

estimate. The birds seemed to say *ipter-ipta, ut, ut, ut*. I have also written it down on different nights, *whipter-ipta, ha, ha, ha*, and *upter-upta, ha, ha, ha*. There was nothing indefinite or variable about the wording. It suggested a college yell of nocturnal sprites.

Another song, less complicated but of considerable interest, was heard several times and was called to my attention by Mr. Ernest Joy, one of the Life Saving men, an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, a member of the New England Bird Banding Association and a keen and accurate observer. The song may best be described by saying that it resembles the trilling of a toad. One that I traced to its source came from a burrow, where, besides the trilling, could be heard a gentle cooing or clucking sound which appeared to come from a second bird. The sounds ceased abruptly when the light of a lantern was flashed in the hole. Mr. Joy called this the mating song, and in this I think he is correct, for he said the trilling was heard much more commonly earlier in the season, and on several occasions when he had investigated, he had found two birds in the hole.

These songs are certainly among the weirdest and most unusual of bird songs, and, coming out of the darkness often from birds close at hand, the effect is indescribable.—CHARLES W. TOWNSEND, 98 Pinckney St., Boston, Mass.

**Bonaparte's Gull Summering near Perth Amboy, N. J.**—A flock of about thirty Bonaparte's Gulls (*Larus philadelphia*) was seen on the Raritan River near Perth Amboy, N. J., by R. H. Howland, Rudyerd Boulton and the writer on July 28, 1923. I am informed by Ludlow Griscom of the American Museum of Natural History that other observers have reported them in the same locality in June, July and August.—CHARLES A. URNER, Elizabeth, N. J.

**Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*) in Michigan.**—Doctor Christofferson and myself spent Sept. 1-3 at Brevort Lake, Mackinac County, Mich. Immediately on our arrival we were attracted by a loud squawking and on investigating we discovered a flock of more than twenty Caspian Terns, old and young, on a sand bar just off the shore of the lake and almost directly in front of our cabin. We watched them every day and the old birds were continually bringing fish which they were feeding the young.

On September 2 on a sand bar farther up the lake we found another flock of more than thirty and here also the old birds were bringing food to the young. On this same bar were also nine Common Terns (*Sterna hirundo*); three Herring Gulls (*Larus argentatus*); three Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*); one Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) and one Least Sandpiper (*Pisobia minutilla*).

A farmer living at the lake informed us that the Caspian Terns had been there all summer. Brevort Lake is about a mile from the north shore of Lake Michigan.