

# General Field Notes

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## **Second Specimen of Leach's Storm Petrel Collected in North Carolina**

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Blem and Sonneborn recently reported the first collection of a specimen of Leach's Storm Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) in North Carolina (*Chat*, 36:29) in November 1969. Following the passage of Hurricane Agnes 22 June 1972, a second Leach's Storm Petrel was found alive at Atlantic Beach, N.C. The bird was discovered by unknown teenagers and brought to the attention of the authors. Attempts were made to maintain the bird, but it quickly died. The specimen was frozen immediately. Subsequent measurements (mm) of the bird by Harry LeGrand and Elizabeth Teulings were: wing, 161; tail, 85; tarsus, 25; culmen, 17. Now on deposit at the North Carolina State Museum of Natural History, the specimen is the first Leach's Storm Petrel at the museum and, as far as is known, in North Carolina.

## **Leach's Storm Petrel and Other Pelagic Birds Seen off North Carolina Coast**

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During the period 25 to 28 June 1972, within 4 days of the passage of Hurricane Agnes along the North Carolina coast, I was aboard the R/V *Eastward*, Duke University's oceanographic research vessel, in the general area from SE of Morehead City to NE of Cape Hatteras. Each evening, using 7 x 50 binoculars and 20X spotting telescope, I maintained a lookout for pelagic birds. My records are as follows: