

Some Notes on Ohio Birds, W. F. Henninger, New Bremen, Ohio.
Greetings from the Audubon Societies, Eugene Swope, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Discussion of the other papers was omitted on account of lack of time.

Four papers with titles on the printed programme were not read, owing to the lack of time or to the absence of the author. These are the following:—

Ornithological Work at the Iowa Lakeside Laboratory (Illustrated), T. C. Stephens.

Notes on the Red-tailed Hawk, B. H. Bailey, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Relative Abundance of Birds as Noted on an Overland Journey, Lynds Jones.

Completion of a Warbler Collection, Gerard Alan Abbott, Chicago, Illinois.

T. L. HANKINSON, Secretary.

FIELD NOTES

THE BLACK RAIL (*Creciscus jamaicensis*) AT ST. MARKS, FLA.

DURING the severe hurricane and accompanying high water on September 4, 1915, two of these birds were picked up exhausted and soon died, and two or three others were seen on the borders of an extensive river marsh at that time entirely submerged. One of the captured birds had been drifted up onto the railroad embankment in our village, where it borders the broad marsh.

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LAUGHING GULL (*Larus atricilla*) NESTING NEAR ST. MARKS, FLA.

In Bulletin No. 292 of Bureau of Biological Survey, published October 25, 1915, pages 51-53, no breeding colony of this species is given between Cape Sable and Passage Key and the coast of Louisiana. For many years there has been a nesting colony of these birds about eight miles west of St. Marks' lighthouse—usually on one of two or three small islands about a half-mile off shore. On June 24, 1914, fifteen birds were seen flying near the island. No nests seen. June 6, 1915, fifteen pairs were nesting and on that date nests contained two and three eggs mostly. Two nests had each two very small chicks. June 19, 1915, nests seen June 6 had all been washed away by a high tide and other nests were found about 300 yards distant from former nests, the newly-made nests containing one, two and three eggs; one nest with a single very young bird.

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