

UNIQUE MARKER FOUND ON WILD GOOSE —

Attached to the leg of a wild Goose that was shot during the fall of 1942 near Port Harrison, Quebec, was found a shield-shaped copper medallion or watch-fob engraved with a crown, a wreath, the letter "C" and two chevrons, all in military design. It is not an official emblem, however, and evidently was manufactured for private sale by the Billings Manufacturing Company, Toronto, Ontario. Presumably the chevrons indicate two years service, probably during the 1914-1918 conflict.

This is one of the most interesting of the many curiosities that have been found attached to wild birds and reported to the National Parks Bureau of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, which has custody of the official Canadian Bird-Banding Records.

Official bands have been placed on thousands of native wild birds of many species, and any person who finds a banded bird can help advance scientific knowledge of wild birds by reporting the details to the Controller of the National Parks Bureau. — T. S. HENNESSY, OTTAWA.

RUDDY TURNSTONE AT OTTAWA IN 1943—During most of May, 1943, Dow's Lake and the lower section of the Rideau Canal were drained, a condition unusual at that season. On May 23, 1943, I had an excellent and entirely satisfactory observation of a Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres morinella*) on a mud-flat beside the railway bridge over the canal close to where it enters Dow's Lake. The bird was seen both on the ground and in flight and its

conspicuous and characteristic markings were clearly observed. I have had extensive field experience with this species on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Hoyes Lloyd, in "The Birds of Ottawa, 1923", *Can. Field-Nat.*, 37: 151. 1923), placed this species in the hypothetical category and remarked, "There are no records of its occurrence in the district, so far as I am aware." — HARRISON F. LEWIS, OTTAWA.

BASILARCHIA astyanax-arthemis Comstock IN THE TORONTO REGION. — During the past summer (1943) butterfly collectors in the Toronto Region have noticed that *Basilarchia arthemis*, well known as the banded purple, was largely replaced by the hybrid form *astyanax-arthemis*, the hybrid purple, referred to by J. H. Comstock in his "Study of Insects", 1895, page 407. The large numbers seen and captured by the few collectors at present in the field seems to dispose of the idea of an aberrant form.

Unable to get far afield, the writer noted seven hybrids and two normal specimens on blossoms in his garden not too far from the centre of the city.

Mr. Donald Baker collected fifteen hybrids in a short time at Sherwood Park just outside the city of Toronto, and reported it as more numerous than the normal type. Mr.

C. E. Hope of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, reported that the hybrid type was to be seen freely at many places in the Toronto district and, he thought, in excess of the normal type.

Mr. Sprague Troyer, residing just outside the city, reports that both forms came so freely to spoiled fruit in his garden that it was not necessary to go farther. He captured a big series of both types and submitted a considerable number for our inspection, assisting greatly in the determination of the hybrid type.

The writer would welcome notes from collectors who have observed this departure from normal in *B. arthemis*, and the Museum, short of collectors owing to the war, would like to obtain, for record, any specimens of the hybrid form that our readers can spare.

— CHARLES E. CORFE, ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, TORONTO.



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