

of Lake Plantin, near Port Menier, on July 16th.

Melospiza lincolni. LINCOLN'S SPARROW. — Two individuals were heard singing near Port Menier on July 16th. — HARRISON F. LEWIS.

OCCURRENCE OF THE AMERICAN COOT AND THE WHIP-POOR-WILL IN EASTERN SAGUENAY COUNTY, QUEBEC. — An American Coot (*Fulica americana*) was caught in a trap, near the village of Old Fort, Saguenay County, Quebec, in the autumn of 1934, by Frank McDonald, of that village. I examined and identified the preserved skin of this bird on July 3, 1936, at which time it was at St. Augustin, Saguenay County, in the possession of William Fequet. Old Fort is on the north shore of the eastern part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, twenty-nine miles west of the eastern boundary of the Province of Quebec. While the American Coot has been recorded from the eastern coast of the Labrador Peninsula, this is apparently the first certain record of it

from the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A female Whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*) was found dead on Cove Island, Saguenay County, Quebec, on June 11, 1936, by William T. Bobbitt, of Harrington Harbour. When found, it had apparently been dead for two or three days. Its skin is now preserved in the bird collection of the National Museum of Canada. Cove Island is situated about three miles from the mainland, on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about ninety-eight miles southwest of the eastern boundary of the Province of Quebec, and ten miles southwest of Harrington Harbour. This is the first record of the Whip-poor-will in the region of the Labrador Peninsula.

These two records should have been included in my paper entitled "Notes on Birds of the Labrador Peninsula in 1936 and 1937" (*Can. Field-Nat.*, 52:47, 1938, but were omitted through oversight. — HARRISON F. LEWIS.

REVIEWS

The Geologic History of Magnolia State Park. By William Clifford Morse, Ph. D., State Geologist. Bulletin 37. Mississippi State Geological Survey. University, Mississippi, 1938. pp. 1-19, 12 figs., 1 map.

This nineteen page report recently published by the State Geologist of Mississippi is embellished by a dozen artistic photographs, each of which is dated. All of these were taken within a few days of Christmas, and together supply a good composite picture of the Gulf Coast as it appears in winter. One of them displays the beauty of a live oak whose branches have a lateral reach of 180 feet. Another shows a historic church and bears the cryptic title, "A Light House of the Soul".

This admirable little booklet fills the role of a lighthouse for those who are not geologists, in guiding them for this particular part of the Gulf coast, a little way back in geological time. The author lets the reader see in a brief and simple statement, omitting geological jargon, what has been going on in that fascinating border-land of marsh and bayou between the Gulf and the continent during recent geological time. He tells the Gulf coast people with fervour that they have in Magnolia State Park and its bayou something "beautiful beyond description" and

urges that "it must be kept in its natural state without the change of a bank, a channel, or the grass — even under the guise of landscape architecture. It is a God-given trust to the people of this generation and of the generations yet to come". Similar exhortations are needed in many other parts of the continent where misguided zeal in attempts to improve on the beauty of Nature leads to unhappy results. If this sound advice is followed, naturalists and geologists will have good reason to thank Dr. Morse for giving it.

Here a State Geologist is addressing the people of his state from much the same angle that Charles Kingsley a generation ago approached the readers of his *Town Geology*. Too many geological reports are prepared for professional readers only and too few for Mr. Average Citizen. This booklet will be appreciated by the general public whose existence the geologist often forgets about in writing his reports.—EDWARD M. KINDLE.

"ANIMAL TREASURE".—Doubtless many readers of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* read, or heard of, a book called *Animal Treasure*, by Ivan T. Sanderson (Viking Press). To most naturalists



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