

For a "land-lubber" to see all the Phalaropes in New Jersey is quite a rare privilege. To see all three within a week during the spring migration is a consummation too unlikely to seem possible.—CHARLES A. URNER, *Elizabeth, N. J.*

Wilson's Phalarope in New Jersey.—On August 28, 1932, at Brigantine Island, N. J., in a large flight of shore birds I found a single Wilson's Phalarope (*Steganopus tricolor*) running about on a mud flat busy feeding. It presented a comical sight with tail held up at an angle and neck stretched out in front while it held the body in more or less of a crouching position. The species is very unusual on the New Jersey coast.—JULIAN K. POTTER, *Collingswood, N. J.*

Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) on the New Hampshire and Maine Coasts in July.¹—In his 'Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States,' Forbush says (p. 82) that this gull is "rarely seen in Massachusetts waters before September or early October when young birds appear among flocks of Herring Gulls."

While waiting on the pier in Portsmouth harbor on July 18, 1932, for our boat en route to Duck Island, several Ring-billed Gulls were noted at close range, and watched with binoculars, as they flew about and alighted on the water with *L. argentatus*, in dark plumage, hunting stray scraps of food.

At Hampton Beach on July 17 Mr. J. P. Melzer and I watched a Ring-billed Gull which was in perfect adult plumage, except for a broad deep black subterminal band equal to a quarter the length of the tail itself; probably a bird in its second year.

When, on the 18th, three such birds but with narrower tail bands, rose together with the thousands of *L. argentatus* and the few pairs of *L. marinus* as we neared Duck Island, it seemed convincing that the birds seen earlier were not merely accidentals.

Dean C. F. Jackson, of the Marine Zoological Laboratory on the nearby, Appledore Island, informed me he has seen such birds at Duck Island in other seasons and the bird may yet be found breeding.

Duck Island is the northernmost island in the Isles of Shoals group, and is, incidentally, wholly in Maine, the boundary cutting through the upper half of this group of islands.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, *East Westmoreland, N. H.*

Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia imperator*) in Camden County N. J.—On August 20, 1932, John A. Gillespie and the writer were looking over a flock of shore birds on a bar in the Delaware river at Fish House, Camden County, N. J., when a large light-colored bird flew in and settled on the exposed mud. Mr. Gillespie who had his glasses on it recognized it as a Caspian Tern and the unusual size, heavy red bill and comparatively short tail, not reaching the folded wing tips, quickly dispelled any doubt as to the bird's identity. Presently it was joined by another of the same

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