

Great White Heron in North Carolina.—On July 8, 1926, near the town of Durham, N. C., a negro out with his gun, possibly after something for the pot, killed a large white bird that seemed to him likely to fill the bill. Some Boy Scouts from Raleigh in attendance at the Crystal Lake Scout Camp learned of the incident and so frightened the negro with threats of prosecution and dire punishment that the possessor of the bird started to bury the evidence of his misdeed.

One of the Scouts, believing the bird to be an American Egret, secured the specimen and saved the skin. Later, an investigation showed it to be a Great White Heron (*Ardea occidentalis*). The body was thrown away with the sex undetermined, but the following measurements and notes have been made by the writer from the dried skin: Wing, 18.5 inches; bill, 5.77 inches; tarsus, 8.25 inches: the color of the bill and legs are substantially as in *A. herodias*; the plumage is immaculate, without trace of dark markings. The specimen was seen and examined by Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson when here early in September.

I do not recall any abnormal weather conditions in the natural habitat of the species immediately preceding the capture of this specimen.—H. H. BRIMLEY, *Raleigh, N. C.*

[Might not this bird have been an albino *Ardea herodias*? Even so *A. occidentalis* is little more than a local albino strain of *A. herodias* but this explanation would account for its presence in North Carolina.—Ed.]

Louisiana Heron on Seven Mile Beach, N. J.—On August 29, 1926, we observed a Louisiana Heron at Avalon, Seven Mile Beach, N. J. When first seen, the bird was perched on the top of a Juniper. It sat with its long thin neck extended, eyeing us intently. We observed the Heron for several minutes with our binoculars and plainly made out the brown neck and white underparts—clearly defined from the dark breast,—before the bird made off and settled on a distant tree. The Heron corresponded very closely in size and shape to the Little Blue Heron.—WILLIAM YODER, *Philadelphia, Pa.*, and JULIAN K. POTTER, *Collingswood, N. J.*

Yellow-crowned Night Heron in New Hampshire.—On September 23, 1926, in the early morning while hunting in the Blue Mountain Forest in the town of Grantham, New Hampshire, W. S. Brooks and I saw a most bedraggled and disreputable looking Yellow-crowned Night Heron. I had an excellent look at the bird as it was first perched on a dead birch beside a tiny mountain stream and a second later as it flew across an open clearing several acres in extent.

I have been familiar with this species all my life and presume from the bird's appearance and the locality that it had been carried perhaps high in air by the great Florida hurricane of a few days before and by chance had settled in central New Hampshire, for locally there had been no great atmospheric disturbance.—THOMAS BARBOUR *Mus. Comp. Zool., Cambridge, Mass.*