

beside each other for study. A key to all abbreviations used is very essential, not only for the observer himself, but especially for those who may in future years have access to his records. A convenient place to put this key is on the inside of the front cover. After enough sheets are completed an index should be made and all laced into one volume.

GENERAL NOTES.

Occurrence of the Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisæa*) in the Hawaiian Islands.—A weary and wayworn individual of this species was discovered on the beach at Hilo, Island of Hawaii, May 9, 1891. The bird boarded a schooner when four days off port, being evidently much exhausted, but disappeared three days afterwards, having evidently sighted land. It was next seen on the beach by some boys, but was hardly able to fly, and was captured by hand after a short chase. It came into the possession of Mr. R. T. Guarde, but died the next day from hunger and exhaustion. Mr. Guarde had the bird mounted, and very generously presented it to the writer. The bird was assuming the full nuptial dress, and presumably was on its way to Alaskan breeding grounds when it was lost or blown to sea. After a brave struggle with fate it reached distant Hawaii only to fall a victim to the consequences of its protracted flight.

So far as the writer is aware this is the first American tern to be reported from the Hawaiian Islands, though American gulls are not of very rare occurrence. — H. W. HENSHAW, *Hilo, Hawaii*.

Note on the Name of Audubon's Shearwater.—Lesson in the 'Revue Zoologique' for April, 1839, p. 102, describes a shearwater as follows: "*Puffinus* [sic] *Lherminieri*, Less.—Corpore supra nigro, infra albo, rostro et pedibus nigro.—Long. ; 12 poll.—Hab. ad ripas Antillarum." Finsch, in the P. Z. S. 1872, p. 111, renames this species *Puffinus auduboni*, being led astray by believing Bonaparte's citation of Lesson's name referred to the 'Traité,' in which work it is not to be found. In view of the above facts this species should stand in the Check-List as *Puffinus lherminieri* Lesson—J. H. RILEY, *U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.*

European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) on Long Island, N. Y.—It gives me great pleasure to record the capture of an unusually fine adult male English Widgeon at Bostwicks Pond, Gardiners Island, Suffolk County,