

UNUSUAL RECORDS AND SPECIMENS

Several firsts have been racked up in Alabama in recent months. There may be others that should be reported in this publication, so if you have any unusual records, we should like to hear about them. The following ones have been brought to my attention by our president, Tom Imhof.

On September 2, at Ft. Morgan, Father Dorn collected the first Gannet specimen for the state. This bird was a changing immature, found in a dying condition.

On or about October 15, Bob Skinner collected a Snow Goose on Dauphin Island.

Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in Decatur has several records of note. On December 12, James Call collected a White-winged Scoter, while on January 23 he and David Hulse saw a Surf Scoter, which is the first inland record for the state. Both February 16 and 17, an adult White-fronted Goose was well seen on the lawn of the Refuge by W. M. DePrest, G. C. Bishop and E. A. Byford. This bird makes the second record for Wheeler and the fourth for the state.

On February 15 at Bayou La Batre, James Keeler collected the first Eared Grebe specimen for the state. This is the 3rd record reported.

An Evening Grosbeak was (shall we say, salvaged?) in the Birmingham area after it had been shot by a small boy with a BB gun and an itchy trigger finger. A neighbor finding the bird made it available to one of our members and it is now mounted. This is the first known specimen for the state, although the birds have been seen in various localities in recent winters.

B. H. C. — Editor

APOLOGY TO NEW MEMBER

The editor regrets omitting the name of Mrs. Bedford Floyd of Gulfport, Mississippi, as a new member. Along with several others announced last time, she joined our society at the Dauphin Island meeting in the fall. We extend a belated greeting and welcome to her. We're hoping she will make the De Soto meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

A. O. S. Spring Meeting, April 21-23. De Soto State Park

(Read enclosed folder and come.)

Nature Camp June 9-16. Cheaha State Park