

Anatidæ. DUCKS.—Ducks were plentiful, but were flying high and frequenting the middle of the lake. They did not decoy well, nor in other ways offer the sportsman good shooting. The species mentioned are Canvas-back, Blue-bills, Redheads, Widgeon, and Mallards. As Mr. Mershon is a sportsman well acquainted with the ducks of North America, and as he mentions only such species as we found common during our stay, it is probable that a number of species of ducks avoid Quill Lake to a great extent.

Oidemia fusca. VELVET SCOTER.—“I noticed a great many flocks of Velvet Scoter, and succeeded in killing one fine specimen that I am now having mounted.” (Mershon.)

Branta canadensis. CANADA GOOSE.—Geese were reported as thick in wheat stubble west of Quill Lake.

Olor columbianus. WHISTLING SWAN.—“I saw quantities of swans.” (Mershon). Date, October 9.

Charadrius dominicus. GOLDEN PLOVER.—One seen on October 9, and two on October 11.

Bonasa umbellus umbelloides. GRAY RUFFED GROUSE.—Contrary to our experience, Mr. Mershon found this bird not rare at Quill Lake, getting three specimens and seeing another. He comments upon the unusually heavy feathering of the tarsus of the birds taken.

GENERAL NOTES.

A Parasitic Jaeger near Ottawa, Ontario.—A bird of the year of *Stercorarius parasiticus* was brought to the undersigned during the first week of September, 1909. It had been shot on the 4th of that month on the Ottawa River, near where the Lievre empties into it. It was a male; the stomach was empty. The nearest localities given in Macoun's latest catalogue for this species are the Great Lakes (Fleming) and the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Dionne). If I remember correctly, there had been no great storms or other violent meteorological disturbances previous to the date of capture. It therefore seems somewhat remarkable that this species should be found in the place mentioned.—G. EIFRIG, *Addison, O.*

European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) in Florida.—I want to record the taking of two specimens of *Mareca penelope* near Titusville, Florida, on February 20, 1907. Both were full-plumaged adult males and were shot by N. F. Emmons of Boston. One bird he had mounted for himself and the other, which he presented to me at the time, is in my collection. The only mention that C. B. Cory makes of this bird in his book entitled