

stage) near it, always startled the sandpiper and caused it to jump entirely off the ground with raised and quivering wings. Yet when two horned-pouts ventured from the murky water to the shallows and thrashed about close to the bird it showed no alarm. Its low *peet* was given about once a minute, regularly, and sometimes twice in succession.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, *East Westmoreland, N. H.*

A Willet in the Connecticut Valley in New Hampshire.—On August 14, 1932, in Walpole, N. H., in a dry stubble field one hundred and fifty yards from the Connecticut River, a Willet (*Catoptrophorus s. semipalmatus* or *C. s. inornatus*) was flushed and was afterwards leisurely observed through binoculars. When it took wing it gave a call note *pil-willet*, which was repeated at intervals while in the air. The only other regional record that I have of the Willet is a bird seen on July 8, 1931.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, *East Westmoreland, N. H.*

Northern Phalaropes on the New Jersey Coast.—On May 6 during a strong northeast wind with fine drizzle of rain I saw a hundred or more Northern Phalaropes (*Lobipes lobatus*) flying over the surf at Stone Harbor, Cape May Co., N. J. They alighted on the water and arose again to escape a breaking wave. Several of them driven onto the beach by the wind fed for some minutes at a time with the Semipalmated Sandpipers and Semipalmated Plover, or sat directly on the sand with head and neck erect; others swam and spun about on shallow beach pools above the high tide line.

The day following Mr. Joseph W. Tatum reported some of these birds accompanied by a few Red Phalaropes on the ocean just beyond the surf, off Long Beach, a little farther up the coast, while some of the Northern Phalaropes were also seen at Cape May City.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.*

Second Occurrence of Northern Phalarope in South Carolina.—On May 30, 1933, a female Northern Phalarope was seen at the U. S. Wild Life Reservation, Cape Romain, S. C., by the writer, in company with Messrs. H. F. West, E. A. Simons and Andrew Simons. The bird was first noted just beyond the surf in the ocean and as soon as binoculars were trained upon it, it was evident that it was a Phalarope. Hardly had we focussed it, however, than the bird arose and flew straight in to the beach, alighting not twenty-five feet from us.

It was then that we saw it to be a female *L. lobatus* in high plumage. The bird was in rather bad shape, one leg dangled very loosely, and as it sat on the sand, the head drooped perceptibly. The writer walked up once, to within ten feet of the bird as it sat motionless on the sand. It took flight twice, circled a little, and alighted again. Finally it took off and flew out over the ocean, alighting there.

This is the first specimen actually observed alive in the state. On June