

At present the Ohio State Museum has 27 specimens of Lesser Scaups from Ohio, from the collections of Wheaton, Jasper, Davie, Henninger, and other more recent collectors.

It therefore appears that the American Scaup is one of the rarer of Ohio Ducks, being much less common than usually considered.—MILTON B. TRAUTMAN, *Ohio Division of Conservation, Columbus, Ohio*,

**The American Scoter (*Oidemia americana*) Again in Winter on the South Carolina Coast.**—In 'The Auk' for April, 1929, the writer recorded the third observance of this species in South Carolina. Since that time additional records have strongly indicated that this species is on the increase along the South Atlantic coast, certainly as far down as Charleston. These records cover a considerable range of season; the first one after the above mentioned one occurring on April 6, 1929 when a fine male was taken alive at the same island where the writer and Mr. Weston saw the flock of eight mentioned in the April 'Auk.' This specimen was secured by Mr. Isaac Grimball and was presented to the Charleston Museum. In December, 1929 flocks of the American Scoter were seen in Bull's Bay by Mr. E. Milby Burton and two companions, several of the birds being taken ('Auk,' April, 1930).

During this past year, the writer saw this species on two occasions off Folly Island, in huge flocks, sometimes so close in that the birds could be seen easily without the aid of glasses, playing and swimming just beyond the surf line. The dates are December 20, 1930; January 17, 1931. For three consecutive winters American Scoters have been noted on the South Carolina coast and are probably to be included in the number of winter residents.—ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., *92 South Battery, Charleston, S. C.*

**Black-bellied and Fulvous Tree Duck, in Illinois.**—On September 15, 1930, a Black-bellied Tree Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) was shot, by a hunter, from a tree along the Illinois river, near LaSalle, Illinois. This bird, the sex of which could not be determined, was brought in to a local taxidermist and mounted by him.

In mentioning the above to a friend of mine who is also a commercial taxidermist, he told me that some years ago he mounted a Fulvous Tree Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) which was brought in to him. We looked this bird up in his records and found that it was a male, killed off the Government Pier, in Chicago, on December 7, 1919.

Both these birds looked to be healthy, were in good plumage and did not show any signs of being kept in captivity, although there is a possibility of their being caged birds at one time, a fact though of which no one can feel certain.—JOHN WILLIAM MOYER, *Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois*.

**Lesser Snow Geese in Barry County, Michigan.**—On October 21, 1930, two Snow Geese were shot from a flock of twenty-five, at Crooked Lake, Barry County, Michigan, by J. D. Langworthy of Battle Creek.