

The Large-billed Sparrow at Salton Sea.—In a recent leaflet issued by the Audubon Society appeared a list of birds seen by a bird-study party at Salton Sea. Included among these was the Large-billed Sparrow. I discussed the matter with Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Clary, of Coachella, who were members of the party. They both stated that they had seen the birds in question and, while unfamiliar with the species themselves, the identification had been made by Miss Mary Mann Miller.

The writer asked Mr. Clary to send a specimen to the Los Angeles Museum, which he very kindly did. The bird (no. 16913, coll. L.A.M.) is a female, taken by Ben L. Clary at Salton Sea, near Mecca, February 23, 1930. It is unquestionably *Passerculus rostratus rostratus*.

That this is a regular wintering ground for the species is, of course, not definitely proven. However, as the Audubon Society party noted them several days before Mr. Clary took the specimen, and as Mr. and Mrs. Clary have seen birds that they believe to be the same on different occasions during the winter months, it may develop that the Large-billed Sparrow winters regularly at Salton Sea.—G. WILLETT, *Los Angeles Museum, February 27, 1930.*

Blue-footed Booby on Salton Sea.—On November 1, 1929, there appeared on Salton Sea a bird unknown to the local residents. Snap shots made by Mr. Seth



Fig. 58. BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY (*Sula nebouxii*)
AT SALTON SEA, NEAR MECCA, CALIFORNIA,
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Hartley of the Salton Sea Salt Works were referred to me for identification. (See fig. 58.) Through the courtesy of Mr. George Willett of the Los Angeles Museum these were identified as "unquestionably the Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*)."

Mr. Willett further states that "in the Condor (xxiv, 1922, p. 28) will be found a record of a booby probably of this species seen near Sunset Beach, Orange County, October 25, 1921. This is the only record for the state of California. The Blue-footed Booby breeds on islands in the Gulf of California so would not have far to go to get to Salton Sea."