

Lake Iamonia, Florida, is indisputable. The specimen is an adult male in nuptial plumage and is now in the Museum of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. The gentleman who shot the bird and the taxidermist who mounted it in Philadelphia are known to us here. I examined it freshly skinned.—S. N. RHODES, *Haddonfield, N. J.*

The Snowy Heron in Camden County, N. J.—On July 16, 1904, I saw a fine adult Snowy Heron (*Egretta candidissima*) near Delair, Camden County, N. J., feeding with an immature Black-crowned Night Heron on the Pea Shore Flats of the Delaware River. It allowed us to approach quite close in our boat and reluctantly took wing as we rowed in closer and closer, preceded by the more wary Squawks, and both birds flew into a small grove of trees on the shore.

This is the first authentic record of the occurrence of the Snowy Heron in the Delaware Valley in recent years, and as the bird was well seen at a distance of less than fifty feet there can be no doubt as to the correctness of my identification. I am positive of it, and would inform the incredulous, who may be inclined to think that the bird I saw was an immature Little Blue Heron (*Florida caerulea*), that I am well acquainted with the distinguishing marks of the two species and recognized the bird at once as the Snowy Heron. Furthermore, I have been hunting for this bird for several years, but only to run across one without a firearm of any sort. Hard luck, truly, but this seems to be a frequent misfortune of mine, possibly because I am not of a collector of skins and seldom carry a gun, for I have on several occasions stumbled upon rare birds and wished in vain for a gun.

A few words regarding the status of the Snowy Heron in the Delaware Valley will not be amiss in this connection. In Stone's 'Birds of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey' it is given as a "straggler from the South" (page 63); and yet Chapman, in his 'Handbook,' says it breeds as far north as Long Island. This is a rather singular statement in these days, although it may have bred there formerly. However, now it is a rare transient everywhere north of 39° north latitude at least.

Evans in his excellent paper on 'The Unusual Flight of White Herons in 1902' (see 'Cassinia' for 1902, page 15) does not mention a capture or a record of the Snowy Heron, nor are there any subsequent records. The Snowy Heron, then, can rightly be regarded as a "rare straggler" in the Delaware Valley, at least.—RICHARD F. MILLER, *Harrowgate, Philadelphia, Pa.*

American Coot (*Fulica americana*) Nesting near Newark, New Jersey.—In 'The Auk,' XXIV, pp. 1-11, I recorded the nesting of the Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) and the Florida Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) in the marshes near Newark, N. J.; also, the presence in the same marshes of the American Coot, although no nest of this species was discovered. On May 30, 1907, I visited the same marsh area in company with Messrs. J. P. Callender, P. B. Philipp, R. H. Southard, and T. F. Wilcox — all