

company with ships and large fish, especially sharks. It is rare in the Western Atlantic and our Museums have very few specimens.

Our specimen is full size, 10 to 11 inches in length. It is elegantly formed and has the usual bands across its body.

They are said to act as pilots for the sharks which they accompany. As one is reported to have led a shark to a hook baited with pork, they may be considered as not always safe pilots.

Mackerel, variety (?)

Three other specimens to which I direct your attention have the usual shape and appearance of mackerel so as to be regarded as such. The fisherman who caught these observed a difference and therefore brought them to me for identification.

There are 10 to 13 bands on the sides which run sub-parallel. Their length is from 9 to 10 inches. Their bands seem to be characteristic. I thought at first that they were striped *bonito*.
—DeKay.