

Dr. Manigault was not in the habit of affixing localities to specimens (despite my protestations) taken in South Carolina, for he regarded the Charleston Museum as not a museum of science, but one to attract the public generally.

Although the specimen is labeled "♀" there can be little doubt that it is a young ♂, for the speculum is rich, uniform green.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Honorary Curator Div. Birds, Charleston Museum.*

Barrow's Golden-eye (*Clangula islandica*) in Massachusetts.—As this bird seems to be of rare occurrence in Massachusetts I would like to call attention to its having been taken at Nantucket on December 17, 1906. It was a male specimen in the adult plumage and was shot by Charles C. Chadwick, a native of the island, and whom I have had occasion to go shooting with several times. The bird was shot at the eastern end of the harbor where there is an opening into the ocean known as Haulover Break. At daylight and until sunrise a large flight of sea fowl streams through here on their way to the feeding grounds in the harbor. They consist mostly of White-winged Scoters (*Oidemia deglandi*), American Golden-eyes (*Clangula clangula americana*), Old-squaws (*Harelda hyemalis*), and a few Red-breasted Mergansers (*Merganser serrator*); this latter bird being very common later on in the spring. The bird in question was shot at this time during the flight, and was flying singly. Chadwick was unable to identify the specimen but supposed it to be a freak *Clangula clangula americana*. He showed it to several of the oldest gunners on the island but none had ever seen one like it before. Unfortunately the bird was destroyed in ignorance. I have been unable to find any recent records of the capture of this bird in Massachusetts and I believe it is considered a rare bird here, though a few are occasionally taken in Maine.—S. PRESCOTT FAY, *Boston, Mass.*

The Whistling Swan (*Olor columbianus*) in South Carolina.—I am indebted to Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr., for the gift of a bird of this species taken at Ridge Springs, Edgefield County, on November 26, 1907. The specimen was shot in a small pond and seemed to be very tired. It was sent by Dr. L. J. Smith to Mr. James P. Garick, Jr., of Weston, S. C., to be mounted, who (the latter) upon learning of my desire to obtain it for my collection kindly used his influence in my behalf. Mr. Garick informs me that the bird was greatly emaciated, in fact 'skin and bone,' but despite its condition it measured (in flesh) 52 inches in length and 84 inches in extent.

This Swan, although a *young* male and doubtless a bird-of-the-year, has the legs and feet deep *black* as in the *adult*.

In Audubon's 'Birds of America,' Vol. VI, p. 232; Baird, Brewer and Ridgway, 'Water Birds,' Vol. I, p. 425; Coues's 'Key to N. A. Birds,' p. 683; Ridgway's 'Manual of N. A. Birds,' p. 120, and Chapman's 'Birds