

bird of the locality, we took a pair in 1917 on May 28, and later some six individuals were seen at various times in the neighborhood. In 1918, Young saw 2 and 7 birds on June 24 and 25. On Oct. 2 as he was leaving there was a migrational wave of the species and he lists 50 for that day. This suggests that far from Shoal Lake being the most northern extremity of the species range here there is a habitat beyond that is occupied by them in considerable numbers. The species is apparently spreading into this country.

ADDENDA.

Since the publication of the earlier parts of this paper the following published data on the birds of the locality have been called to my attention in

Recent Bird Records for Manitoba by E. T. Seton, *Auk*, XXV, 1908, pp. 450-454.

20. (*antea*) BLACK DUCK, *Anas rubripes*.

Mr. Seton here reports another Shoal Lake specimen of this species in his collection taken by Geo. H. Meacham in 1901 who reports "two or more were shot at Shoal Lake in 1899".

28. (*antea*) WOOD DUCK, *Aix sponsa*.

Seton says: "G. H. Meacham reports it rare at Shoal Lake, but one or two are seen there each year".

212 LEAST BITTERN, *Ixobrychus exilis*.

Seton says: "Frank M. Chapman saw one at Shoal Lake, June, 1901".

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