

On August 28 the game warden of the County, Mr. Irving Lindley, called me on the telephone much excited over what he had found on a farm along Sprout Creek near Fishkill Plains. The farmer, a Mr. DePalma, had reported that large white birds were killing his Ducks and upon investigation he found that the Little Blue Herons had congregated in large numbers and were attacking and killing his young Pekins.

Accordingly, early on August 29, I visited the farm in question and interviewed the farmer and his helpers, Mr. Scriber and his son.

Three days before they had let out two hundred and fifty young Ducks which wandered up the stream for a distance of a half a mile. The next day they found that less than a hundred had returned and they went out to look for the others.

Upon a large meadow, half a mile away, they saw a very large flock of white Herons, most of them apparently in combat with some objects that could not be seen at first. They were in groups of four and five, and as the men came nearer they saw that the battle was being waged even in the stream. As the men approached the Herons took to flight and according to their estimate there were one hundred and fifty birds. Allowing for exaggeration we can readily believe that there were sixty or eighty. What they had been attacking proved to be the missing Pekin Ducks.

During the battle one Little Blue Heron was seen to carry a young Duck from the stream to the meadow.

During my examination of the territory I found enough dead bodies of Ducks and evidences of battle, and a sufficient number of Little Blue Herons in the vicinity, to convince me that the story was absolutely correct in every detail.

The young Ducks killed weighed from one and one half pounds to four pounds, and the young bird that was carried from the stream was about a pound and one-half.

Examination of the bodies showed that in each instance the Duck had received a thrust between the shoulders and that later it was disembowelled and the entrails eaten.—ALLEN FROST, 9 Holmes St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

**Egret in Crawford County, Pa.**—On July 26, 1929, I was passing through Hartstown, Pa., which is located at the lower end of Pymatuning Swamp when I was met by Rev. J. A. Hazlett who informed me of a large white bird that he had seen in the swamp. We immediately went back to the spot where it had been seen and I easily identified it as an American Egret (*Casmerodius egretta*).—STANLEY J. SEIPLE, Greenville, Pa.

**Egret near Lake Erie.**—On August 16, 1929, I observed twelve American Egrets (*Casmerodius egretta*) flying about the marsh at Winans Point four miles south of Port Clinton, Ohio. About sundown they went to roost in one of the large elm trees standing on the Point. I am familiar with the birds in the South and could easily identify them by their size and black legs.—JOHN B. SEMPLE, Sewickly, Pa.