

The Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Portland, Me.—I have in my collection a handsome adult female specimen of the Yellow-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax violaceus*) which was shot on April 13, 1901, in Back Cove, Portland, Me. The captor was a boy. He took the bird to Mr. John A. Lord, the taxidermist, by whom it was mounted. I saw it immediately after it was preserved and also examined its body. Besides this evidence that it was taken here, I have the assurance of Mr. Lord, which alone would be sufficient. I believe the Yellow-crowned Night Heron has never before been recorded from this part of New England.—HENRY H. BROCK, *Portland, Me.*

A Third Maine Specimen of the Little Blue Heron.—Early in April of the current year, I received from Mr. Herbert A. Arey of Vinal Haven, Me., a specimen of *Ardea cærulea*, to be mounted for Mr. Arey. His letter, dated April 2, 1902, states: "The bird was shot yesterday at the east end of Carver's Pond, Vinalhaven." It was a male, a fine specimen in the light phase, and was in good bodily condition; it would probably have bred had it not strayed from its kind and home.

The two other Maine records are: A bird in light phase, Scarborough, September, 1881 (Brown, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, VII, p. 123). A female, Popham Beach, May 19, 1901 (Spinney in Swain's editorial, Journ. Maine Orn. Soc., III, p. 30).—ARTHUR H. NORTON, *Westbrook, Me.*

The King Rail again near Portland, Me.—I have already (Auk, Vol. XIII, p. 79) noted the capture of a specimen of the King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) at the Dyke Marsh, near Portland, Maine. I have since obtained another specimen taken at the same place by Mr. John Whitney. It was brought to me in the flesh and was dissected and mounted by myself. It proved a male in good condition. The date of its capture was December 17, 1899.

The King Rail is thus shown to have occurred three times¹ in the vicinity of Portland.—HENRY H. BROCK, *Portland, Me.*

The King Rail in Winter near Washington, D. C.—On January 19, 1901, I observed in the Washington Center Market a Red-breasted or King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) which had been received that day from the shore of the Potomac River near Alexandria, Va. I can find no published winter record for this species in this vicinity, although it is a regular but uncommon spring and early fall migrant, and may be expected in exceptionally mild winters like the present. The local gunners and game dealers call the bird 'King Ortolan' and 'King Rail.'—HUGH M. SMITH, *Washington, D. C.*

The Red Phalarope in North Carolina.—Mr. Arthur T. Wayne's note in 'The Auk' for July, 1901, XVIII, p. 271, on the Red Phalarope

¹ See Brown, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, Vol. VII, p. 60.