

GENERAL NOTES

A second Ohio record for the Eared Grebe.—On November 24, 1945, I saw from a window of my home on South Bass Island, Ottawa County, Ohio, a small grebe fishing in the high waves of Lake Erie about 125 feet distant. The slightly upturned bill, poorly-defined dark portions of the head and neck, and small size, were quite unlike the normal appearance in autumn of the Horned Grebes (*Colymbus auritus*) that are present about the island in small numbers at this season. Hoping to obtain a better view of the grebe, I went outdoors, but the grebe dove, and I saw it no more on that day. At daylight on November 27 I saw what I believed to be the same bird, this time on the opposite side of the island, about a half mile distant from where I had made the first observation. I saw one again on the morning of November 28. Before daylight on November 29, I placed some duck decoys offshore near the place where I had seen the grebe the day before. At daylight, the bird, seeing the decoys, swam among them with typical grebe curiosity, and I succeeded in collecting it. The skin of this bird, a female Eared Grebe (*Colymbus nigricollis californicus*), is No. 7739 of the bird collection of the Ohio State Museum.

This appears to be the second record of the capture of this species in Ohio. The first record was made by W. Earl Godfrey (1943. *Auk*, 60:452) when he collected a specimen on April 22, 1941, at Corning Lake, Lake County, Ohio.—MILTON B. TRAUTMAN, *F. T. Stone Laboratory, Put-in-Bay, Ohio.*

Northern water birds summering on the Gulf Coast of Texas.—In 1945, I observed the following water birds in the vicinity of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, between June 4 and 14, when such species are normally in the more northern States or Canada.

Anas strepera. Gadwall: 7 records, 73 individuals, of both sexes, all in apparently normal breeding plumage.

Anas americana. Baldpate: 4 records, 9 individuals.

Anas acuta. Pintail: 1 record, 3 individuals.

Aythya valisineria. Canvas-back: 2 males and 2 females observed together on June 15 by Mrs. Jack Hagar.

Aythya affinis. Lesser Scaup Duck: 5 records, 22 individuals; 10 males, none in bright plumage—white areas dull, heads lacking gloss; females without the white facial area or with only a trace of it.

Mergus serrator. Red-breasted Merganser: 1 individual, a female in exceedingly pale plumage—chalky all over except for the dull brown of the head; behavior sickly.

Squatarola squatarola. Black-bellied Plover: 6 records, 17 individuals, all in apparently normal plumage.

Arenaria interpres. Ruddy Turnstone: 5 records, 15 individual, mostly in winter plumage, but a few showing rusty-black breast patterns with white areas reduced.

Totanus melanoleucus. Greater Yellow-legs: 2 records, 6 individuals.

Totanus flavipes. Lesser Yellow-legs: 1 individual.

Erolia fuscicollis. White-rumped sandpiper: 3 records, 12 individuals.

Limnodromus griseus. Dowitcher: 2 records, 37 individuals, all in winter plumage.