

GENERAL NOTES.

Herring Gulls: A Correction.—I am indebted to Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Canadian National Parks Branch, Ottawa, Ontario, for calling my attention to two errors that appeared in my paper entitled "The Migration of Young North American Herring Gulls," which appeared in the January number of 'The Auk.'

In Table 1 on page 51, the return record is given for a bird stated to carry band No. 378978. This number should be 378078. This error is apparently a typographical one that was not detected in reading the proof, as I find that the number is correctly given on my carbon copy of the manuscript.

In this same table, Herring Gull No. 385656 is listed as recovered at Port Hope, Ontario. The locality should be Lake Eabemut, near the Albany River, Ontario. This return was reported from the Fort Hope Post, Tashota P. O., via Cochrane, Ontario. This point is more than 700 miles north and west of Port Hope, Ontario, which is located on the shore of Lake Ontario, about sixty miles east of Toronto.

This last return was originally carded as Fort Hope, Ontario, but in preparing the map that accompanied the paper the draftsman was apparently unable to find this point and so concluded that Port Hope was intended. This change also was made on the card and so became incorporated in the accompanying table.—FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, *Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.*

Early Arrival of the Laughing Gull in Massachusetts.—March 31, 1928, at 8:45 A.M. I left Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard Island, Mass., on steamer "Islander." There had been an easterly rain storm of considerable intensity the previous day, and this morning it was partly cloudy, wind rather strong northwest and the temperature was about 40°. About 30 Herring Gulls were in view, some flying near the steamer, on the lookout for anything eatable that might be thrown overboard or brought to the surface by the motion of the propeller. When about 10 rods from the wharf I was surprised and much pleased to see a fine adult Laughing Gull, (*Larus atricilla*) appear with the larger Gulls near the boat, gracefully wheeling and scaling, showing its marking very distinctly. It appeared considerably smaller than *argentatus* and the slaty black head, sharply defined from the pure white neck, the black primaries and red feet and bill were clearly visible. I had 10x glasses in my hand but they were not needed, the Gull was so near me. I could watch the bird for a minute or two only as it did not follow the steamer, as both species mentioned often do.

I am very familiar with *atricilla* as the species is an almost constant feature of the scene, in summer, at Oak Bluffs, where I have a shore cottage. The bird is also well represented in my collection.