

BIRD NOTES.

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THE LONG-TAILED JAEGER IN ONTARIO. On October 2nd, 1900, at Rondeau (Lake Erie), Ont., Mr. F. D. Bates saw a pair of strange birds and shot them both. Being an old hunter, he felt sure they were rare, and sent them to London, where they eventually fell into the hands of Mr. H. Gould and myself. They proved to be young specimens of the long-tailed jaeger (*Stereorarius longicaudus*), the habitat of which is given in the A. O. U. list as "northern part of the northern hemisphere, breeding in far northern countries. South in winter to the northern United States." This is, I believe, the first capture of this bird in Ontario, their usual line of flight being doubtless along the ocean shores.

THE WHITE PELICAN AT BELLEVILLE, ONT. The following particulars of the capture of a specimen of this bird at a ducking ground on the Bay of Quinte, eight miles from Belleville, have been furnished by Mr. P. C. Jones, who shot it. The bird flew over the decoys, thus giving an opportunity for a shot. It weighed 20 pounds and measured 8 feet 3 inches from tip to tip of the wings. Through the kindness of Mr. Jones, an excellent photograph of the mounted specimen was shown at the February meeting of the Ornithological section of the Entomological Society at London, when the above facts were presented.

The present winter has been notable, in southwestern Ontario, for an influx, not only of pine grosbeaks which are to be found everywhere, but also of evening grosbeaks and snowy owls. The latter have been fairly well distributed, but appear to have been especially numerous not very far north of London; for instance, there have been many of these seen at Guelph, one taxidermist there having had as many as eleven in his shop at once. In the township of Biddulph, north of London, a taxidermist has had over twenty brought to him, and others have been reported from different stations, such as five or six at the west end of Rondeau, two at Kirwood, one at Walford, etc. These birds are usually very scarce in this locality.