

should have been emphasized that Audubon was quite likely the one upon whom any criticism should rest for not ascertaining more exactly the history of the specimens in question. As a matter of fact the species are merely being removed to the hypothetical list at the end of the volume and when birds are recorded so far from their known habitat and are then never again seen within our range in more than one hundred years. I think most persons will agree that they had better be removed from the regular North American list and that in all probability some blunder had occurred in their original record.—W. S.)

Early Occurrence of the Gannet on the South Carolina Coast.—On the afternoon of October 2, 1930 the writer, in company with Mr. Peter Gething of Charleston, S. C., saw an adult Gannet (*Sula bassana*) from the beach of the Isle of Palms, Charleston County, S. C. The bird was watched for some time as it carried on its fishing in plain view from the beach, diving some half dozen times in the time we had it under observation, with and without 8x glasses. The sunlight was brilliant, bringing out the glistening white of the plumage with startling clearness.

The writer can find no record of such an early appearance of this species on the South Carolina coast, nor indeed for any part of the coast south of New England. Personally, it has never been observed in winter prior to December 13. Records for that month, together with others for January and February, prove it to be a winter visitor and it has been noted in the spring locally, as late as May 30. Mr. Arthur T. Wayne, in his 'Birds of South Carolina,' does not give any arrival dates and implies that the species is only a transient visitor, since he had not observed it in winter. Since the book was published however, the writer is under the impression that Mr. Wayne did see it in the winter months.

Research has shown that no arrival dates are given in 'The Birds of North Carolina' (Pearson and Brimley) for that coast. Gannets were seen by the writer on returning by boat from New York, October 30-31, 1930, after the A. O. U. meeting, as far south as Cape Fear, North Carolina. In 'Birds of the New York City Region' (Ludlow Griscom), October 5 seems to be the early date for the Gannet off that city. In 'Birds of New York' (Eaton) October 5, is also given as the date for the coast of the State. In 'Life Histories of North American Petrels and Pelicans and Their Allies' (Bent) the early date for New York is given as October 5, again, Montauk Point being specified. In view of these dates, the occurrence of the Gannet off Charleston, S. C., on October 2, seems extraordinary, not only for the Carolina coast, but for most of the Atlantic seaboard.—ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., 92 South Battery, Charleston, S. C.

Cinnamon Teal (*Querquedula cynoptera*) in Michigan.—An adult female was taken in the Monroe Marshes, by an unknown hunter, on the opening day, September 16, 1930, and is now mounted in the collection of Dr. Hugo A. Freund of Detroit.