

**Land Birds at Sea.**—On a Voyage from Cherbourg to New York during the middle of September, land birds were seen every fair day about the vessel. Some of them alighted on the ship and were identified. "About noon September 17; Latitude N. 45° 23', Long. W. 43° 21', a Snowflake (*Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis*) in adult plumage was hopping about the deck within a few feet of me. It was close by and fully identified. Passengers said they had seen it aboard for two days. Later when I was not present it was stated that another bird of the same species joined it.

On the afternoon of September 19, Lat. N. 41°58', Long. W. 59°34', a young Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) was identified on board. It approached within a yard of some of the passengers and remained throughout the rest of the afternoon. A young Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) alighted in the rigging. Soon it came down near the deck and permitted a close approach. About the same time a small Hawk, apparently a Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter velox*), was seen flying about the vessel.—AMOS W. BUTLER, *Indianapolis, Ind.*

**Nantucket Island Notes.** *Dafila acuta tzitzihoa*. PINTAIL.—On December 28, 1924, Mr. Joseph Cadrain of Nantucket, Mass. shot a full plumaged drake American Pintail Duck, at Sesachacha pond in the eastern part of the island. There were two drakes, and four females in the flock, half of the pond was covered with ice at the time. As none of the local sportsmen knew what it was, I went to see the specimen, which had been mounted, and identified it.

*Larus marinus*. BLACK-BACKED GULL.—On September 10, 1925, my son, Captain R. L. Mackay, U. S. A., saw a Great Black-backed Gull resting on the extreme end of the western jetty, rather an early date.

*Casmerodius egretta*. AMERICAN EGRET.—Mr. H. B. Turner of Nantucket, Mass., saw two American Egrets, August 31, 1925, at the east pond on Tuckernuck Island, Mass.; one other was reported to him as seen at the Long pond on Nantucket Island prior to the above date.

Mr. William Jones, game warden for Nantucket, informed me he saw three American Egrets about September 7, 1925, on the east side of the Hummock pond on Nantucket Island, and two days later saw two others on the west side of the same pond, which presumably were part of those seen before. They have also been reported, I am informed, on Cape Cod, Mass., this season.

*Pisobia maculata*. PECTORAL SANDPIPER.—On September 14, 1925, Captain Mackay and I drove to Nobadeer pond in the southern part of the island. Here we found fifteen Pectoral Sandpipers resting on the marsh. They were very tame for they allowed the car to run within ten yards before taking flight. I would like to call attention to the beautiful evolutions in the air of a flock of these birds over certain locations, to which they are accustomed, and this flock gave us a wonderful exhibition this afternoon, as they coursed with great rapidity over the locality where we were watching them. The shape of the flock as a unit, was constantly changing