

acters, especially the leg color, eliminates all other gulls.

THE ONLY RACE of *L. fuscus* collected in North America is *graellsii* (American Ornithologists' Union Check-list, 1957) and the mantle color of the Panamanian bird agrees with the color of that race rather than the darker mantled *L. f. fuscus* of Scandinavia. In recent years there have been numerous sightings of Lesser Black-backed Gulls from Canada, the Atlantic coast of North America to Florida, Texas and California (Binford, 1978). This species may be following the trend shown by the Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*) and the Little Gull (*L. minutus*) which, after years of repeated sightings, were finally found to be breeding in North America. At the present, the Lesser Black-backed Gull breeds no closer to North America than Greenland (Vaurie, 1965). In the Old World, this species regularly winters in tropical Africa.

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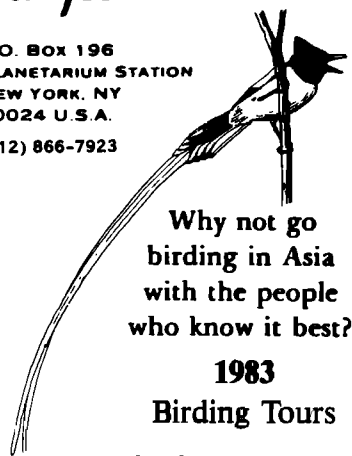
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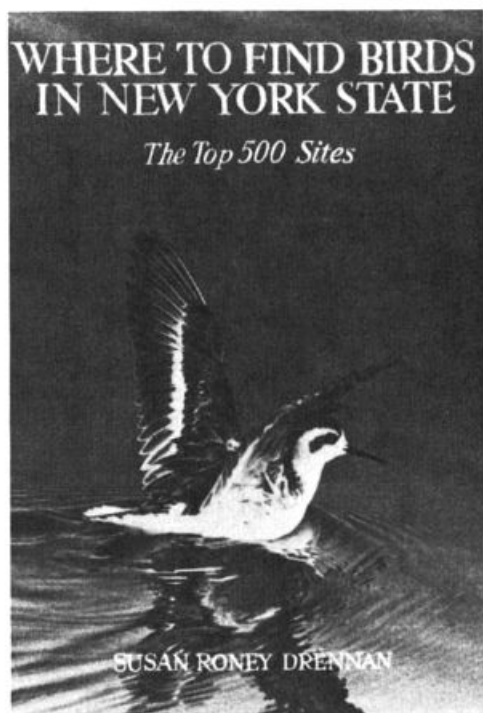
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