

Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis in Connecticut.—On the afternoon of August 29, 1893, after the hard southeast gale of that morning, I found a flock of about forty Black Terns on the Quinnipiack Marshes near here. Possibly this was the same flock that was seen at Milford, Conn., on August 24, during the heavy gale of that date, and reported in 'Forest and Stream' for September 23.—LOUIS B. BISHOP, *New Haven, Conn.*

Olor columbianus in Connecticut.—Thanks to Captain O. N. Brooks, I am enabled to record the capture of a young Whistling Swan at Guilford, Conn., on November 2 or 3, 1893. It was shot off Guilford Harbor by a Mr. Reuben Hill, and, according to Captain Brooks, is the first specimen of this species taken in that vicinity during the last fifty years.—LOUIS B. BISHOP, *New Haven, Conn.*

Note on Rougetius aldabranus.—Since describing this species in the 'Proceedings' of the National Museum, Vol. XVI, No. 953, p. 598, I have discovered that it had already been characterized and named by Dr. Gunther in the 'Annals and Magazine of Natural History,' ser. 5, Vol. III, 1879, p. 164, as *Rallus gularis*, var. *aldabrana*. Fortunately, we both selected the same name for our respective specific and subspecific titles.

A series of specimens collected by Dr. Abbott on the neighboring island of Assumption I had, provisionally, referred to *R. gularis*; but on further investigation I find that it is not only distinct from the Madagascar bird, but that the latter cannot be *R. gularis*, the type of which, from Mauritius, is said by Hartlaub (*Die Vögel Madagascars*, p. 338) to have the top and sides of the head and neck olive, like the back, whereas these parts in the Madagascar bird are rich chestnut, like the chest. There would thus appear to be four allied but distinct forms of this genus, as follows:—

1. *Rougetius gularis* (Cuv.), Mauritius.
2. *Rougetius bernieri* Bonap., Madagascar.
3. *Rougetius aldabranus* (Gunth.), Aldabra, and
4. *Rougetius abbotti*, sp. nov., Assumption Island.

The last-named is characterized as follows:—

SP. CHAR.—Similar to *R. bernieri* Bonap., but upper parts very much lighter and grayer, black streaks on back narrower, and size less, the wing especially. Differs from *R. aldabranus* in the streaked back and scapulars.

HAB.—Assumption Island.

Type, No. 128,826, U. S. Nat. Mus., Assumption Island, Sept. 18, 1892; Dr. W. L. Abbott.—ROBERT RIDGWAY, *Washington, D. C.*

Phalaropus lobatus—A Correction.—In 'The Auk,' Vol. IV, page 78, I recorded the *Phalaropus lobatus* as having been captured near Hartford. I find on more critical examination, that it is the *Crymophilus fulicarius*.—WILLARD E. TREAT, *East Hartford, Conn.*