

GENERAL NOTES.

The Razor-billed Auk in New Jersey.—Occurrences of the Razor-billed Auk (*Alca torda*) in New Jersey are infrequent enough to warrant placing on record the appearance of an individual of this species at Wildwood, N. J., in May, 1927 (exact date unknown). The bird, an adult female according to a local taxidermist, was found on the ocean beach by F. Wayne Cole. It was in an exhausted condition but lived for several days after capture. The appearance of this species in May in this latitude is unusual, inasmuch as all other available records south of Long Island are from December to March inclusive. The specimen was mounted and is now on exhibition at the Wildwood Public School.—JOHN A. GILLESPIE, *Glenolden, Penn.*

Franklin's Gull in Illinois.—In my collection is a female *Larus pipixcan* taken at Mallard, Hancock Co., Ill., April 12, 1905, presumably by C. K. Worthen. I know of only three recorded captures of this bird in Illinois, namely: Warsaw, Hancock Co., May, 1875 (C. K. Worthen); Liter, April 21, 1882; Chicago, October 27, 1922 (C. C. Sanborn).—PIERCE BRODKORB, *Evanston, Ill.*

Summering Bonaparte's Gulls at Lynn, Mass.—The note on the summer occurrence of Bonaparte's Gulls in Rhode Island, given by J. T. Nichols in the October, 1927, 'Auk,' reminds me of a series of local summer dates for this species. I do not know whether Lynn Harbor comes within the limits of what Mr. Nichols considers southern New England or not, but it may be of interest to him to know, as he is somewhat familiar with our region, that during three summers, 1922, 1926 and 1927, Bonaparte's Gulls have been seen there and at such close range that all their points could be easily determined.

Beside the mouth of the Saugus River, as it enters Lynn Harbor, is a point of land which formerly was salt marsh, but some years since the river channel was deepened and the sand and mud therefrom was pumped on this point raising it well above high tide. A wooden bulkhead some fifteen hundred feet long was built along the harbor side to retain this dredging. The wash of the tide during several years has carried away the planking of this bulkhead leaving only a long line of posts connected at their tops by a heavy timber string-piece. At high tide this fence rail, if so it may be called, arises from the water from fifty to a hundred feet from shore. On this rail at this time of tide Gulls love to roost. From May to September the majority of these birds are of the smaller species, Ring-billed, Laughing and Bonaparte's with also many Terns. They are seldom molested on this bit of waste land, although in plain sight and only a minute's walk away is one of the busiest automobile thoroughfares in the state. For this