

species at almost the same place. As we had high-powered field glasses, and the bird was swimming and diving very close in, in fact too close to stay out of sight under the water very long at a time, I was certain of its identity.—EARLE R. GREENE, 201 Adair Bldg., Jacksonville, Fla.

Hudsonian Curlew near Youngstown, Ohio.—On May 24, 1925, while looking for shore-birds on the flats adjoining Lake Milton, I noticed a flock of large birds standing at the water's-edge as I rounded a curve in the shore-line. With the aid of a 45x field telescope I was able to identify them as Hudsonian Curlew (*Numenius hudsonicus*), having carefully taken note of the long curved bill, head markings, etc. There were eleven of these birds in the flock. Upon consulting Fuertes' plates I was confirmed in my identification. The Curlews were at first observed at a distance of about fifty feet but I was able to get a little closer before they finally took flight.

Mr. Geo. L. Fordyce informs me that this is the first record of the Hudsonian Curlew in Mahoning County. Along Lake Erie, I am told by Dr. Lynds Jones, it is seen occasionally as a spring migrant.—BERTRAM F. AVERBACH, Youngstown, Ohio.

Avocet at Wallop's Island, Va.—On September, 1925, at Wallop's Island, five miles south of Chincoteague, Va., I secured two Avocets (*Recurvirostra americana*) from a flock of four. They were young of the year.—B. H. WARREN, Chincoteague, Va.

Swimming and Diving Activity of the Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*).—Upon several occasions within the writer's experience, downy young of the Spotted Sandpiper, when closely pursued, have taken to the water, where they swam lightly although not very rapidly in making an escape. The young birds have been observed swimming thus so many times that the habit is doubtless well known among ornithologists, although but little seems to have been written about it.

It is possibly not so well known, however, that the normal, uninjured adult Sandpiper may not only swim but even dive to some depth in escaping an enemy. During mid-summer of 1916, at Sheldrake Point, Lake Cayuga, New York, an adult Spotted Sandpiper was observed characteristically feeding along the shore at a point where the bottom sloped so steeply that the water was rather deep a few feet out. The bird in its quest for food passed out of view behind a piece of driftwood. Hoping to see it better I slipped quietly up behind the log, and was surprised that, upon looking carefully, I could not locate the bird. In carelessly stepping upon the log I must have frightened the Sandpiper, which (as I subsequently determined) had been probing in the mud under a small projecting root. When the bird first flushed, its wings were fully spread, and it was headed for the open water of the lake. Upon seeing me towering above it, however, it turned its course abruptly downward, and without the slightest hesitation