

American Egret in Lake County, Indiana.—A flock of four Egrets (*Casmerodius alba egretta*) were seen July 29, 1932, two miles west of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, by Mr. W. C. Nelson and the writer. These birds, in a small marsh, seemed not at all disturbed by the passing of automobiles on one of the principal highways less than 100 yards away.—PHILIP A. DUMONT, *Des Moines, Iowa.* ----

Some Iowa Birds in a Des Moines Collection.—While recently examining several collections of birds from Central Iowa, a number of specimens were found in the collection of Mr. D. J. Bullock of Des Moines, which are unusual enough from Iowa to warrant publication.

Mr. Bullock secured these birds principally in Story County, Iowa, but specimens are represented from Jasper, Polk, Hamilton, Grundy, Hancock, and Dickinson Counties, as noted below. The bulk of the specimens have been taken since 1927, but a few (from Jasper County) were collected in 1900-01. At the present time the collection has been loaned to the Des Moines Public Schools and it is kept in the Washington Irving Junior High School. Mr. Bullock has kindly allowed me permission to publish these records.

Horned Grebe (*Colymbus auritus*). One killed in October, 1928, at Eagle Lake, Hancock County. This and the next species were secured at the same time.

American Eared Grebe (*Colymbus nigricollis californicus*). Four specimens taken at Eagle Lake, Hancock County, during October, 1928. Bullock reported these two species as abundant, but as all of the specimens are in winter plumage it would be difficult in the field to determine the number of each that were present.

White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*). One bird out of a flock of six was killed at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County, in September, 1929.

Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus auritus*). Two specimens from Story County taken in October, 1927. Reported as a fairly common fall migrant.

Hutchins's Goose (*Branta canadensis hutchinsi*). A large flock of between fifty and seventy-five was seen in Story County during October, 1927. Of the two specimens secured one is preserved in this collection. This is the smaller of the three forms of Canada Geese visiting Iowa, hardly larger than a drake Mallard.

Lesser Snow Goose (*Chen hyperborea hyperborea*). Two killed out of a flock of seven in Story County, March, 1928. Both are now in this collection.

Blue Goose (*Chen caerulescens*). One bird collected in Story County during November, 1927.

Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*). A male taken at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County, in October, 1929. Bullock states that small flocks are common during fall migration in this locality.

American Merganser (*Mergus merganser americanus*). A male and female collected at Little Wall Lake, Hamilton County, during September, 1929.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus forficatus*). An adult taken in Jasper County during the fall of 1901. This is the only record Bullock has of this species.

Eastern Goshawk (*Astur atricapillus atricapillus*). One taken in Jasper County during the winter of 1901.

Harlan's Hawk (*Buteo borealis harlani*). There is one specimen taken in Polk County during October, 1930, which shows the typical black streaking on the reddish-black tail.

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus s. johannis*). There are three specimens from Story County taken in November, 1927. One of these is in the light phase, one in the dark and the third in an intermediate plumage. Another specimen in the dark phase was taken during the winter of 1930-31 in Polk County.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*). One taken in Grundy County during the fall of 1927.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*). A specimen of this rare straggler in Iowa was secured by Bullock in Story County during the fall of 1927. The bird is in adult plumage and judging from size should have been a female.

Eastern Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus umbellus*). There is a male and female taken in Jasper County in March, 1901.

Greater Prairie Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido americanus*). Two specimens secured from a flock of fifteen or twenty birds seen in Story County in December, 1927.

Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*). Two killed in Story County during September, 1928. Bullock says that this species is rather scarce in the marshes near Ames.

Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus smithsonianus*). Two killed out of a flock seen in Story County during March, 1928.

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*). Four specimens taken at Eagle Lake, Hancock County, October, 1928. Bullock states that this gull was present in goodly numbers at that time of year and he has found that it always out-numbers the Herring Gull in Story County.

Franklin's Gull (*Larus pipixcan*). Four collected at Eagle Lake, Hancock County, in October, 1928. All are in winter plumage.

Bonaparte's Gull (*Larus philadelphia*). One in winter plumage collected at Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, October, 1931. Bullock reported them as numerous at that time.

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus virginianus*). One with two nestlings was taken in Story County during March, 1927. Bullock considers this species fairly common in Polk County. At least twenty were seen during the winter of 1930-31 and one specimen secured.

Montana Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus occidentalis* Stone). There is one specimen taken in Story County during January, 1927, which must be referred to this subspecies. Bullock states that the bird was killed during a severe spell of cold weather. Inquiry showed that weather north had also been extreme with much snow and ice. The bird was in very poor condition and appeared exhausted.

In this specimen the dark cross bars on the white belly are distinct and uniform, not clouded as in *B. v. occidentalis*. The whitish feathering of the tarsi is without barring, and the facial disk is of a uniform grayish without tawny markings.

The range for this subspecies as given in the A. O. U. Check-List, 4th Edition, 1931, states that it is found in winter south to Nebraska and Wisconsin, not mentioning Iowa.

Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*). One secured in Jasper County during December, 1900.—PHILIP A. DuMONT, *Iowa City, Iowa*.