

RING-BILLED GULLS (*Larus delawarensis*) ON LAKE ONTARIO.— For some years past I have been interested in the gulls of Ontario, and, while I have found the Herring Gull breeding in several of the little lakes north of Kingston, there has always remained unsolved the problem of the gulls to be found on lake Ontario during the breeding season. I always supposed that these were Herring Gulls, probably immature or barren birds, and possibly a few birds which flew here from the inland lakes to feed. This was because in the early morning many gulls could be seen going north, and there was reason to believe that some birds returned in the evening. This year I have been watching the gulls on Snake and Salmon Islands very closely, and have ascertained positively that the flock, numbering between three and four hundred, is made up almost entirely of Ring-billed Gulls. There may be half a dozen Herring Gulls among the number, but certainly not more. Nearly all are in immature plumage and are, in probability, merely here during a developmental period. It will be interesting to note whether the gulls we see on these islands every summer, are of the Ring-billed variety, and more interesting still to learn if any the Ring-billed Gulls, breed in the lakes of Frontenac and Addington. Of course, as is well known, it is many years since gulls bred on any of the islands in Lake Ontario, even the Common Terns are disappearing.

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GENERAL EXCURSION TO CHELSEA.

Following a series of very successful sub-excursions held, as announced in the Spring Circular issued to all the members of the Club, to Blueberry Point, Aylmer; Victoria Park and the Central Experimental Farm; Leamy Lake, Hull, Que; Beaver Meadow, Hull, Que; the first General Excursion of the Club took place on Saturday, the 27th of May, when Chelsea, Que., was visited. There was a very large attendance of members of the Club and their friends. The Provincial Normal and other leading schools of the City were also well represented. From those present at