

About noon the next day, August 7, we found five birds of the same species on the beaches of the little estuary at Rye Harbor. At one time a Herring Gull was standing near them, and the vastly greater size of the Egrets was evident. I made an attempt to crawl through the marsh and secure one of the birds, but a belt of black mud prevented me from getting in range. A game warden, who appeared on the scene at the sound of my unsuccessful shots, informed me that the birds had been in that vicinity for a month or six weeks.—S. F. BLAKE, *Washington, D. C.*

**White Herons at Lakehurst, N. J.**—To me, accustomed to spending my summers in New England, this past season in the New Jersey Pine Barrens has been full of interest and novelty, chief place in the latter category being the presence in my "front yard," to-wit our little lake, of White Herons. They appeared about July 25, three Egrets and six Little Blues. The numbers of the latter were soon augmented, fifteen being the largest number seen at one time. As the sphagnum marshes about the irregular lake are quite extensive, I could not be sure that the numbers were not greater. But I am confident that there were but three Egrets. The latter left about Sept. 1, and the little ones on the 10th. All were quite tame while feeding. About sunset, or just after, they left nightly, flying east.

I am told these White Herons summer here regularly.—LEWIS B. WOODRUFF, *Lakehurst, N. J.*

**Long-billed Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) on Fishers Island, N. Y.**—One of our game keepers saw a Long-billed Curlew, on September 10, 1923. We have never seen one here before and I know that it is a rare bird in New York. The keeper is familiar with the Hudsonian Curlew and was absolutely sure of the identity of the bird.—HARRY L. FERGUSON, *Fishers Island, N. Y.*

**Recent Observations of the Long-billed Curlew at Cape Lookout, North Carolina.**—For more than twenty years I have been spending my summers at Cape Lookout, North Carolina, making collections of specimens and notes on the fishes of that region, and incidentally I have kept somewhat in touch with its bird life.

Recently my attention has been called to a published statement (which I find accepted as fact), that the big Sickle-bill Curlew (*Numenius americanus*) had not been seen on the coast of North Carolina since 1885. (1919, *Birds of North Carolina*, Pearson, Brimley and Brimley.)

I note this with surprise, as, during the month of July, from 1903 to 1908 inclusive, I saw almost daily a flock of from 5 to 10 of these big Curlews fly from the region of Core Sound and spend the day feeding on the flats of Cape Lookout, and at the same time much larger flocks of the smaller Curlew (*Numenius hudsonicus*) made the same daily flights. Although I do