

There are two other "Spotted" Towhee reports from the state, both substantiated by specimens, and both identified as *P. e. arcticus*: (1) a female discovered by Robert H. Grant at Jones Beach, Nassau Co., on 28 December 1956. Seen by numerous observers, it was collected on 16 February 1957 by Paul A. Buckley, and is now No. 19019 in the New York State Museum (Buckley, *Auk*, 76: 517-520, 1959); (2) a female discovered by Ted Peszell on 30 November 1958 in Bronx Park, Bronx Co., collected by Buckley on 23 December 1958, and now No. 707778 in the collection of the Museum of Natural History (Buckley, *op. cit.*).

In addition, two other "Spotted" Towhees have been taken in the east, also referable to *arcticus*: (1) a female taken at Metuchen, New Jersey, 24 December 1952 (Baird, *Condor*, 59: 401-402, 1957; Buckley, *op. cit.*), and a male taken at Fayetteville, North Carolina, 14 February 1957 (Hauser, *Chat*, 21: 46-47, 1957).

According to the A.O.U. Check-list (5th ed., 1957), the subspecies *arcticus* breeds in the northwestern Great Plains and northeastern Rockies, in winter extending south to northern Mexico and southern Texas, and east to Kansas; casually east to Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois. Thus far, *P. e. arcticus* is the only member of *maculatus* group which has been collected in the east.

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF 1966 ANNUAL MEETING

As a Long Island resident for some 31 years, I have always hoped that some day our annual meeting could be held somewhere in that famous and most productive birdwatching area. Two meetings have been held in New York City with Long Island field trips, but none has ever been held on the Island. More than two years ago, I began negotiations with several member clubs on Long Island. Those negotiations have finally borne fruit, for in 1966 we will hold our meeting in a truly maritime setting. Our hosts will be the Baldwin Bird Club, Queens County Bird Club, Lyman Langdon Audubon Society, and Huntington Audubon Society.

From advance information, we believe this meeting promises to be one of the most memorable and pleasurable of all our meetings. The site is unexcelled—the handsome and beautifully appointed Lido Beach Hotel, directly on the ocean at Long Beach, Long Island. Members will be able to watch birds over the ocean from their rooms, or step outside and be on the beach itself. The hotel provides us with every convenience: meeting

and banquet rooms and accommodations enough for our biggest gathering, which we anticipate. Special rates have been granted us (this is a luxury resort hotel). It is centrally located for field trips to some of Long Island's most productive areas, such as Tobay, Jones Beach, Hempstead, and Jamaica Bay. A pelagic (offshore) trip is planned with upstate members in mind. Jaegers, shearwaters, and petrels are possible. Full details will be sent you in due time. This is just advance notice to reserve the week-end of May 21-22, 1966, for this unusual event.

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NEST CARD PROGRAM

The North American Nest Card Program is winding up the 1965 nesting season, and many cards have already been returned. There are still many cards in the hands of the individual recorders, however, and these should be returned to us as quickly as they are completed. We are preparing the data for transferral onto IBM cards, and a large bulk of material is needed for the first run, to be started soon.

Regional Centers may determine for their members whether their cooperators should return the cards to the center first, in order to complete local records, or whether they may be sent directly to us as they are completed.

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As many readers are aware, the nest record card program has now been launched on a continent-wide basis. This does not mean, however, that the program is any less important within New York State. Mr. Robert Arbib, President of the FNYSSBC, announced at the recent annual meeting in Syracuse that the Federation has high hopes that the long-projected state bird book will soon be started. In this the nest record card program will play an important role; the more so because, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Donald McChesney, the data is being transferred to punched cards wherefrom rapid analysis can be made. It is therefore urged that members of the Federation support the program by returning completed cards on all nests found. Cards and instruction sheets can be obtained from the secretary of your local club or direct from the Laboratory of Ornithology.

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