

## GENERAL NOTES.

**The Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*) in Jackson Park, Ill.**— On February 21, 1915, where the waters of the Yacht Harbor join those of Lake Michigan in Jackson Park, a specimen of the Red-throated Loon in winter plumage was seen. The weather was rather cool, being from 48° to 51° Fahrenheit. A light steady rain was falling with a moderate southeast wind. The bird had a badly hurt left leg and wing. These injuries prevented it from diving, for this would naturally be the first thing to which it would resort upon being frightened. As it could neither fly, dive, nor swim rapidly, we were at times within ten feet of it and directly above it.

The Red-throated Loon is considered an unusually rare winter visitant here. 'Birds of Chicago Area' (Woodruff, 1907) gives the following notation regarding this species: "The Red-throated Loon seemingly can be admitted to the bird fauna of the Chicago Area only as a rare winter visitant." As far as we have learned this is the only record for Jackson Park, although it is quite possible that others have been seen in previous years.— L. L. MACKENZIE, W. W. LYON, *Chicago, Ill.*

**Another European Widgeon in Virginia.**— On Christmas Day, 1914, Messrs. Chas. J. and Laurence Rumsey, of Ithaca, N. Y., were duck-hunting at Virginia Beach, Va. After the main flight of the morning was over, a single bird came to the decoys and was shot. This bird proved to be a first-year male European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*). It was in nearly complete winter plumage, though the back and flanks were still rather plentifully sprinkled with the dull feathers of the post-juvinal plumage, and the white wing-spot was only suggested by one white covert in each wing. The specimen was fortunately saved and presented to me, and is now in my collection.

This note is submitted for record as it is interesting to know whether or not this European species is becoming increasingly abundant in America. Two others,— Princess Anne Co., Va., January 5, 1915, and Currituck Co., N. C., January 27, 1915, are recorded by Mr. H. H. Bailey in 'The Oologist' for March, 1915.— LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES, *Ithaca, N. Y.*

**Snow Geese and Swans in Massachusetts.**— On November 20, 1914, five Lesser Snow Geese (*Chen h. hyperboreus*) were shot at Robbin's Pond, East Bridgewater. These birds, two adults and three young, were mounted by C. Emers on Brown. Three other Snow Geese are said to have been taken at Robbins Pond in 1913.

On November 21, two swans were seen by the gunners at Oldham Pond, Pembroke. They circled around a number of times and then headed towards Silver Lake where they were also seen.— J. C. PHILLIPS, *Wenham, Mass.*