

number of birds found per mile are as follows: at Westhampton: one on December 7, 1928 one on December 16 and four on December 17 or an average of 1.5 birds per mile. At Amagansett: four on December 27, nineteen on December 29 or an average of 7 birds per mile. At Montauk: fifteen on December 27 and eight on December 29 or an average of 9.2 birds per mile. At Montauk Point: three on December 27 or an average of 3 birds per mile. Only two of the Dovekies had no oil upon them, all of the rest having oil upon their breast feathers. Mr. Ludlow Griscom in 'Birds of the New York City Region' gives some 20 records of Dovekies for Long Island in the last 40 years.—LEROY WILCOX, *Speonk, L. I., N. Y.*

Three Interesting Records from South Carolina.—The following notes are from my rice fields at Sandy Knowe, along the winding strip of water known as the Thoroughfare, which connects the Peedee and Waccamaw Rivers, S. C. The observations slightly alter the local status of three species, according to the accounts in Wayne's 'Birds of South Carolina.' Identifications were made or confirmed by my guests Drs. Frank M. Chapman and Robert Cushman Murphy.

Chaulelasmus streperus. GADWALL.—One was shot during the middle of November, 1927, and two on November 17, 1928. The species was not familiar to the experienced negroes who care for the ducking grounds.

Spatula clypeata. SHOVELLER.—Examples shot during November of both 1927 and 1928. On November 24, 1928, many small flocks were observed, associating more or less with Mallards and Wood Ducks. As the "spoonbill" this duck is so familiar to the negroes that it must be a commoner bird than has been realized.

Grus mexicana. SANDHILL CRANE.—Dr. Murphy observed one at close range from a blind on the afternoon of November 23, 1928. Atlantic coast records north of Florida are now rare; nevertheless, the bird seemed perfectly familiar to the negro duck-man who also saw it, and who called it a "kronky." I have not been able to trace this name, though it is strangely like *Kranich* and other Teutonic forms of the word crane.—JESSE METCALF, *Hasty Point Plantation, Georgetown, S. C.*

Some Recent Records from Coastal South Carolina. *Oidemia americana.* AMERICAN SCOTER.—While walking along the front beach of Seabrook's Island, S. C., on January 31, 1929 in company with Francis M. Weston, of Pensacola, Florida, a flock of eight of these birds was seen. They were about two hundred yards distant, just beyond the surf line, and we watched them for some time through 6 x binoculars. The light was excellent, and the birds maneuvered into every possible position, showing views from all angles. They showed absolutely no white markings whatever, being of a uniform black. Both of us are thoroughly familiar with the Surf Scoter (*Oidemia perspicillata*), and Mr. Weston with the White-winged Scoter (*Oidemia deglandi*), and these birds were certainly not of either species. There is room, of course, for the possibility of their being