

A Blue Goose Record from Utah.—On October 13, 1936, R. C. Winslow and V. T. Wilson reported an adult Blue Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) in unit 1 of the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Utah. The bird was with approximately 250 Snow Geese (*Chen hyperborea hyperborea*) feeding shortly after 4 p.m. in salt grass. The observation was checked immediately by Superintendent G. E. Mushbach and me. We were able to drive within 100 yards of the birds, and, since we had the sun at our backs, light conditions were excellent. Both 8x field glasses and a 19.5x field telescope were used in observing the birds, though, even as they flew a short distance, owing to our disturbing them, we could pick out the single Blue Goose with the naked eye.

A close watch was kept for this bird during the rest of the fall season, but it was not seen again. This appears to be the first record of this species for the State, as the records of the three universities and of the Biological Survey show no previous notes. Veteran hunters of this area were also questioned, but none reported ever having seen or taken such a bird on the Bear River Marshes.—WILLIAM H. MARSHALL, *Bureau of Biological Survey, Brigham City, Utah, January 27, 1937.*

Some Winter Field Notes from Monterey County, California.—From our winter field operations in Monterey County (December 21, 1936, to January 15, 1937), the following observations seem worthy of record at this time.

Pelecanus erythrorhynchos. White Pelican. Eleven individuals were observed by R. L. Rudd and the junior writer on December 21, 22, and 23, in company with a large number of California Brown Pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*) on the lagoon at the mouth of the Salinas River. The occurrence of White Pelicans along the coast on a body of brackish water seems sufficiently unusual to warrant being recorded.

Casmerodius albus egretta. American Egret. Fifteen American Egrets were observed by Rudd and von Bloeker, December 21 to 23, in the salt marsh at the mouth of the Salinas River. Insofar as we know this is the largest number of these birds seen at any one locality in Monterey County within recent years.

Egretta thula brewsteri. Snowy Egret. A single Snowy Egret was seen perched on a low eucalyptus limb at the western edge of the Moss Landing salt marsh on the afternoon of December 29, and one was seen in the same place on the following morning.

Cygnus columbianus. Whistling Swan. On the morning of January 14, we saw a flock of twenty-six Whistling Swans flying in V-formation across the Prunedale Highway, three and one-half miles north of Salinas. They were about twenty-five feet above the ground and flying east toward Gabilan Peak.

Chen rossii. Ross Goose. A male of this species was found on the rocks at Point Pinos on the morning of December 29. It had been dead for several days when found, having been shot through the back by a .22 caliber bullet. The specimen was preserved as a skeleton.

Nettion carolinense. Green-winged Teal. A pair was observed on the morning of January 8 by L. O. Williams and von Bloeker on the Salinas River at the mouth of El Toro Canyon. The male was heard calling several times.

Nyroca americana. Redhead. Two males were observed on the lagoon at the mouth of the Salinas River on the afternoon of December 21, in company with a large flock, estimated at over one thousand, of Canvasbacks (*Nyroca valisineria*).

Erismatura jamaicensis rubida. Ruddy Duck. Ruddy Ducks were found to be common at the mouth of the Salinas River, on the Salinas River at the mouth of El Toro Canyon, on the lagoon at Seaside, on the lake at Del Monte, and on the estero at Monterey. The only reason for including them in this list is to deplore the fact that so many were found dead, apparently shot by hunters for target practice and then left to rot. Many such dead birds were found at the mouth of the Salinas River, and several were seen at Seaside and at the mouth of El Toro Canyon.

Aquila chrysaetos canadensis. Golden Eagle. A Golden Eagle was found at the mouth of El Toro Canyon on the afternoon of December 31. It had been shot, and we found it in a bad state of decomposition. On January 10 a pair was observed resting on top of a hill in Wild Horse Canyon, east of San Lucas, and on January 14 a single individual was seen perched on a large boulder near the top of the old San Juan Grade, in the northeastern part of the county.

Totanus flavipes. Lesser Yellow-legs. A pair of these birds, one of which was collected, was observed at the southeastern edge of the lagoon at the mouth of the Salinas River in company with a large flock of Pintails (*Dafila acuta*) on the afternoon of December 23.

Stercorarius parasiticus. Parasitic Jaeger. One was observed on the lagoon at Seaside on January 5, and one was seen flying over the estero at Monterey on the morning of January 8. The occurrence of these two individuals over the mainland seems sufficiently unusual to merit recording.