

GENERAL NOTES.

Migration of *Urinator imber*.—Seconnet Point, Rhode Island, April 16, 1892. Clear weather, sea calm, wind light, northwest. I saw twenty to twenty-five Loons today flying toward the east, on migration, at an elevation of about sixty yards; there were five in one flock, and six in another, the others scattering. April 17, I saw six flying east on migration, with a light west wind. April 18, wind east to southeast, I saw only two or three today flying east. April 19, I saw four flying east; they were well up; wind light, northwest. April 20, no air moving, vane pointed northwest, I saw six, four of which were in company, all flying east; they were up about seventy-five yards. April 21, I saw two flying east, about sixty yards up. I shot one, an adult in full plumage, weighing eleven pounds; I have shot them larger and heavier.

Loons fly in large numbers all through May up to June first, when the migration seems over for those going north, the height of abundance being from the fifteenth of May to June first. A southwest wind is particularly favorable for such northern migration. One of their principal lines of flight is up Buzzard's Bay, crossing the land (the narrowest part) to Cape Cod Bay. While making this flight a great many are killed between Tobey and Mashnee Islands. I have seen here years ago three tiers of ten or a dozen boats each (and I am informed such is often the case at the present time) stretched across the strait between the above islands. Fifty to sixty Loons are killed sometimes, on a good southwest morning (they fly again at about dark), and as many more wounded ones are shot down which are not recovered. When the wind is from any other quarter than southwest, they pass overhead very high up.—GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Nantucket, Mass.*

***Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* in Maine.**—I have examined a magnificent adult male American White Pelican which was shot on May 28, 1892, at Saponic Pond by Peter Sibley, and was purchased by O. W. White of Burlington, Maine, for whom it has been mounted by S. L. Crosby of Bangor. This is a most interesting capture for this State and particularly so for a locality so far inland. Saponic Pond is situated on the line between Burlington and Grand Falls Plantation, about forty miles N. N. E. of Bangor, and some three miles east of Enfield and the Penobscot River.—HARRY MERRILL, *Bangor, Maine.*

The Spring Migration of the Scoters in 1892.—Seconnet Point, Rhode Island. The first week in April was hot, the thermometer rising to 71° on the 2d, and to 78° in the shade on the 3d.

On the 4th. there was rain in the early morning, with the wind east; it changed to southwest about eight o'clock A.M. From daylight until