

Schiöler. All birds from Spitsbergen and Greenland belong to the light-bellied race (*B. bernicla hrota*), while Siberian breeding birds are dark-bellied (*B. bernicla bernicla*). From Kolguer, where they are said to intergrade, our material is still very scanty. Migrants to the Faeroes, Iceland, etc., are quite as likely to be from Spitsbergen as from Greenland.—F. C. R. JOURDAIN, *Waverly Lodge, Ditchingham, Norfolk, England.*

**Egret (*Casmerodius egretta*) at Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.**—On the evening of August 19, 1926, a friend telephoned me that a large "white crane" had been spending several days along the Shenango River, near his home, and when I arrived at the spot, I had no difficulty in securing a satisfactory view of the bird, approaching within fifty yards unobserved and watched it feeding for a considerable time. It was closely attended in its movements by an adult Great Blue Heron, which seemed an ardent admirer, and thus the comparative size was apparent, the Egret being somewhat smaller. Noted well the yellow bill and black legs, but the breeding season plumes were absent. This is the first time in recent years, so far as I can learn, that an Egret has been seen in Mercer County, Pa. The location was about five miles south of Greenville, Pa.—JOHN J. DONALDSON, *Greenville, Pa.*

**Unusual Actions of a Great Blue Heron.**—Last spring, while engaged in general field work for the Milwaukee Public Museum, the writer made the following observation.

We were making a series of motion pictures of the nest life a pair of Loons (*Gavia immer*), which had established their home on an islet in Bass Lake, Michigan, just across the Wisconsin line. Every day while en route to our "set up," we passed, by boat, through several small lakes, all of which are surrounded by virgin timber and are very deep. Great Blue Herons were abundant and birds from a neighboring rookery kept up a continual procession to and from the fishing grounds. At almost every turn a surprised Heron would clumsily flop up and away.

Upon several occasions a Heron was observed to alight for a moment out in the center of Mamie Lake. With the use of binoculars we could observe no swimming movements, but evidently the bird was interested in something on the surface, and after a moment flew. We sped up our motor and hurried to the spot. By the aid of a line and weight we found the water to be nearly thirty feet deep. Whether the action, several times repeated, was performed by the same bird we could not tell, but Mr. Twombly, our guide, informed us that he has seen Herons alight in the deep waters of Mamie Lake frequently. Having neither seen nor read of a similar occurrence, it was to us a point worthy of note.—OWEN J. GROMME, *Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wisc.*

**The Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) at Madisonville, Ky.**—In a swamp west of Madisonville, Hopkins County Kentucky, I identified an adult male *Nyctanassa violacea*, on June 27,