

GENERAL NOTES.

The New Zealand Shearwater, *Thyelodroma bulleri* (Salvin) off the Columbia River, Oregon.—On September 23, 1932, while we were guests of the Oregon Fish Commission aboard the launch "The Oregon" off the Columbia River, we were surprised at the great number of Shearwaters seen. When we were about fourteen miles west, and a little south, of the Columbia Bar, five long-winged, slim-bodied Shearwaters, flew close to our boat their white underparts, gray mantles, dark band across secondaries, and sharply contrasted white and dark on sides of head, marked them at once as new birds to both of us. A long shot brought one of the birds down; and, while the boat turned about to recover the specimen, another was decoyed to the bird in the water and was obtained. Both proved to be females in good flesh but not heavy with fat as is usual with other species of shearwaters taken off the Oregon coast during fall migrations.

Measurements in millimeters of the two specimens are as follows:

No. 7262, Coll. S. G. J.; ♀; wing, 289; tail, 130; culmen, 42; depth of upper mandible 10; width, 13; tarsus, 51; middle toe and claw, 62.

No. 1723, Coll. I. N. G.; ♀; wing, 290; tail, 133; culmen 43; depth of upper mandible, 9.5; width, 15; tarsus, 51; middle toe and claw, 66.

So far as the writers are aware these are the first specimens of this rare shearwater taken north of Pt. Pinos, and Monterey Bay, California, although Nichols (*Auk*, XLIV, 1927, 326) reported sight records "off the coast of British Columbia near latitude 50° 21' N., 130° 15' W., the most northerly record for the species."—STANLEY G. JEWETT and IRA N. GABRIELSON, *Portland, Oregon*.

Wilson's Petrel Banded at Sea.—Following a hint in W. E. D. Scott's 'Story of a Bird-Lover,' a party of observers who had voyaged a few miles eastward from Chatham, Mass. on August 17, made efforts not merely to attract pelagic birds to their fishing-launch but with the fisherman's heavy, long-handled crab-net to capture them for banding. Cod-livers were crumbled over the lee side and drifted past the stern where increasing clouds of Petrels hovered. Twelve were caught and banded before the net-handle slipped through the oily palms of one participant and its iron hoop sank it beyond reach. A properly prepared expedition could band hundreds, and annual trips might determine whether, like passerine winter visitors, petrels spend their "winters" at a regular resort; or some future expedition to their breeding islands might discover banded birds.

Several Cory's Shearwaters were seen at this, their type locality; but no Greater and only one Sooty Shearwater. According to Scott, shearwaters too, might be caught and banded. A few Parasitic and one adult Pomarine Jaeger were also seen.—S. A. ELIOT, JR., *Northampton, Mass.* and A. C. BAGG, *Holyoke, Mass.*