

an experiment set up her newly acquired telescope in the house and focused it on her bird feeding station in her garden. She found out that by means of the telescope she could read the small numbers on the bands of the birds feeding at the feeder without retrapping them. On April 17, 1966 she noticed different numbers on two of the birds that did not go into the traps. Finally after working on it for some time she made out on one of them 6?274, the second number either 6 or 8. She and other Jamaica banders knew that none of them had had used that numbered band on the island. After consulting authorities in U.S.A., they learned that this female Indigo Bunting had been banded in Pennsylvania by Mr. Ralph K. Bell on September 29, 1963. So this recovered bird was over two and onehalf years old when it was seen in Jamaica and it had travelled quite a distance in its migratory journey.

Our three lists of birds compiled on these eight-day trips to these tropical localities are far from complete records of all the birds that might be recorded there. While we heard and saw many new species, it was gratifying to see some that we were familiar in our own State. It also gave us a glimpse of where some of our common birds spend their winter and where they can be seen during their migration.

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SUGGESTED READING

An article by Federation member Herb Saltford of Poughkeepsie on the Christmas Bird Census in Roger Tory Peterson's Old Lyme-Saybrook, Connecticut, area. It appeared in the December, 1969, issue of Yankee Magazine.

FIELD NOTES

A White Pelican Sighted at Tupper Lake, New York. A White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) was sighted one-half hour before sunrise (6:16 a.m. EDT) on October 19, 1969. Although Peterson's Field Guide lists this bird as accidental in the northeast, the authors are aware of no previous sightings at the higher elevations of the Adirondack Mountains. The marsh between Raquette Pond and Tupper Lake is located at latitude 44° 12' north and longitude 74° 29' west. The marsh has an elevation of 1545 feet and is located approximately 29 miles west northwest of the highest peak in the Adirondacks. The bird was sighted on a clear, cool morning at the western extremity of the marsh close to Raquette Pond.

The large distinctive bird was under observation from a boat and on foot with 7 × 35 and 10 × 50 binoculars for approximately three and one-half hours at a distance of 50 to 60 yards. The bird was swimming within 5 to 10 feet of the marsh emergents and at times appeared to be dipping bait fish. One observer waded to within 50 feet of the bird at which time it flushed and flew south down Tupper Lake. The other observer simultaneously observed the bird in flight and confirmed the black primaries.

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