

Bird Notes from Shelter Island, Long Island, N. Y.—**LESSER SCAUP DUCK** (*Aythya affinis*).—This duck has been noted in this vicinity several times in midsummer. A specimen was shot by a friend of mine on Aug. 18 of last year (1903). A pair were seen by Dr. Braislin and myself at Napeague Harbor on June 20, 1902. None of these were crippled birds, and all possessed normal powers of flight, so that their failure to migrate with their fellows was surely owing to no physical disability.

WILSON'S WARBLER (*Wilsonia pusilla*).—A specimen was taken on August 22, 1903,—the earliest I have ever observed it in the autumnal migration.

WATER THRUSHES (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) arrived on the same date as the last.

WILLET (*Symphemia semipalmata*).—A single specimen was taken Aug. 22. This bird has become very rare in this vicinity of late years.

MARYLAND YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis trichas*).—A fine male of this species was noted and watched for some time on November 13, 1903. His late stay was owing, no doubt, to the congenial surroundings, formed by a thick growth of a species of wild honeysuckle, covering the ground and low bushes in a sheltered spot, remaining green late in the winter, and containing many warm and sunny sheltered nooks.

PINE GROSBEAK (*Pinicola enucleator*).—A few of these rare visitors from the north have been about this winter. A single one was seen November 28, 1903. I received a pair to mount, shot on Dec. 22, the male in the full red-washed plumage, the female gray. They were found feeding around a garbage heap near the back door of a dwelling house, and were very tame. Two more were seen near the same place, but not taken, on January 3, 1904.

HERMIT THRUSH (*Hylocichla guttata pallasii*).—Very scarce during their usual migration dates. For some unaccountable reason their movements to the south seem to have been postponed so long that, by the advent of severe weather, many of them came to grief. A single specimen was noted on Nov. 13, 1903; next seen on Dec. 26, and again on Dec. 31. The weather was then very cold, the ground covered with snow, and the specimens were in an emaciated condition. The last chapter in the tragedy was revealed by a specimen found under the edge of a sheltering embankment, frozen to death, on January 5, 1904. The ground was then covered with snow, about a foot deep on the level, and traveling was very hard, so that I covered only a small section of country during my observations, but, judging by the several instances in which I noted the birds, many hundreds must have perished, in the aggregate.—**WILLIS W. WORTHINGTON**, *Shelter Island Heights, N. Y.*

Notes Concerning Certain Birds of Long Island, N. Y.—**Puffinus borealis**. Mr. Andrew Chichester shot two birds (♂ and ♀) of this species on the ocean some distance off Fire Island Inlet, on Oct. 4, 1902, and sent them to me in the flesh.

Cathartes aura. Mr. Robt. Peavey, who killed the two specimens of