

to be a young drake, with the scapulars showing the handsome advanced plumage.

The example of the other Ducks had rendered him quite tame, but he was not as agile as they in obtaining his share of the bread although we favored him. I think he may have been there some little time. No others were seen.

While watching the Ducks, and there were some thirty or forty of them, more or less, a whitish dog came running along the shore. Immediately the whole flock of Ducks swam in quite close, and followed the dog as long as he remained in sight, showing great interest, and curiosity, but no fear.

On November 1 and 8, another full plumaged drake was seen at the same place.—GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Boston, Mass.*

The Barnacle Goose in North Carolina.—By the kindness of Dr. Charles C. Foster, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, I have received from Pea Island, North Carolina, a Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis* (Bechstein)) which he killed there November 24, 1925. The bird was shot at a large shallow fresh-water pond, to which it came in company with some Canada Geese. It seemed less wary than its companions.

Pea Island is on the coast, in Dare County, a few miles south of Roanoke Island.

Mr. A. C. Bent, in his 'Life Histories of North American Wild Fowl' (Bulletin 130, U. S. Nat. Mus., pp. 262-263), cites nine records of the occurrence of the Barnacle Goose in North America, at localities, ranging from Labrador and James' Bay to Currituck Sound, North Carolina. The dates he mentions are from October 16 to November 28.—CHARLES F. BATCHELDER, *Peterborough, New Hampshire.*

The Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) in Ontario.—**A Correction.**—In 'The Auk' for January, 1925 (Vol. XLII, no. 1, pp. 124-125.) the writer recorded the capture of a Brown Pelican at Frenchman's Bay, a few miles east of Toronto. On September 30, 1925, another specimen was taken at Mimico a few miles west of Toronto. Dr. J. A. Campbell, Curator of the Toronto Zoological Parks, informs me that he has examined the latter specimen and has identified it as a recently escaped bird from the Riverdale Park. He also states that several of these birds escaped last fall (1924), prior to the date of capture of the specimen recorded. Although this specimen had no marks to identify it as a Zoo bird it is very probable that this is the case and the record should not stand. The species is therefore returned to the hypothetical list of Ontario birds.—L. L. SNYDER, *Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto, Ontario.*

Double-crested Cormorants in the Connecticut Valley in Fall.—An interesting and unusual sight was presented on the late afternoon of October 1, 1925, when a flock of thirteen Double-crested Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax a. auritus*) flew down the Connecticut River at Holyoke, Massachusetts.