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who identifies it as a Blue-winged Teal much stained by iron. I hasten to correct my error which I regret exceedingly.—W. BRYANT TYRRELL, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Blue Goose (Chen caerulescens) in Pennsylvania.—A Blue Goose was killed on the Susquehanna River, a few miles above Harrisburg on November 10, 1930, by William N. Minnick of this city. It was an adult female and weighed four pounds three ounces when presented to the Pennsylvania State Museum, November 12. We have it mounted and will place it on exhibition in a short time.—BOYD P. ROTHROCK, Curator, Pennsylvania State Museum, Harrisburg, Pa.

The Golden Plover (Pluvialis d. dominica) on the Coast of South Carolina.—Since Mr. Arthur T. Wayne secured but five specimens of *Pluvialis d. dominica* during his nearly fifty years of field work in coastal South Carolina, the fact that it is a *rara avis* locally is quite obvious.

The writer has looked for the species for many years about Charleston but it was not until April 4, 1931 that the first one was seen here. On that day, in company with Messrs, E. A. Williams of Charleston and Walden Pell, of Middletown, Delaware, the writer was investigating a large tract of sand and marsh near one of the barrier islands about ten miles south of This tract, known as Sol Legare Island, is an admirable Charleston. resting and feeding place for shore-birds both migratory and resident. While watching several Willets (Catoptrophorus s. semipalmatus) our attention was attracted by a Plover nearby which was feeding in short grass. Focussing 8x glasses on it, I noticed at once that it differed from Squatarola. It was surprisingly tame, allowing steady approach to within fifty or sixty feet and we studied it from every angle and at complete leisure as it alternately fed and watched us. The pale brownish wash on the plumage was very distinct, it seemed smaller and trimmer in appearance than Squatarola, and after thoroughly satisfied as to its identity, we walked forward and flushed it purposely. As the bird rose any doubt which may have existed vanished at once. There was not the slightest trace of black under the wings; the call was markedly at variance from Squatarola; the flight swifter and the conspicuous white rump absent.

Mr. Pell, who is familiar with the species about the New York City region and in New England agreed to the identification without hesitation when the bird took flight. It is of interest to note that this Plover was found on the shores of the same little pond in which Messrs. Herbert R. Sass, Ellison A. Williams and the writer saw the Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) and the Wilson Phalarope (*Steganopus tricolor*) on May 11, 1929 (Auk, Vol. XLVI, 383). In this note Mr. Sass, who wrote the item, makes no distinction between James and Sol Legare Island, but it was on the latter that the birds were seen.

The day following the above observation was very bad but a trip was made to the spot the next afternoon in hopes of securing the specimen. A