

knowledge, to the school is the Sugarloaf eyrie at South Deerfield, some fifteen miles distant down river. This congregation of Starlings must be his winter larder.—AARON C. BAGG, *Holyoke, Mass.*

**Some Late Spring Records of Water Birds in Connecticut.**—Looking over my note-books for some years back I find that there are a number of unusually late occurrences of various water birds. These species are common on Long Island Sound in winter or migrations, but most of them are mainly, if not entirely, gone by the latter part of April. Occurrences in May or June therefore seem worthy of record.

*Gavia immer immer.* COMMON LOON.—Usually found until after the middle of May, but one on June 7, 1930, is considerably later than I have ever seen it before.

*Gavia stellata.* RED-THROATED LOON.—On May 17, 1924, one was found on Fairfield Beach. It was resting some distance from the water, and was so exhausted that I approached it slowly to a distance of six feet before it moved awkwardly down to the water and swam out a little way. As soon as I went back the bird returned to the shore to rest again. It was in full summer plumage, the red mark on the throat showing plainly.

*Colymbus auritus.* HORNED GREBE.—In 1928 and 1929 a few individuals of this species were seen along Fairfield Beach in June. In 1928 I saw them on June 9, 17, 18 and July 1, and in 1929 on June 13, 18 and 26. In both years I was unable to look for them after July 1, as I had to leave for summer work in western New York.

*Branta canadensis canadensis.* COMMON CANADA GOOSE.—A flock of nine was seen on the east side of the Housatonic River near Devon, Conn., on May 29, 1932. The shore is marshy at this point; some of the birds were swimming and others standing among tufts of grass. Because of the marsh and the high tide I was unable to approach closer than fifty yards, and the birds were undisturbed by my presence.

*Nyroca affinis.* LESSER (?) SCAUP DUCK.—A drake was seen on a pond at Wallingford, Conn., May 25, 1929. Because of its inland occurrence it was assumed to be the Lesser Scaup.

*Glaucionetta clangula americana.* AMERICAN GOLDEN-EYE.—A pair seen at Fairfield Beach on May 24, June 3 and June 7, 1930. On May 24 they were resting side by side on the beach and allowed me to approach within twenty-five feet.

*Clangula hyemalis.* OLD-SQUAW.—The occasional occurrence of this Duck along the Connecticut coast in summer is known, but I believe that it is not so rare as has been supposed. Small flocks were seen at Fairfield Beach until June 24, 1923, July 1, 1928 and June 26, 1929. In all these years I was unable to remain in the vicinity after July 1, but I have no doubt that they remained all summer.

*Somateria spectabilis.* KING EIDER.—This bird is rare at any season in Connecticut, but the occurrence of one in May, 1934, was most unusual. The bird was a drake in eclipse plumage, and was seen almost daily from May 18 to 26 on the Penfield Reef, Fairfield Beach. When the tide was low it was generally to be found standing on the reef. On the first occasion that I saw it, the hazy atmosphere made me unable to make out anything but a large dark-colored Duck of unfamiliar appearance, flying away at my approach. On the second occasion, May 20, I made out white patches on either side of the lower back, a good field mark for the species, though I did not know it at the time. On each later occasion I got a better opportunity to observe it, till its final appearance on May 26, when, with the aid of a small telescope I was able to examine the plumage in detail and draw a sketch of it. On this occasion several others observed the bird with me, including Dr. Winsor M. Tyler.—ARETAS A. SAUNDERS, *Fairfield, Conn.*