

Long Island this year, as many or more than in any previous year of which I have cognizance . . . but I have been out comparatively little and have not as good data on which to base an estimate of numbers as in 1921." Mr. Nichols is of the opinion that all the birds seen in New Jersey do not pass over Long Island.

Mr. Ludlow Griscom also states that reports reaching him indicate a substantial increase in the southern flight of Curlew down the Atlantic coast in 1927.—CHARLES A. URNER, *Elizabeth, N. J.*

Hudsonian Curlew in southern New Jersey.—Hudsonian Curlew seem to have always been much more abundant in southern New Jersey and occur every year in large numbers in May and again in July and August, from the marshes back of Sea Isle City, south to Cape May, and some remain until early September. The southward flight begins early in July and seems to be always during a southerly wind, no birds moving when the wind is from the north although there may be plenty of them on the marshes. The line of flight in South Jersey would seem to be over the land but north of that it must normally be over the sea to judge by the experience of Mr. Urner and others at Barnegat Bay, and I question whether any flight occurs during a north wind.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.*

Hudsonian Godwit in New Jersey.—On July 3, 1925 the writer observed a Hudsonian Godwit (*Limosa hœmastica*) in full breeding plumage flying north over the salt marshes of Elizabeth, N. J. The bird, picked up with a glass in the distance and coming on, was first taken to be a Black-bellied Plover because of the dark appearance of the breast. But, passing at close range, the long, apparently straight bill, richly colored underparts, black tail and white rump or upper tail were well seen.

I have questioned a number of guides about Barnegat Bay as to the status of this species in that section of the state. There it is usually referred to as the "Marlin" and Capt. Chadwick of the Sandy Isle Gun Club reported to me that he had seen three in the fall of 1924. When I visited Barnegat dock on July 17, 1927, I was informed by some of the guides that there were a few "Marlin" in the big flight of passing Curlew. Securing a boat Mr. M. S. Ley and I rowed out to one of the lines of flight where Curlew were crossing the marsh very low. We had not been there long when two birds passed, somewhat smaller than the Curlew, with apparently straight bills, darker, not brown, upper parts, a wing pattern, dark tails with a conspicuous white band at the base. The under parts were not as well seen as the backs, the birds passing quite low. Under the wing the feathers seemed dark but the breasts relatively lighter. I identified them as Hudsonian Godwits, either immature or adults in fall or changing plumage. Later five other birds, two with rather dark under parts, passed at a greater distance. They were probably, not positively, this species.—CHARLES A. URNER, *Elizabeth, N. J.*