

to be seen. It had about six large dragon flies in its stomach. This tern and the phalarope are now in my collection. — G. EIFRIG, *Cumberland, Md.*

Second Record of the Purple Gallinule (*Ionornis martinica*) in Illinois.— I am indebted to Mr. Marvin Hughitt, Jr., for information regarding the capture of a specimen which is rare for this State. The bird was killed by Mr. T. G. Winders while snipe shooting near Coal City, Grundy Co., Ill., on April 24, 1900. It is mounted and now in possession of Mr. Hughitt. The only previous record for the State, that I am aware of, was given by Mr. E. W. Nelson in his 'Birds of Northeastern Illinois' (Bull. Essex Inst., VIII, April, 1877, pp. 90-155), based on a specimen taken by Mr. C. N. Holden, Jr., near Chicago. Mr. Holden has recently informed me that this bird was taken by Mr. R. Borchardt of Lake View, a suburb of Chicago. — RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

Cory's Bittern.— Since the publication of 'The Standing of *Ardetta neoxena*,' by Mr. Frank M. Chapman, in 'The Auk,' Vol. XIII (pp. 11-19), nine more specimens, six of which are unrecorded, have been taken at Toronto; and Mr. Ames and myself have recorded the finding of the eggs (Auk, Vol. XVIII, p. 106). I believe Toronto still remains the only Canadian place of record for this very interesting bird, and as seven Toronto birds had been recorded when Mr. Chapman published his paper, I have numbered the records given in the following table from eight onwards:

TORONTO RECORDS OF *Ardetta neoxena*, 1896-1900.

No.	Collection of	Locality.	Sex.	Date.	Collector.
8	W. Rothschild	Toronto	♂ ad.	Aug. 17, 1896	A. Dey
9	J. H. Ames ⁽¹⁾	"	♂ ad.	May 14, 1897	Geo. Pierce
10	Geo. Pierce ⁽¹⁾	"	♀ ad.	June 30, 1897	" "
11	Manly Hardy	"	♂ ad.	June 8, 1898	A. Dey
12	J. H. Fleming ⁽²⁾	"	♀ ad.	June 15, 1898	Geo. Pierce
13	C. K. Rogers	"	♂ im.	Aug. 3, 1898	C. K. Rogers
14	Prov. Mus., Toronto	"	♂ ad.	Aug. 7, 1899	A. Dey
15	" " "	"	♂ im.	Aug. 14, 1899	A. Dey
16	J. H. Fleming ⁽³⁾	"	♂ ad.	Sept. 8, 1899	J. Tymon

Nos. 8 and 11 were sexed by the same man, and as both were for some time in my keeping I was able to compare them with others in my own collection, and saw no reason to doubt that they were adult males. No. 8 belonged to Mr. O. Spanner, and I was able to secure it for the Hon.

¹ Recorded by Mr. Ames in Auk, Vol. XIV, p. 411.

² Recorded by Mr. Ames and myself in Auk, Vol. XVIII, p. 106.

³ Now in coll. of British Museum.

Walter Rothschild, in whose museum it now is, at Tring. No. 11 belonged to Mr. G. F. Dippie, and was sold to Mr. Manly Hardy of Brewer, Maine.

Nos. 14 and 15 were sexed by Mr. J. Maughan; No. 14 is an adult male in remarkably high plumage; the abdominal region and breast are largely black, slightly tinged with chestnut, the left tibia has a few white feathers on the inner side; there is a clearly-marked black line running from the gape almost to the back of the head, on both sides, but not reaching the black of the lower crest-feathers, though it nearly divides the chestnut on the sides of the head.

No. 15 is a young male. It has a number of white feathers on the left tibia, and a small patch on the abdomen; the feathers of the head and the secondary coverts have the downy neossoptiles attached. The bird is in a more advanced stage than the young one belonging to Mr. Ames, taken Aug. 24, 1894. The coloring of the feet was peculiar, and Mr. Maughan assures me he has copied it correctly; the green of the tarsus and toes is curiously mottled and blotched with reddish brown; No. 13 and my young male (taken Aug. 17, 1894), were in this respect colored like mature birds, but both are in a more advanced plumage, and it may prove that the feet and legs of the nestlings are not colored as in the adult.

While in England in the spring of 1896, I found that Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, who was then preparing the manuscript of the *Herodiones* for the 'Catalogue of Birds,' had not seen a specimen of Cory's Bittern, and considered it a color phase of *Ardetta exilis*. I had the adult female No. 1328 (Toronto, May 20, 1893) sent him for examination; this is the bird whose description is given as an adult male on page 233, Vol. XXVI of the 'Catalogue of Birds.' Dr. Sharpe also admitted *Ardetta neoxena* into his list of the Ardeidæ printed in the Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, December, 1895.

This bird is the one referred to by Mr. Chapman on page 13 of his paper as having been examined by Mr. Brewster. I eventually sent it in exchange to the museum at Liverpool, where it now is. — J. H. FLEMING, *Toronto, Canada*.

A Killdeer (*Ægialitis vocifera*) in the vicinity of Cambridge, Mass. — On the 19th of October, 1901, we identified a Killdeer (*Ægialitis vocifera*) in a large ploughed field in Belmont, Massachusetts. Although we had no means of securing the specimen its identification is certain since we flushed it three times at close range, getting good views of the rufous tail-coverts. We also saw clearly the marks on the breast and heard the call-note.

According to Messrs. Howe and Allen's 'Birds of Massachusetts' there are only two previous records in the vicinity of Cambridge, both of which were in September. — HOWARD M. TURNER, RICHARD S. EUSTIS, *Cambridge, Mass.*