

in an area of less than ten acres. Several of the birds had been carried away by people before the count was made.—JOHN W. SUGDEN, *Judge Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.*

Bahama Pintail in Wisconsin.—On September 23, 1929, I received here at the Museum the remains of what I later identified as *Anas bahamensis*, the Bahama Pintail. A letter from Mr. George Overton of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, followed, in which he stated particulars concerning the taking of the bird. On September 21, 1929, Miss Catherine Clark of Larsen, Wisconsin, was hunting on Lake Winneconne and while looking among the rushes for a Duck she had killed, picked up a cold Duck that had been shot and was strange to her. Recognizing it as uncommon she arrived at the conclusion that it had been shot by a hunter who thought it a Wood Duck and left it on the water. Fortunately, or rather unfortunately, she saved only the wings, tail feathers, head and feet, but brought the parts to Mr. Overton who in turn sent them to me for identification. Decomposition had not set in, and I now have the parts preserved here at the Museum, along with painted color sketches made from the flesh.

At first the occurrence of the bird here in Wisconsin seemed incredible, but I have been unable to learn of any game farms or private sanctuaries from which it may have escaped. The suggestion, that unusual weather conditions, coupled with the recent hurricanes along the southern coasts may have blown the bird off its normal course does not seem entirely out of order. Phillips in 'A Natural History of the Ducks' credits but one previous North American record, a bird taken at Cape Canaveral, Florida, by W. S. Brooks in 1913.—OWEN J. GROMME, *Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, Wis.*

White Herons in Dutchess County, N. Y.—On July 21, 1929, two Little Blue Herons (*Florida caerulea*) were seen on Grassmere Millpond at Rhinebeck, N. Y. by Miss Helen Crosby, and thereafter reports of this species, never before recorded in this county, were received in increasing numbers until on August 14, when the writer took a county census in a motor and was able to list a total of forty-eight in a single day on the various ponds and lakes. This agrees with a recent report from Putnam County listing thirty-six in a single day. All the Little Blue Herons were in immature plumage. Four American Egrets (*Casmerodius egretta*) were also seen on August 2 in close proximity to the Little Blue Herons, and not far off two individuals which could have been nothing but Snowy Egrets (*Egretta candidissima*). They kept themselves apart from the rest, scratching in the mud, holding themselves at a different body angle from the Little Blues, and occasionally making rapid darts in one direction or another. When they flew, they distinctly showed dark legs and bright yellow feet. I have witnesses who noted this peculiarity. This species is also new to Dutchess County. Since August 14 the Little Blue Herons have apparently still been present in numbers, but not as a rule in as large groups.