

Redheads vary from 1½ lbs. to 1¾ lbs.; Canvasbacks from 1½ lbs. to 2½ lbs. Very few of these are killed here.

Gadwalls (scarce) weigh around 1¾ lbs.

Spoonbills vary from 1 lb. to 1½ lbs.

Green-winged Teal early in the season weigh ¾ lbs. The few stragglers that winter here drop to ½ lbs.

None of these figures include cripples, since these are often abnormally emaciated.—ALDO LEOPOLD, *Secretary New Mexico Game Protective Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 1, 1919.*

**The Summer Tanager in California.**—On March 10 of this year I took a specimen of the Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) in the Arroyo Seco between Los Angeles and Pasadena, California. The specimen was submitted to the members of the Southern Division of the Cooper Club and was also critically examined by Messrs. Grinnell and Swarth of the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. All agree upon the specific identity of the bird, although Grinnell and Swarth find slight divergences from the typical subspecies, *P. r. rubra*, and suggest that an extralimital race may be represented. It is not *P. r. cooperi*. The specimen, an immature male, has been deposited in the California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, where the writer considers that all state records should be preserved.

The bird was quite shy and could not be approached within range. Only through repetition of the call note was it secured. Evidence of its having been in captivity is lacking and the wariness would point to its being an untamed bird, though the possibility must be conceded.

It may interest those collectors who think lightly of the collecting pistol as not sufficiently business-like, to know that this specimen and one other state record (Louisiana Water-thrush) would not have been secured except for such an arm.—LOYE MILLER, *State Normal School, Los Angeles, California, April 10, 1919.*

## EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The Cooper Club membership roster appearing in this issue of THE CONDOR shows that the Club is now made up of 6 Honorary members and 585 Active members. We are indebted to Mr. J. Eugene Law for compiling this annual roster, as has been the case now for several years passed. Corrections or changes should continue to be reported to Mr. Law, whose address is now the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, he having recently joined the staff of that institution as Curator in Osteology.

The many friends of Major Allan Brooks will rejoice in his recent safe return home after nearly five years service, with the Canadian army in France, almost from the very start of the war. One can imagine his delight to be once again among the forests and mountains of his own land, British Columbia. Accomplished as artist, accurate as observer, and skillful as collector, Brooks does highest credit to the science of ornithology and to the organizations to which he belongs, which promote this science.

Believing that a better knowledge of wild life will bring about better conservation of it, and that when people are on their summer vacations they are most responsive to appeal on this score, the California Fish and Game Commission backed by the Nature Study League will institute this coming summer a series of lectures and nature study field trips designed to stimulate interest in the proper conservation of natural resources. The Tahoe region has been selected for the work this year and lectures and field trips which will be open to the public without charge will be offered at six different resorts during the month of July. Illustrated lectures by Dr. H. C. Bryant on the game birds, song birds, mammals, and fishes will furnish evening entertainment, and early morning trips afield will give vacationists an introduction to mountain wild life. The motto of these classes will be: "Learn to read a roadside as one reads a book." Special excursions for children will be conducted.