

**A Record of the Snowy Owl in Southern California.**—Mr. William G. Ritter, of Palmdale, California, has in his collection a mounted specimen of the Snowy Owl (fig. 34), of which he writes me on May 2, 1945, as follows: "I was on a fishing trip back of Mt. Baldy in May of 1913 when a fellow sportsman told me of the different Owl he had seen in an old abandoned mine shack near Baldy. He said it was ill or hurt, but was so ferocious he wasn't able to touch it. I hiked up and found the bird with a mutilated wing. I brought it home but couldn't do anything with it so chloroformed and mounted it." The exact location, as nearly as Mr. Ritter can now place it, is at



Fig. 34. Specimen of Snowy Owl taken near Mount San Antonio, Los Angeles County, California.

an elevation of approximately 7000 feet, about eight miles northwest of Mount San Antonio, at a place shown on the U.S.G.S. San Antonio quadrangle as "Big Horn Mine." The site is therefore in Los Angeles County. The southernmost California records for this species admitted by Grinnell and Miller, *Pac. Coast Avif.* No. 27, 1944:198) are Santa Cruz County along the coast and Butte County in the interior. They characterize the San Diego County record cited by Bent (*U. S. Nat. Mus., Bull.* 170, 1938:374) as "unsubstantiated."—R. M. BOND, *Soil Conservation Service, Portland, Oregon, June 15, 1945.*

**Further Records of Birds from Central California.**—The ornithological collection of the late O. P. Silliman contains several specimens of birds that constitute records of distributional significance and which previously have not been made known. Most of these have come to notice in the course of checking identifications preparatory to cataloguing the collection in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology. The specimens here mentioned were not taken into consideration in "The Distribution of the Birds of California" (*Pac. Coast Avif.* No. 27, 1944), which was in process of publication when the Silliman Collection was received. All comments which follow regarding ranges are made in reference to the accounts contained in this recent publication.

*Puffinus tenuirostris.* Slender-billed Shearwater. One (Mus. Vert. Zool. no. 91142) taken on April 1, 1915, at Santa Cruz, California, by A. G. Vrooman is the first authentic record of this species in the spring in California waters; previously it had been reported from mid-September to the end of Janu-