

Some of them also uttered a note, "ugh ugh ugh," a single note repeated several times in succession, usually three times. It sounded just like the grunt of a small pig. I could not tell whether this came from males or from females.

On April 3 there were two pairs of Shovellers on the pond. They were continuously vocal while feeding and while swimming about, and, I think, before they had observed me at my hiding place in the bushes. They uttered the note that is commonly transcribed as "woh woh," but which sounded to me more like "chugh chugh," with a decided nasal and querulous quality. When I finally exposed myself to view they took flight, uttering the same sound again and again as they circled overhead. In fact, long after I had turned my attention to the other ducks on the pond I was warned each time that they passed overhead by the note. The following day there was one male Shoveller at the pond. As he flew he uttered a note, quite different from the note just described, that sounded exactly like the words, "took took," sometimes used in describing the notes of this bird. But in all these cases the notes given by the Shovellers were in twos—"took took," or "chugh chugh"—rather than in threes, as commonly recorded.—J. J. MURRAY, *Lexington, Virginia*.

**Rare Geese on the North Carolina Coast.**—On November 14, 1930, Mr. E. C. Knight shot a Blue Goose (*Chen caerulescens*) at Corolla, N. C. on Currituck Sound, and another was obtained on the same waters on December 11 by Mr. W. F. Allen. Both were kindly presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia while a specimen of the Lesser Snow Goose (*C. hyperboreus hyperboreus*) was received by the same institution from Mr. Charles Browne who obtained it on November 28, at Corolla. This bird measured as follows: Wing 15.90 ins. length of culmen 2.25 in.—WITMER STONE, *Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*.

**Egrets at Cape Breton Island, N. S.**—I would report the presence of a pair of Egrets in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, in August last. These Egrets spent about one week in the South Gut of St. Anne's Bay, in the vicinity of some mud flats which are covered at high tide, some four or five miles from Englishtown.

I saw the first on the afternoon of August 18, was able to approach close to them and studied them for about an hour with a pair of powerful field glasses. Mrs. Grosvenor and others accompanied me. On returning to my summer home, Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, that evening we compared our notes of the birds' appearance with pictorial and text descriptions as given in Forbush's 'Birds of Massachusetts,' and became fairly confident that our identification was correct.

In order to be absolutely certain, I returned the next morning with illustrations of the Egret in order to compare the picture with the birds, and fortunately found them again in the same place. The long yellow bill