

## GENERAL NOTES.

**Sabine's Gull in Massachusetts.**—On August 21, Mr. John Smith of the Boston Society of Natural History and I were collecting Limicolae along the South River at Marshfield, near Greenbush, Mass. A large company of young and adult Common and Roseate Terns were feeding in the river and we sat for a while on the bank to watch them. With them, and closely imitating their method of feeding was a bird which instantly attracted our attention. Its black head and white-flecked, black primaries made it a conspicuous spot in the Tern company. Thinking it was a Bonaparte's Gull in full plumage we collected it. Closer observation immediately showed the bird to be a fine specimen of Sabine's Gull in almost full plumage. The head only indicated the beginning of molt, a few white and grey feathers being mixed in with the darker plumage. The black collar around the neck was perfect as was the rest of the plumage. Upon skinning the Gull we found it to be an adult male. The larger proportion of the stomach contents was sand, with the vertebrae of several small fish, three very small clam shells, and a little fatty substance on which the Gull was feeding when shot. We have but very few records of this species in Massachusetts, and most of these are of birds in winter plumage.—ALLEN H. WOOD, JR., *Boston, Massachusetts.*

**Caspian Tern at Stone Harbor, N. J.**—On August 29, 1926, while examining a large flock of Terns and Gulls resting on the sand below Stone Harbor, N. J., we noticed three large red-billed birds among them. On closer examination we found them to be Caspian Terns—two in adult and one in immature plumage. We identified the birds to our entire satisfaction, flushing them from the beach twice. On these occasions, their comparatively shallow-forked tails were plainly seen as they flew about overhead. One of the adults uttered a harsh low-pitched k-r-r-r-r which cleared up any doubt we had as to the bird's identity. It is interesting to note that Mr. Clifford Marburger and Professor Herbert H. Beck saw a large Tern which they suspected of being this species at Brigantine, N. J., August 18, 1926.—WILLIAM YODER, *Philadelphia, Pa.*—JULIAN K. POTTER, *Collingswood, N. J.*

**Noddy Tern (*Anous stolidus*) at Daytona Beach, Florida.**—On September 18, 1926, the day of the south Florida hurricane, a Noddy (*Anous stolidus*) was found in a semi-exhausted condition, resting beneath the ocean pier at the foot of Main Street, Daytona Beach. The bird was still living when brought to me, on the 20th, for identification.

On the morning of the 18th, I was out on the beach looking for the unusual water birds that the fall gales occasionally bring our way. In addition to the first Sooty Tern that I have ever seen here, and the first