

**GENERAL NOTES.**

**Laughing Gulls in Plymouth County, Mass.**— While spending the first part of August at Manomet Point, Mass., I was surprised to note the abundance of *Larus atricilla* off the point. During calm weather I saw every day a hundred or more in the vicinity of the point, generally keeping pretty well together. On August 13 I noted about thirty on Fresh Pond, a large body of water situated about a half a mile from the shore. They were characteristically noisy both on the water and when circling about the pond. About sixty per cent of the birds seen were in juvenal plumage.

This is the first summer I have seen this species in Plymouth Co., though Mr. Barret has recorded it. (Auk, Vol. 29, Jan., 1912, p. 99).— W. SPRAGUE BROOKS, *Milton, Mass.*

**Brown Pelican on Pamlico Sound and at Durham, N. C.**— An unusual spring visitation of Brown Pelicans was observed at Ocracoke, N. C., this season. The writer, with his assistant, Mr. T. W. Adickes, spent the week of May 20–25 at this point and, covering this period, Pelicans were daily in evidence. The center of their abundance seemed to be on the shoals and 'lumps' in and opposite the Inlet, where a flock of something over a hundred made their headquarters. Two specimens were collected on May 24, both of which proved to be males, with the sexual organs but little developed. One of them was in quite immature plumage, the other having the white head of the adult.

The two boatmen who waited on us while there — one of them having been game warden in the Cape Hatteras region for several years, and quite familiar with the bird life of the locality — reported another flock of about a hundred seen on the lumps between Hatteras and Ocracoke on their trip to the latter place on May 20.

This species is not uncommon at times on lower Pamlico Sound during the late summer, but this is our first record of the bird as a common spring visitant to the region.

On May 29 a female, approaching the adult stage of plumage, was collected on a small pond close to the large West Durham cotton mill. It was received at the museum in the flesh. The ovaries showed no indication of its being a breeding bird.— H. H. BRIMLEY, *Raleigh, N. C.*

**The Man-o'-war-bird (*Fregata aquila*) on the Coast of Georgia.**— Mr. J. J. Sutton of Ridgeville, Georgia, recently sent to the Biological Survey a photograph of a specimen of *Fregata aquila* captured last June near the Sapelo Lighthouse in McIntosh County on the coast of Georgia, a few miles northeast of Darien. Mr. Sutton furnishes the following account of the capture of the specimen:

Mr. Wm. G. Cromley, a taxidermist, while on a visit to his brother,