

GENERAL NOTES.

Double-crested Cormorant in the Connecticut Valley.—While watching one or two Greater Yellow-legs at the Ashley Ponds reservoir at Holyoke, Mass. on the afternoon of May 20, 1925, we discovered a bird near shore, swimming in the water. At a distance it appeared to be a Loon but, by taking advantage of the diving intervals, we gradually approached within fifteen or twenty yards and with the binoculars identified it as a Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax a. auritus*).

The diving intervals and the distance traversed were shorter than usually performed by the Loon. After coming to the surface once or twice the Cormorant raised the wings and body above the water revealing black or brown-gray underparts. The head lacked the double crest, characteristic of the breeding plumage.

When the bird finally flew the neck was drawn out to full length and the webbed feet protruded behind. It presented the appearance of a small Goose. After taking one or two turns, it disappeared in a northerly direction heading for Mt. Tom.

Cormorants use the Connecticut Valley but casually. Edward O. Damon records two killed on the Hockanum meadows near Northampton in the fall of the year during the eighties. They were first observed on an old elm stub near the river and were subsequently mounted by the man who shot them.—AARON C. BAGG, 70 *Fairfield Ave., Holyoke, Mass.*

The Man-o'-war-bird in South Carolina.—On May 25, 1925, I was informed by a friend, Mr. Alex Mikell, of this city, that he has seen a Man-o-war-bird (*Fregata aquila*), the previous day, at the entrance to Charleston Harbor. Naturally, I was much interested in hearing this as the occurrence of this species as far north as South Carolina is purely accidental.

Mr. Mikell stated that he was fishing from the south jetty, which lies a couple of miles beyond Fort Sumter. The jetty is built of rock, and keeps the channel open between the bar and the harbor, and lies in the ocean, two or three miles from Sullivan's Island, the nearest land. The bird when first seen was some distance away, but even then the great expanse of wing could be plainly noted. Before very long its course brought it almost directly over the jetty, and every detail was plainly visible to Mr. Mikell.

He at once recognized the bird as a Frigate Bird, having seen numbers off the Florida coast, and also off the coast of southern California.

As we were talking about it, we were joined by Mr. Felix Chisolm, and it transpired that he had seen the same bird (supposedly) on Saturday, May 23, off the beach at Folly Island, another barrier island lying a few miles to the southward. Mr. Chisolm is not very familiar with birds, but