

County, Connecticut. The Northern Eider (*Somateria mollissima borealis*) is a female, shot at Stratford Point during November, 1922. The hunter, who had mistaken the bird for a Scoter, was advised by the State Game Commissioner to turn it over for the Sanctuary's collection. A comparison of both the shape and measurements of the frontal process of this bird with skins in the American Museum of Natural History shows conclusively that it is *S. m. borealis*. It is the first record of this species for Connecticut.

Another rarity in the collection is a fine specimen of the Labrador Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus heterocnemis*). It is a large female, which was caught in a steel trap at the Litchfield Game Preserve, Litchfield, Connecticut, during January, 1928, and subsequently was sent to Mr. Novack by the Custodian, Henry A. Bowden. The measurements of this bird in millimeters are:—wing, 386; tail, 243; exposed culmen, 43; culmen without cere, 29. Besides being much darker than a typical *virginianus*, it has large blotches of black on the upper breast, the top of the head is dark with only a few grayish-brown streaks and the facial disk is quite gray. The only brown in the plumage is on the nape and back; the wings and tail are gray. The only other record of this subspecies in Connecticut is of a specimen taken at Black Hall, November, 1917 (Bishop, Auk, 1921, p. 586).—PHILIP A. DU MONT, *American Museum of Natural History*.

**Notes from Washington, D. C.**—*Sterna forsteri*. FORSTER'S TERN.—One was seen on the mud-flats off Hains Point, D. C., August 22, 1929. *Sayornis phoebe*. PHOEBE.—One was noted at Dyke, Va., January 3, 1929.

*Dumetella carolinensis*. CATBIRD.—One was seen at Wellington Villa, Va., January 3, 1929.—WILLIAM HOWARD BALL, 1861 Ingleside Terrace, N. W., Washington, D. C.

**Notes from Eastern Maryland.**—*Sterna forsteri*. FORSTER'S TERN.—One was seen at Chesapeake Beach, October 21, 1928.

*Aiz sponsa*. WOOD DUCK.—A female with seven young was seen at Cedar Point, St. Mary's County, August 19, 1928.

*Hydranassa tricolor ruficollis*. LOUISIANA HERON.—One was seen at Scotland Beach, St. Mary's County, August 18, 1928.

*Pisobia bairdi*. BAIRD'S SANDPIPER.—One was watched for twenty minutes in the yard of the hotel at Scotland Beach, August 19, 1928. It was busy probing in the pools of rain water which were quite numerous, sometimes coming within ten feet of me. The distinctive markings of this species which were noted follow: the rather slender, straight black bill, black legs, light buffy washing of the breast and flanks, the scaly appearance of the back, and in flight the presence of dark upper tail coverts and the absence of a white line on the upper surface of the wing. Others in the party were H. G. Deignan, Phoebe M. Knappen, and Mrs. T. M. Knappen.