

Barrow's Goldeneye

11 Oct 1892

Independence, Buchanan Co., IA

Robert E. Leach

Nutting 1892, Anderson 1907, DuMont 1933

Record Number: 81-HT

Classification: NA

REFERENCES

Nutting, C.C. 1892. Report of the committee on state fauna.  
Proc. Iowa Acad. Sci. 1(3):39-42.

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eastern United States. Auk 61:544-554.

VOTE (1981): 1-V, 6-VI

VI, see DuMont.

VI, see DuMont (1934): this was *B. clangula*.

VI, misid. specimen.

V, supposedly a specimen at UI but found to be misidentified.

VI, female Common Goldeneye.

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*Glaucionetta islandica*, (Gmelin). Barrow's Golden-eye. Secured by  
Robt. E. Leach, Independence, Iowa, October 11, 1892. Specimens in  
University museum.

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46. (152). *Clangula islandica* (Gmel.). Barrow Golden-eye.

The Barrow Golden-eye is a very rare or infrequent visitor in the state. This is even a more hardy species than the preceding and is most apt to occur in the winter where open water is found. A specimen in the University museum was taken at Independence Oct. 11, 1892, by Robert E. Leach, (C. C. Nutting, Proc. Iowa Acad. Sci., 1892, 40). It was reported from Pottawattamie and Mills as a "rare migrant" (Trostler); Linn—"rare winter visitant" (Berry); Lee—"rare winter resident—Keokuk district" (Praeger); "rare winter visitant" (Currier).

"Last year one was sent me from near the Iowa state line which was a typical bird, and Dr. Hvoslef (Lanesboro) has a female of this species in typical plumage" (Hatch, Bds. of Minn., 65). "A rare winter visitant in eastern Nebraska; more numerous westward. Reported from Omaha," etc. (Rev. Bds. Neb., 28-29).

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*Glaucionetta islandica* (Gmelin). Barrow's Golden-eye

There is no satisfactory evidence for including this species. Anderson (1907) recorded a specimen in the University of Iowa Museum, taken by Robert E. Leach at Independence, October 11, 1892 and identified by C. C. Nutting. A recent examination has shown this to be a female *G. clangula americana*. Anderson listed several field observations none of which were sufficiently satisfactory to establish a record.

Roberts (1932) recorded that the specimen from Fillmore County, Minnesota, listed by Hatch (Birds of Minn., 1892) proved to be *G. c. americana*.

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city have been considered. Greenland and Iceland have been included. West of Duluth the center of abundance of the species seems to be the Rocky Mountain region of Montana west to British Columbia, in which latter region it is fairly abundant and a regular record. The earliest eastern record is that of a specimen in the Dartmouth College museum taken about 1860, and from that date on, the records number 176, comprising over two thousand birds. The exact number is impossible to ascertain as many observers reporting sight records are unable to give a definite number for various reasons, such as "too much water for an accurate count." Some gave such replies as, "five or six others," showing that while at least five were present, others were there but uncountable for some such reason as that mentioned. In some records are undoubtedly repetitions of the same duck on different days.

Altogether, however, the records of occurrences are many, and the assumption that the species is "more common in the eastern United States than commonly supposed" seems to be well founded. These records are distributed over the following states, Canadian provinces, Greenland, and Iceland. For convenience in tabulating, I have adopted the method of giving the definite number as stated by the observer, followed by a '+' where more were indicated than various reasons could not be counted; thus, 5+.

## UNITED STATES

MAINE: 58 records, ranging from Oct. 24 to April 12.  
NEW HAMPSHIRE: 4 records, only one with data.  
VERMONT: 6 definite records, three of them '+' records ranging from fall of 1923 to Feb. 3, 1923.  
MASSACHUSETTS: 244 records with fourteen '+' records, ranging from Nov. 5 to April 25.  
RHODE ISLAND: 18 records and one '+' record, ranging from Dec. 26 to April 8.  
CONNECTICUT: 12 records and one '+' record, ranging from Nov. 14 to March 21.  
NEW YORK: 74 records, ranging from Nov. 23 to March 28.  
NEW JERSEY: 2 records, ranging from Dec. 25 (Christmas census) to Feb. 5.  
PENNSYLVANIA: 1 record, November.  
MARYLAND: 2 records, about Dec. 20.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: 1 record, Nov. 22.  
NORTH CAROLINA: 3 records, February.  
OHIO: 9 records, ranging from March 1 to April 5.  
INDIANA: 4 records, ranging from Dec. 14 to March 10.  
MICHIGAN: 12 records, Dec. and Jan. 2.  
MINNESOTA: 5 records, ranging from Dec. 10 to April 4.  
IOWA: 4 records; one on Oct. 11; three without data.

Hasbrouck, Barrow's Golden-eye in Eastern United States

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THE STATUS OF BARROW'S GOLDEN-EYE  
IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES

BY DR. EDWIN M. HASBROUCK

SPECIMENS EXAMINED (FALL AND WINTER).—15: MASSACHUSETTS (Somerville, 1); COLORADO (Fort Lyon, 1); TEXAS (Cameron County, 1); COSTA RICA (Volcan Tenorio, 1); ECUADOR (Parramba, 1; Baños, 1); PERU (Yurimaguas, Loreto, 1); BOLIVIA (Cercado, Santa Cruz, 5; Buena Vista, Santa Cruz, 1); PARAGUAY (Horqueta, Chaco, 1); ARGENTINA (Tucuman, 1).

I wish to thank the following institutions for the loan of specimens: the California Academy of Sciences; the National Museum of Canada; the Carnegie Museum; the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge; the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology; the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and the United States National Museum, Chicago, Illinois.

Numerous writers in the last few years have suggested that the Barrow's Golden-eye (*Glaucionetta islandica*) "may be more common in eastern North America than generally supposed." In my studies of North American waterfowl I found this statement so frequently while a search of the literature failed to produce any concrete evidence on the subject, that it seemed advisable to investigate the matter and, if possible, ascertain something of the eastern status of this duck. The great similarity of this species to the common American Golden-eye (*Glaucionetta americana*) may tend to hide the true status of the Barrow's. As Bent aptly states: "Outside of the Connecticut Divide in the northern states it is nowhere in this country an abundant species at any season. It is so rare throughout most of its American range that few ornithologists have seen it in life."

In addition to a careful search of the literature, over two hundred letters were sent to as many ornithologists throughout the eastern United States and Canada requesting information on the occurrence of this duck in each locality. These letters were sent out under the auspices of the United States National Museum, authorized by Dr. Alexander Wetmore and signed by Dr. Herbert Friedmann, Curator of Birds. Over a hundred replies were received, most of which contained valuable information; a few persons who replied (about twenty) knew practically nothing of the species.

In designating the area to be covered, an arbitrary western limit was set at Duluth, and only those records occurring at and east of Duluth are included. This specimen is labeled as having been taken August 16, but it is in fresh, unworn breeding plumage, so that it is not a normal bird.





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Locality	No.	Date	Reference and authority	Remarks
Scarboro	1	March 28, 1912	Norton, Auk, 30: 575, 1913.	
Bar Harbor	2	41st Christmas	Aud. Mag., 43: 76, 1941.	
Bar Harbor	25	39th Christmas	Bird Lore, 41: 4, 1939.	
Cahaba	1	Census		
Milltown	2	March, 1883	Specimens, U. S. Nat. Mus.	
Buckport	3	April, 1896	Specimens, Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Buckport	3	Feb. 1, 1894	Specimens, Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Buckport	1	March 3, 1890	Specimens, Chicago Mus. Nat. Hist.	
Fort Point	1	Jan. 15, 1892	Specimen, Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Fort Point	1	March 7, 1892	Specimen, Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Fort Point	1	Jan. 10, 1883	Specimen, Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Penobscot Co.	1	Dec. 14, 1911	Specimen, Chicago Mus. Nat. Hist.	
Penobscot Co.	1	1895	Specimen, Chicago Mus. Nat. Hist.	
Bar Harbor	1	March, 1888	Specimen, Chicago Mus. Nat. Hist.	
Cahaba	1	About 1860	Specimen, Dartmouth College Mus.	
Dover	1		R. L. Weaver, copied from notes by Charles F. Goodhue, "Fifty years among the Birds of New Hampshire," G. M. Allen (through letter from R. L. Weaver), Ralph M. Carpenter.	
Portsmouth, "Little Bay"	1	1909	Sight: by letter	
Pittsburg	2	Jan., 1940	Sight: by letter	
Wells River	4	Winter of 1919-1920	W. P. Smith, Auk, 38: 467, 1921.	
Wells River	1	Feb. 3-23, 1920	R. L. Weaver and W. P. Smith.	
Lunenburg	1		Specimen Fairbanks Mus. Nat. Hist. by letter	
Lake Champlain	+	Fall, 1917	St. Johnsbury, D. E. Kent and G. L. Kirk. Several seen in the hands of hunters.	
Newbury	+	Winter of 1918-1919	Aaron C. Bagg, Auk, 60: 265, 1923. Several seen at junction of Wells and Connecticut rivers.	
Bridgeport	+	Nov. 17, 1917	R. L. Weaver on authority of Bagg and Elliot. A number of birds seen. by letter	
MASSACHUSETTS				
Greenwich	1	Feb. 28, 1910	Bagg and Elliot, Birds of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts, 90, 1937. Specimen, Mus. Boet. Soc. Nat. Hist.	
Agawan, "Columbia Shasta" River	1	April 3, 1923	In Notes of Alice M. Bowers by Elliot, 1935.	
Agawan, "Columbia Shasta" River	1	Nov. 5, 1935	Bagg and Elliot, Birds of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts, 91, 1937.	
Beverly	6	Jan. 12, 1939	F. Gilbert Emilio.	
Beverly	2	Jan. 8, 1939	F. Gilbert Emilio.	
Beverly	1+	Dec. 26, 1938	F. Gilbert Emilio.	
Cape Ann	2	Jan. 23, 1934	F. Gilbert Emilio.	
So. Windoor Meriden	4	1919-1920	Wendell P. Smith, Auk, 38: 467, 1921.	
So. Windoor Meriden	2	Nov. 19, 1939	M. L. Hoffman, Auk, 57: 244, 1940.	
CONNNECTICUT				
Greenwich	1	Jan., 1941	Kraus and Gibbs.	
Greenwich	1	Dec. 19, 1940	Kraus and Gibbs.	
Greenwich	3	Jan. 14, 1940	Harold N. Gibbs.	
Greenwich	1	April 8, 1939	Kraus and Gibbs.	
Greenwich	1	March 24, 1939	Harold N. Gibbs.	
Greenwich	1	March 5, 1939	Harold N. Gibbs.	
Greenwich	1	Jan. 3, 1942	Coman and Kraus.	
Greenwich	1	Feb. 27, 1941	Coman and Kraus.	
Greenwich	1	Dec. 21, 1940	Coman and Kraus.	
Greenwich	1	Feb. 6, 1940	Edward L. Coman.	
Greenwich	1	Dec. 1880	Specimen Mus. Comp. Zool.	
Greenwich	1	Dec. 1941	Audubon Magazine, 43: 81, 1941.	
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Greenwich	3+		Harold N. Gibbs. 3 specimens: others seen	
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			MARYLAND
		James Bond (Shot by A. J. Dando).	Bush Point, mouth of Bush River
1	About Dec. 20, 1922		
			DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1	Nov. 22, 1889	C. Herbert, Auk, 8: 112, 1891.	Washington
			NORTH CAROLINA
1	1892	C. S. Brimley, Auk, 10: 241, 1893.	New Berne
1	Feb. 7, 1895	C. S. Brimley, Auk, 10: 241, 1893. Specimen, Chicago Nat. Hist. Mus.	"North Carolina"
			OHIO
1	March 1, 1925	Conrad Koeh, Bird Lore, 29: 8, 1927.	"Southern Ohio"
1	March 1, 1925	Lyns Jones, Birds of Ohio: 44, 1903.	Lorain Co.
			INDIANA
1	April 5, 1892	Wilson Bull: 117, 1909. Specimen.	Lorain
1	March 30, 1892	L. M. McCormick, Auk, 9: 397, 1892.	Lorain
3	March 21, 1941	Bird Calendar Cleveland Bird Club, 37th year, 2: 4, 1940.	Cleveland
1	May 7-9, 1940	Bird Calendar Cleveland Bird Club, 36th year, 4: 2, 1940.	Bay Village
1	March 21, 1941	E. L. Moseley, Birds of Ohio, 609, 1903.	Sandusky Bay
			LOWER WABASH RIVER, GIBSON CO. CAMDEN, CARROLL CO. CHICAGO
1	1874	Butler, Birds of Indiana: 622, 1898.	Lower Wabash River, Gibson Co.
1	March 10, 1885	Butler, Birds of Indiana: 622, 1898.	Camden, Carroll Co.
2	Dec. 14, 1896	Butler, Birds of Indiana: 622, 1898.	Chicago
			ILLINOIS
1	Dec., 1874	E. W. Nelson, Bull. Nat. Orn. Cl., 2: 41, 1876.	Mt. Carmel
1	Jan. 2, 1889	Butler, Birds of Indiana: 622, 1898.	Fox Lake
1	Oct. 23, 1942	S. Morris Pell (Seen in a gunner's bag).	Marquette
1 +	1892	A. J. Cook, Bull. Michigan State Agr. College, 94: 27, 1893 (Taken from a rock on a lake).	Hillsdale
1	March 22, 1907	Barrows, Michigan Bird Life: 99, 1912.	Ottawa Co.
1	1877	Barrows, Michigan Bird Life: 99, 1912.	Edgerton
2	Dec., 1936	Bird Lore, 38: 71, 1936. 36th Christ- mas Census.	Detroit
4	Dec., 1926	Bird Lore, 28: 38, 1926. 26th Christ- mas Census.	Detroit
1	About April 1, 1905	Occ. Papers Mus. Zool., University Michigan, 379: 7, 1938 (Van Tyne).	Wayne Co.
1	March 22, 1907	Occ. Papers Mus. Zool., University Michigan, 379: 7, 1938 (Van Tyne).	Black Lake
1	Dec., 1939	Bird Lore, 41: 40, 1930. 39th Christ- mas Census.	Green Bay
1	April 4, 1899	Specimen Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.	Beolt

Remarks: by letter:

No.	Date	Reference and authority	Locality
			CONNECTICUT—cont.
40	Prior to 1898	D. G. Elliot, Wildfowl of North Ameri- ca: 181, 1898. Says he found it at times quite common on the St. Lawrence River. (Eaton says about 40 taken.)	Ogdensburg
9	Jan. 5, 1909	Roy Latham.	Orient, L. I.
1	Feb. 11, 1926	Roy Latham.	Orient, L. I.
1	Feb. 16, 1918	Roy Latham.	Orient, L. I.
3	March 3, 1918	Roy Latham.	Orient, L. I.
1	March 28, 1888	Specimen, Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.	Brookport
1	Jan. 21, 1887	Dutcher, Auk, 10: 270, 1893.	Long Island
1	Nov. 1904	Eaton, Birds of New York: 211, 1910.	Sodus Bay
1	Nov. 1904	Eaton, Birds of New York: 211, 1910.	Long Island
1	About 1898	Specimen, U. S. Nat. Mus.	St. Lawrence River
1	Feb. 22, 1899	Specimen, Mus. Comp. Zool.	Niagara River
1	Nov. 23, 1911	Harold D. Mitchell.	Burkport
1	.....	LeRoy Wilcox, Specimen Long Island Historical Soc.	Long Island
8	Feb. 1, 1937 to Jan. 23, 1939	Pangburn and Helmuth, (Cruickshank, Birds around New York City: 111, 1942).	Montauk, L. I.
1	Jan. 5, 1915	Cruickshank, Birds around New York City: 111, 1942.	Karlian Bay
1	Feb. 5, 1939	Cruickshank, Birds around New York City: 111, 1942.	Karlian Bay
1	Feb. 5, 1939	Cruickshank, Birds around New York City: 111, 1942.	Smithtown, Long Island
1	March 18-25, 1940	J. J. Elliott.	Long Island, Monroe Co.
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