

FIELD NOTES

Great White Heron at Pymatuning Reservoir - On May 14, 1938 Vera Carrothers, Margarette E. Morse and Marion and Merit Skaggs observed a white heron, which they took to be an American Egret, feeding along the shore of the sanctuary part of Pymatuning Lake. In conversation with the refuge-keeper, Mr. B. L. Oudette, the question was raised as to the possibility of its being a Great White Heron. Later, more careful examination with a 35x telescope revealed yellowish legs instead of the black legs of the American Egret. Again, after shifting position, the bird was carefully examined at closer range, and the yellowish legs, heavy beak, and size approximately that of a Great Blue Heron, were noted.

After our party had left, this bird was collected by Mr. Oudette, mounted, and placed in the Pymatuning Museum. Here Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, then connected with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, examined the bird and officially identified it as a Great White Heron.

Normally limited in its range to the southern tip of Florida, this record of the Great White Heron in northwestern Pennsylvania is indeed astonishing. In fact, there are only two other records of the bird having been seen outside of Florida.

Merit B. Skaggs

White-winged Scoter on Fairmount Reservoir Keeping company with a flock of American Goldeneyes, a female White-winged Scoter spent most of the past winter on this small body of water within the city limits of Cleveland. Reported first as a part of our Christmas Bird Count by Jerry Brody and myself on December 19, 1943, it was later observed by several other members of the Kirtland Bird Club. It was last seen on the reservoir on February 22, 1944.

James S. Findley

The Kirtland Warbler in the Cleveland Region - At the request of the Editor, Mr. J. O. McQuown has reviewed his records of observations of the Kirtland Warbler and supplies the following notes - all from the north end of Rocky River Valley in the Metropolitan Park:

October 7, 1934 - Near Hilliard Bridge - Two birds seen in thicket near river edge.

September 2, 1935 - One bird seen in same location as October 7, 1934.

September 8, 1940 - One bird seen with a group of other warblers in thicket between Filtration Plant and Park Blvd.

October 5, 1941 - Two birds seen in small butternut tree in brush-grown area once used as a horse corral adjacent to barracks of "Battery B" - Birds so close that binoculars were of no help.

September 26, 1943 - One bird in same location as October 5, 1941.

Mr. McQuown concludes that Rocky River Valley may possibly lie within the regular fall migration route of the Kirtland Warbler. The fact that he has never found it during the time of the spring migration might indicate a different route for the spring flight.