

The Dowitcher, A New Bird for Kansas.—On July 7, 1933, while on a fossil-collecting trip in the north-central part of the state, I had the pleasure of examining a group of birds collected and mounted by Mr. Charles Heine, a farmer living near Lucas, Russell Co., Kansas. Among them was a Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus griseus*), in spring plumage. This bird was taken in a low, marshy area in Mr. Heine's pasture on April 26, 1919. It was with a flock of Wilson's Snipe when taken.

So far as I have been able to learn, this is the first recorded occurrence of the Dowitcher in Kansas. The Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus scolopaceus*) has been taken several times in eastern Kansas, and in Missouri, as well. Since these birds commonly migrate in the Mississippi Valley, it is strange that they have not been recorded from Kansas long before this. As a further check the specimen was sent to the U. S. National Museum, where Dr. Herbert Friedmann confirmed the identification.

In addition to the Dowitcher, Mr. Heine's collection contained two other specimens of note, a Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis exilis*), and a Cinnamon Teal (*Querquedula cyanoptera*). The former was killed with a long cane fishing pole at a small pond which had no vegetation or place of concealment for a bird. The presence of this species on the short-grass prairie of Russell County is unusual, to say the least.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. C. D. Bunker, Assistant Curator in Charge of the Museum of Birds and Mammals, for permission to report this record. W. S. LONG, *Museum of Birds and Mammals, Lawrence, Kansas.*

Dowitcher in Michigan.—On May 30, 1928, I saw my first Dowitcher (*Limnodromus g. griseus*) in Michigan and on August 20, 1933, I observed my first pair in fall plumage at the same place, Portage Lake, Jackson Co. They were in company with White-rumped, and Pectoral Sandpipers, and other species of waders. I could drift in my canoe to within six or eight feet of them and study them in detail. The Dowitcher does not seem at all common in this state.—EDITH K. FRY, *Jackson, Mich.*

The Red Phalarope at Martha's Vineyard Island, Mass.—On May 9, 1933, I found an adult male of this species dead on the lawn of Ocean Park, Oak Bluffs, Mass. There was a rather severe northeast storm the night of May 6 and 7, and the bird had evidently been driven in from the sea and perished. Doubtless many of these birds have been forced to the shores of this island, as it is subject to severe easterly storms, but I have found no previous record.—CHARLES L. PHILLIPS, *Taunton, Mass.*

Northern Phalarope and Baird's Sandpiper in Berkshire Co., Mass.—On August 20, 1933, I visited the Pittsfield sewer beds with S. Waldo Bailey. We were much surprised to come upon three Northern Phalaropes (*Lobipes lobatus*) swimming about in one of the beds. We