

and flocks of six and seven were seen. In the first week of March they began to congregate on the ice on "Knockem Pond" and Ashbridges Bay. Sometimes the flock numbered five or six hundred. They always left the ice at dusk and flew far out in the lake. Evidently they spent little time in feeding as they remained almost motionless on the ice for hours at a time. On March 24th, the ice was broken up and the flock was disbanded until March 28th, when they gathered again on the sandbar in the lake. Until July 7th, when the last record was made, there was a daily concourse on the bar, their numbers sometimes augmented by flocks of Ring-bills, Bonapartes and Caspian Terns. The number of birds in the flock varied from fifty to three hundred. During the latter part of June and the first week in July young birds predominated. The hard sand was white with their droppings and feathers. Several castings of fish bones were found.

RING-BILLED GULL.—May 19th, twelve seen on the sandbar in company with the Herring Gulls. Small flocks arrived daily until May 26th, when 165 were counted. The greater part of the flock had left by June 1st, but a few were seen daily until July 7th. As a rule they mixed indiscriminately with the Herring Gulls, but on several occasions they were seen in separate flocks ten or fifteen yards from the larger gulls.

BONAPARTE'S GULL.—May 6th, six seen with the Herring Gulls. On May 21st eight were seen, and by May 31st there were twenty in the flock. On July 1st adults and young began to return in daily increasing numbers. On July 7th three hundred were counted.

CASPIAN TERN.—May 1st, four on the sandbar with the Herring Gulls; May 3rd, forty-five on the sandbar. They were very noisy, their voices harsh and rasping. They had been watched by many admiring eyes for some twenty minutes, when suddenly they rose from the sand, and as they circled over the water the sunlight glittered on their snowy plumage, throwing into relief their black caps and scarlet bills. In a few minutes they formed into a long straggling flock and flew in a northerly direction about forty yards above the beach. Three or four were seen daily until June 8th.

COMMON TERN.—From May 13th until June 7th they were quite numerous, flying over the beach in flocks of seven to twenty.

BLACK TERN.—May 15th, a flock of six seen flying over "The Deep Hole." On June 26th a pair were seen circling over the bog.

AMERICAN MERGANSER.—March 29th, two in the lake.