

kindly presented the specimen to me.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mt. Pleasant, S. C.*

**The Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*) at Charleston, S. C.**—On the morning of July 29, about 7:30 A.M. the writer saw three Sooty Terns at Charleston, S. C. The coast of South Carolina had been visited the previous night by a West Indian storm, which had travelled up from Florida, where it devastated many places early in the week.

The three birds were seen flying slowly over the city, very low down, barely above the chimneys. A stiff wind was blowing at the time, and the flight of the birds was slow and wavering, showing every marking almost as distinctly as if they had been in hand. The morning was clear with bright sunlight.

As far as I know this is the first authentic record for South Carolina. This species is mentioned in the Hypothetical List of Arthur T. Wayne's 'Birds of South Carolina,' on page 216.—ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., *Charleston, S. C.*

**Sooty Tern in North Carolina.**—An adult female Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*) was picked up in an exhausted condition near the northern edge of Raleigh, on August 1, 1926. The Boy Scout, Fred Dixon, who discovered the specimen, gave it to the State Museum. It was very much emaciated but otherwise unhurt, and in good condition for preserving.

On August 3, 1926, another adult specimen of this species was discovered, in a similar condition, by Jos. W. Womble, about five miles south of Pittsboro, Chatham County, N. C., approximately thirty miles in an air line from where the first was secured. When this specimen reached my hands three days later, it was too far advanced in decomposition to be saved, or even for the sex to be determined.

No doubt the very severe West Indian hurricane of the previous week accounts for the presence of these two birds so far from their natural range.

Our only other North Carolina record, since Dr. Coues saw a flock near Fort Macon in March, 1869, is an adult specimen—found near Raleigh in June, 1909, which was picked up in an exhausted and emaciated condition as were the two above recorded. In that case, however, I failed to ascertain the weather conditions south of us for the immediately preceding days.—H. H. BRIMLEY, *Raleigh, N. C.*

**Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*) in West Virginia.**—On July 31, an adult Sooty Tern was picked up in a weed patch in a garden two miles from Charleston and brought to me for identification. The bird was slightly injured on the wing from being stepped on by a man when catching it. One leg was strained from being tied by a string after the bird had been captured. The Tern was in a very weakened condition and was unable to stand upright on its feet.

After being cared for for several days it seemed to regain some strength, and after feeding it raw beef it was banded with band no. 273487 and