

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Additional Record of the European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*).**— I am indebted to Judge Lewis Rinaker of Chicago, for the opportunity of recording the capture of another specimen of this rare visitor. While duck-shooting on Snackwine Lake, Putnam Co., Illinois, April 13, 1909, Judge Rinaker shot a male of this species from a pair which came to his decoys. Whether his mate was of English or American descent, could not be determined. The specimen is now the property of Mr. Richard A. Turtle of Chicago. This record makes the twenty-first for the interior.— RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

**Capture of the European Widgeon in New Hampshire.**— I received on Nov. 17, 1908, from Peabrook, N. H., a young male European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*). This bird was taken in company with a flock of Black Ducks by a market gunner in that locality. I intend to present it to the Boston Society of Natural History.— JOHN H. HARDY, JR., *Arlington, Mass.*

**The Lesser Snow Goose (*Chen hyperborea nivalis*) in Gorham, Maine.**— During the week of November 16 to 21, 1908, one of these birds was shot by a fox hunter in a field in Gorham, Maine. The bird was much emaciated and in the immature plumage in which it is usually seen in Maine. It was mounted by, and is in the possession of, Mr. Leonard Leighton, of Westbrook, where I made an examination of it.— ARTHUR H. NORTON, *Portland, Me.*

**A Second Record for the Fulvous Tree-duck taken in Missouri.**— Through the kindness of Mr. Wm. L. Evers of Quincy, Ill., I am enabled to report the capture of a second specimen of the Fulvous Tree-duck, *Dendrocygna fulva*, for Missouri. This bird, a male, was shot by Mr. Evers, April 29, 1909, on the prairie of Lewis County, Mo., about latitude 40°, and just across the Mississippi River from Quincy. Mr. Evers kindly gave me the following particulars: "When the bird came over me, I, at first, thought it was a large Curlew. The flight was sailing like that of a hawk, and its note a peculiar whistle. It was alone and from the noise it was making seemed to be lost. It was in perfect physical condition and made a fine specimen for my collection. The identification was corroborated by Mr. Otho C. Poling of Quincy, formerly an ardent ornithologist, now chiefly engaged in the scientific study of lepidoptera." April 29 was the hottest day of the month in Missouri with an official temperature of 8° at Hannibal (near Quincy). A very low barometer of 29.25 covered northern Missouri, attended by a hard gale from the south over the entire area from southern Texas northward, with maximum temperatures of 102° at Del Rio, 98° at San Antonio, and 96° at Fort Worth.— O. WIDMANN, *St. Louis, Mo.*