

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Capture of Sabine's Gull in Wisconsin.**— On Oct. 7, 1900, a local sportsman brought me a fine specimen of *Xema sabini* which he had killed that morning from a boat in the center of Delavan Lake. The bird is a male, young-of-the-year, and was alone. — N. HOLLISTER, *Delavan, Wis.*

**Snowy Heron in Alberta.**— I have recently mounted a fine adult male Snowy Heron (*Ardea candidissima*), shot on May 11, 1901, near Pincher Creek, about 90 miles south of Calgary. The bird was in good condition, and is a very unusual record, I presume, for this locality.

Last fall I secured two fine specimens of Ross's Snow Goose (*Chen rossii*); they appear to pass right through this district on their migrations. — G. F. DIPPIC, *Calgary, Alberta.*

**A New Bird for the State of Ohio — *Ardea cærulea*.**— On August 1, 1901, I observed two birds of this species on the banks of the old arm of the Scioto River, one of which I shot after an exciting chase of about three hours. It proved to be a young male of *Ardea cærulea* (Little Blue Heron), being pure white in color, but having the tips of the first seven quills of each wing of a slate blue color. It had the following measurements: Extent, 93 cm.; wing, 25.5 cm.; tarsus, 9 cm.; bill, 6.5 cm.; tail, 11 cm.; length without bill, 48.2 cm. On August 3 another specimen, a young female, was brought in to me by a man who wanted it mounted; it was shot on Sunfish Creek, Pike Co., Ohio. A third specimen was also shot there, while a fourth, also a young female, was brought to me on August 16, shot on the banks of the Scioto River, while four more were seen at the same time. Dr. Wheaton, writing in 1882, states that the *Ardea cærulea* "probably occurs in the southern portion of the State, but had not been positively identified within the State's limits." As I have not seen anything else in print to prove the existence of this species in the State, I believe I am correct in heralding it as a new bird for the State. The number of specimens—four shot (two in my collection, two mounted for other parties) and four seen, making eight in all—is, under these circumstances, certainly remarkable, while the age of the birds, as also the time of the year, would make it highly probable that they had been bred in the State. — W. F. HENNINGER, *Waverly, Ohio.*

**A Band-tailed Hawk's Nest—An Arizona Incident of Biographical Interest.**— In a small cañon in the western foothills of the Rincon Mountains, about twenty-one or twenty-two miles east of Tucson, stands a medium sized cottonwood tree in which hawks have nested for many years. The old stick pile on which so many generations of birds have been raised has become quite bulky through its annual accretion. In the spring of 1886 I was told by parties coming in from the San Pedro