

GENERAL NOTES

The Iceland Gull (*Larus leucopterus*) in California.—A flying field trip into Kern County, California, made by Dr. Loye Miller and the junior author in the closing days of the past year not only furnished an opportunity for personal observation of the important Pleistocene deposits recently discovered in the McKittrick region, but also yielded one interesting record of range extension for a modern species. On December 30, 1921, Dr. Miller picked up a dead gull on one of the levees on the west side of Buena Vista Lake. The bird had evidently been killed by some duck hunter an hour or two before, and aside from semi-decapitation at the hands of the same "sportsman", was in perfect condition.

The specimen differed so radically from any *Larus glaucescens* available in southern California collections that it was sent to Dr. Jonathan Dwight for determination. He pronounces it *Larus leucopterus*, and as such it constitutes a new record for this State. The specific data relative to the capture is as follows: Female, immature of the first winter; No. J 1824, Collection of Donald R. Dickey; Buena Vista Lake, Kern County, California; December 30, 1921; collected by Loye Miller and A. J. van Rossem.—D. R. DICKEY and A. J. VAN ROSSEM, *Pasadena, California*.

Pelicans in the Interior of Alabama.—During the past season, several newspaper notes detailing the killing of both the White and Brown Pelican, in the interior of the State, have appeared. In October 1921, a hunter killed a large White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) at Mountain Creek, in Chilton County, more than 200 miles, in an airline, north of the coast. The bird stopped to rest at a small pond, and was killed and brought to this department and mounted for our collection. It measures nearly nine feet in extent.

During the first few days in February the newspapers carried accounts of the shooting of both species more than 100 miles from the coast. A White Pelican was killed at Selma, Dallas County, and Brown Pelicans (*P. occidentalis*) in Escambia and Butler Counties, and in Montgomery. The bird taken at Georgiana, in Escambia County, is without toe nails on the right foot. It appears to be of great age. The one taken at Montgomery struck a telephone wire during a day flight, killing itself in the streets of the city. The two specimens just referred to are both mounted and in our collection, and measure more than eight feet in expanse.—PETER A. BRANNON, *Alabama State Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama*.

Eider Duck—A Correction.—Under date of April 1890, Vol. VII, No. 2, of 'The Auk,' a note appears stating that a specimen of the Common Eider Duck (*Somateria dresseri*) had been shot near Ottawa. This I regret