

Notes on Connecticut Birds.—On April 24, 1921, I saw a Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura septentrionalis*) soaring over the Woodway golf course. The place where the bird was seen was about five miles north of Long Island Sound. There was a stiff west wind blowing, following a strong east wind and rain the day before. The day was warm, in the early spring. The bird was soaring in a characteristic manner and drifting eastward. The bird was some distance away, but I observed it for some time, and its size and general contour and method of flying were identical with what I had often observed of the Turkey Vulture in the southern states, and I think there can be no doubt of the identification.

This is the first one of these birds that I have ever seen in Connecticut, and the number reported for Connecticut is so few that it seems worth while to add this to the list.

On October 15, 1921, I collected a female Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga erythromelas*). It was feeding in a flock of Field Sparrows and Chippies. The latest previous record that I find is recorded in 'The Birds of Connecticut' under October 10, and it seems perhaps worth while to add this record as the latest occurrence of the bird.—LOUIS H. PORTER, *Stamford, Conn.*

Spring 1917 Migration of Shore Birds at Branchport, N. Y.—

The spring of 1917, was rather dry and the water in the lake was low leaving exposed some of the muddy shore at the edge of the marsh and the long sandbar was completely above the water.

Probably due to this fact an unusual number of shore birds stopped here the latter part of May.

The Red-backed Sandpiper (*Pelidna alpina sakhalina*) is a regular fall migrant here but is rarely seen in spring. May 20 twelve Red-backs stopped here with a large flock of Least, and Semipalmated, six Greater Yellowlegs, two Lesser Yellowlegs and ten Semipalmated Plover. Two Red-backs were seen May 31.

May 27 was a dull day with occasional light showers and a great bunch of shore birds came in. There were several hundred Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers and Semipalmated Plover on the mud at the mouth of the inlet. They were noisy and active, chasing each other and chattering, the Plover making little squeaks and grunts. On the gravelly bar were as many more Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers and Semipalmated Plover and at least fifty Red-backed Sandpipers and nine Turnstones. In the afternoon seventeen Knots joined the great whistling, chattering bunch. This is my first record of Turnstones and Knots.

Other birds on the lake at this time were, large flocks of Ring-billed and Bonaparte's Gulls, about forty Common Terns, eight Black Terns, one American Merganser, female, several small flocks of Lesser Scaup Ducks, six White-winged Scoters and two Loons.

Another flock of about fifteen Knots stopped on the bar about an hour on May 29.—VERDI BURTON, *Branchport, N. Y.*