).
- BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER. *Tryngites subruficollis*. Cape May, September 25 (Arnett and MacMurtrie).
- RUFF. *Philomachus pugnax*. Tinicum, September 24 (J. Miller and Price); October 12, 16, 31 and November 14 (2) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).
- RED PHALAROPE. *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Bombay Hook, October 22 "one in winter plumage, a new record for Delaware" (D. Cutler).
- WILSON'S PHALAROPE. *Steganopus tricolor*. Tinicum, September 6 (J. Miller and Price); September 12 (D. Cutler); Flood Gates, N. J., October 6 (Stasz).
- PARASITIC JAEGER. *Stercorarius parasiticus*. Fish House, N. J. near Camden, October 21 (Bockley and Potter).
- LONG-TAILED JAEGER. *Stercorarius longicaudus*. Cape May, October 9 (D. Cutler).
- GLAUCOUS GULL. *Larus hyperboreus*. Collingswood, N. J., February 3, (Manners and Potter).
- BLACK-HEADED GULL. *Larus ridibundus*. Belmar, N. J., January 31 (Gillingham and Kramer).
- LITTLE GULL. *Larus minutus*. Angelsea, N. J., December 12, in first winter plumage (D. and H. Cutler and Reimann).
- BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE. *Rissa tridactyla*. Cape May, January 3 (D. and H. Cutler and Reimann).
- GULL-BILLED TERN. *Gelochelidon nilotica*. Stone Harbor, September 18 (Lamplugh).
- FORSTER'S TERN. *Sterna forsteri*. Lake Ontelaunee, Pa., October 16, following hurricane (3) (D. Cutler).
- ROYAL TERN. *Thalasseus maximus*. Woodland Beach, November 7 (2) (J.

Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Bombay Hook, November 6 (3) (D. Cutler).

BLACK SKIMMER. *Rynchops nigra*. Tinicum, September 12 (D. Cutler); Lake Ontelaunee, October 16 (D. Cutler); Hereford Inlet, November 28 (14) (J. K. Wright); Cape May, December 4 (14) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Cape May, December 12 (3) (D. and H. Cutler and Reimann).

ATLANTIC PUFFIN. *Fratercula arctica*. Cape May, January 3 (Arnett and Jos. Cadbury).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*) Cape May Point, September 22 (466) (8% were Black-billed Cuckoos, *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus* (McLaughlin); Parker Creek, N. J., November 7 (Stasz); Philadelphia, November 18 (Jay).

SNOWY OWL. *Nyctea scandiaca*. Stone Harbor, January 4 (McLaughlin); Cape May, January 15 (Potter); Brigantine, N. J., January 17 (Arnett and Robinson); King of Prussia, Pa., December 10 (Ulmer).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER. *Centurus carolinus*. Westtown School, Pa., February 13 (Way).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER. *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*. Moorestown, N. J., May 6 (Haines).

BARN SWALLOW. *Hirundo rustica*. Grenloch, N. J., November 25 (W. Middleton for R. Ebert); Cape May, November 28 (3) (J. K. Wright).

BLUE JAY. *Cyanocitta cristata*. Banded as adult at Ardmore, Pa., in 1944, found dead at Wayne, Pa. in 1954 (Groskin).

CHICKADEE. *Parus atricapillus* and *P. carolinensis*. Unusual small numbers in region throughout winter of 1953-'54, and marked abundance in fall of 1954 noted by several observers.

BROWN-CAPPED CHICKADEE. *Parus hudsonicus*. Bombay Hook, November 6 (2) (D. Cutler); Delaware County, November 11 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Hawk Mountain, November 13 (J. Miller and J. K. Wright); West Chester, November 20 (D. Cutler); Philadelphia, at feeding station regularly throughout December (Jenkins).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH. *Sitta canadensis*. Pocono Lake, Pa., pair at nest, May 9 (Street for E. S. Cary).

BICKNELL'S THRUSH. *Hylocichla minima bicknelli*. Philadelphia, May 25, banded. (Jos. Cadbury); Wenonah, N. J., October 9. Banded. (W. Middleton).

BLUEBIRD. *Sialia sialis*. Philadelphia, March 16, three young and one egg in nesting box. (Pair has wintered in the vicinity) (Kramer); Penn Valley, February 28, a completed nest in nesting box (Livingston).

GRAY SHRIKE. *Lanius excubitor*. Indian River, Md., January 2 (Weirick and Yoder).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO. *Vireo philadelphicus*. Tinicum, September 17 (2) (J. Miller and Price); Philadelphia, September 22 (Weirick for Yoder); Philadelphia, October 3 (Jay).

- BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER. *Mniotilta varia*. Philadelphia, November 29 (Wyckoff).
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER. *Protonotaria citrea*. Philadelphia, May 3 (Jos. Cadbury and Wurster); Hawk Mountain, April 27 (Weirick for Broun); Philadelphia, May 12 (Sehl for Bauer); Mill Grove, Pa. (former home of John J. Audubon), June 20, male feeding young one (J. d'Arcy Northwood).
- SWAINSON'S WARBLER. *Limnothlypis swainsoni*. Philadelphia, May 15 (Sehl for Bauer).
- CAPE MAY WARBLER. *Dendroica tigrina*. Bombay Hook, November 28 (D. Cutler and Reimann).
- AUDUBON'S WARBLER. *Dendroica auduboni*. Lititz, Pa., January 16, found dead and now in the Franklin and Marshall College Museum (Barton Sharp, found by Donald Garner).
- YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER. *Dendroica dominica*. Philadelphia, April 25 (Jos. Cadbury); Hawk Mountain, April 27 (Weirick for Broun); Philadelphia, May 1 (Kramer); Princeton, N. J., May 17 (Choate for Rogers); Philadelphia, July 12 (Ulmer).
- NORTHERN WATER-THRUSH. *Seiurus noveboracensis*. Tinicum, November 14 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).
- LOUISIANA WATER-THRUSH. *Seiurus motacilla*. Philadelphia, April 7 (2) (Jay); Bombay Hook, April 11 (D. and H. Cutler and Jay).
- CHAT. *Icteria virens*. Pitman, N. J., December 12. Banded (Middleton for Hitchner).
- WESTERN MEADOWLARK. *Sturnella neglecta*. Hatboro, Pa., June 4 (Reynard).
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE. *Icterus galbula*. Pitman, N. J., February 4, "female or immature, trapped and banded and compared with skins" (Hitchner); Pitman, November 22, "Trapped and banded" (Hitchner); Bombay Hook, November 28, "Female or immature" (D. Cutler and Reimann).
- WESTERN Tanager. *Piranga ludoviciana*. Cape May, December 4 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).
- SUMMER Tanager. *Piranga rubra*. Philadelphia, May 15 (Sehl); Philadelphia, July 15 (Arnett); Haverford, Pa., September 17 (Jos. Cadbury).
- BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK. *Pheucticus melanocephalus*. Rancocas Woods, N. J., immature male, first seen January 7 at feeding station of Mr. and Mrs. David Fagin; thereafter by many observers.
- DICKCISSEL. *Spiza americana*. Philadelphia, April 24 (Choate); Cape May, September 18 (3) (Lamplugh); Tinicum, September 18 (4) (J. C. Miller and Price); Lake Ontelaunee, October 17 (Arnett and Corson); Pitman, N. J., November 22 (Hitchner); Bombay Hook, November 28 (D. Cutler).
- EVENING GROSBEAK. *Hesperiphona vespertina*. Woodland Beach, Del., November 7 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Bombay Hook, November 27 (D. Cutler and Stasz).

PINE GROSBEAK. *Pinicola enucleator*. Hawk Mountain, November 6 (8) and November 13 (40) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Moylan, Pa., November 16 (Price).

RED CROSSBILL. *Loxia curvirostra*. Penn Wynne, Pa., December 2 (J. K. Wright); Rancocas Woods, December 12 (25) (Reynolds, Sehl and Sterner).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL. *Loxia leucoptera*. Philadelphia, November 10 (5) (Jos. Cadbury); Hawk Mountain, November 11 (Rigby and Street); Hawk Mountain, November 13 (6) (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright); Philadelphia, November 30 (18) (Jos. Cadbury); Bombay Hook, November 27 (8) (D. Cutler and Stasz); Dover, Del., December 5 (6) (D. Cutler and J. K. Wright); Rancocas Woods, December 12 (12) (Reynolds, Sehl and Sterner); Mt. Holly, N. J., "Many in early December" (Fay).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW. *Ammodramus savannarum*. Bombay Hook, April 3 (D. and H. Cutler and Jay); Cape May, December 4 (J. Miller, Price and J. K. Wright).

LARK SPARROW. *Chondestes grammacus*. Beach Haven Inlet, September 25 (Rebmann).

OREGON JUNCO. *Junco oreganus*. Maple Shade, N. J., February 14 (Potter and Aldridge).

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW. *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. Paradise, N. J., March 3 (6) (Manners and Potter).

LINCOLN'S SPARROW. *Melospiza lincolni*. Bombay Hook, October 3 (2) (D. Cutler).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR. *Calcarius lapponicus*. Tinicum, April 18 (20) (D. Cutler and O'Connell).