

but masked. From the presence of this subterminal band, I concluded that the bird was an immature in first winter plumage.—FRANCIS M. WESTON, Bldg. 45, U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.<sup>1</sup>

**Gull Notes from the New Hampshire and Maine Coasts.**<sup>1</sup>—Having seen the Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) in New Hampshire waters in July, 1932, its presence in July, 1933 is of interest. When we were at Kittery Point wharf, Maine, on July 20, Mr. J. P. Melzer and I had occasion to watch six Ring-billed Gulls in year-old plumage, in company with adults and first and second year Herring Gulls, feeding at low tide near the wharf. Again on the 21st we observed them there, some dozen birds, each in mottled plumage with the black subterminal band on the tail. On the 26th when returning from the Shoals to the Government wharf at Portsmouth, four Ring-bills were noted there, and at Duck Island, Isles of Shoals, on both the 20th and 25th, several Ring-bills joined the Herring Gulls in showing displeasure at our intrusion. These birds were in adult plumage but had a very narrow black subterminal band on the tail that in two instances was faded to a dirty brown.

The increase from three (and possibly seven) pairs of Black-backs (*Larus marinus*) breeding at Duck Island in 1928, to twelve and possibly more pairs in 1933, is gratifying. This larger Gull, I determined, is not nesting on Duck Island itself but prefers, instead, the smaller rocks clustered about the island—Shag, Mingo and Eastern Rocks. Unlike the young Herring Gulls which scatter more or less from the nest and each other, young Black-backs were found to linger in the vicinity of the nest while the broods kept in close company; true even of four fully-grown birds well able to fly.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, *East Westmoreland, N. H.*

**Additional 1932 New Hampshire Dovekie Records.**—Since the publication "The Dovekie Influx of 1932," by Murphy and Vogt in the July, 1933 'Auk,' some unpublished records have come to my attention.

Mr. James P. Melzer tells me he received a Dovekie (*Alle alle*) for mounting which was picked up in November on a main street in Nashua, N. H. He also, long after the storm, picked up a badly decomposed bird washed up on Hampton Beach.

Mr. Luman Nelson tells me he was at the New Hampshire coast when the storm of November 9 struck and when the Dovekie flight began in the afternoon. Out of the many picked up along the Rye Beach section, the next morning he selected eight which he later preserved; their stomachs were empty. He says that literally hundreds came to grief along the New Hampshire coast.—LEWIS O. SHELLEY, *East Westmoreland, N. H.*

**Large Sets of Ground Dove Eggs.**—On April 29, 1925 I found a nest of the Ground Dove (*Columbigallina passerina passerina*) among briars, two feet above the ground. As I approached the Dove flew off

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