

NOTES FROM THE TRI-RESERVOIR REGION.

From October 1st to the 10th fully 17 Wood Ducks (*Aix sponsa*) were killed on the Grand Reservoir, showing that this duck is on the increase. One of these, a fine male in full nuptial plumage, killed October 11th, was sent me and is now in my collection.

On October 15th and 16th six females of the White-winged Scoter (*Oidemia deglandi*) were shot on the Grand Reservoir, but unfortunately I could not get one for my collection. They are considered good table ducks by local hunters who know them by the misnomer, "Muscovy Ducks." As this name may be applied elsewhere it may pay ornithologists of the Middle West to seek for them among sportsmen by that name.

On November 19th I heard of a giant hawk, spreading 7 feet one inch, being shot two miles from town. I drove out to the place on the next morning and was presented with a fine female Bald Eagle (*Haliaetus leucocephalus*) approximately 2½ years old. It had been killed on the wing by two loads of No. 6 shot in the early dawn, being mistaken for a hawk.

In the year 1911 a farmer and fisherman found a duck nesting in the hollow and shallow top of an old stub in the Grand Reservoir, about 15 feet from the water. He stated it to be a "Black Mallard," and upon placing my series of about 200 different ducks before him he invariably picked the Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*) as the bird that had nested there in the spring of 1911. As the Black Duck has nested here in former years, there would be nothing out of the way about it still doing so occasionally, but the nesting site is certainly unusual. The man's veracity cannot be doubted and his familiarity with the species of ducks in this neighborhood serve to increase the probability of the record. For several years I have been of the opinion that the Black Rail would be found here, and several times when at the Reservoir I was certain I had seen this species. During this summer a Mr. McGill saw the Black Rail (*Porzana jamaicensis*) at the Grand Reservoir and the reason he did not shoot it was that being too close to the bird and having only heavy shot, he would have torn it to shreds. Now, Mr. Mac Gill is the man who furnished Mr. Dury of Cincinnati with one of his specimens of this species taken in Ohio and being himself a good entomologist, ornithologist, and taxidermist, certainly could not be mistaken in his identification of the species. The future will no doubt show this species to be a rare breeder at the Grand Reservoir.

On September 27th I saw a pair of Caspian Terns (*Sterna caspia*) at the Grand Reservoir.

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