

canescens appeared in a February brochure of the 'Biologia' (by inadvertence said to be March in my note), thus antedating the publication of *griseus* in the April Auk for the same year, 1889. In this connection both Mr. Brewster, with whom the matter had been discussed, and the writer had overlooked a footnote in Ridgway's 'Manual N. A. Birds,' 2d ed., p. 599, giving the date of publication of *griseus* as Jan. 31, 1889. Further inquiry has brought to light the fact that the author's separates of the paper in which *E. griseus* was described bears the following imprint: "[Author's edition, published Jan. 31, 1889.]" This early publication, antedating the appearance of 'The Auk,' and also the part of the 'Biologia' containing the name *canescens*, gives unquestionable priority to the name *griseus*, of which *canescens* must stand as a synonym.—E. W. NELSON, *Biological Survey, U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Washington, D. C.*

The Raven near Portland, Maine.—In 1882 I made note¹ of a Raven, presumably *Corvus corax principalis*, which was killed in the town of Cumberland, near Portland, December 31, 1875. I examined the specimen at the time; but I do not know what became of it, and therefore cannot positively state that it represented *principalis*.

No doubt the Raven was to be found regularly about Portland in olden times;² but I am able to cite only one other record³ of its occurrence within recent years, and that is regrettably indefinite. I have never seen the bird alive near the city. I have, however, seen a second local specimen. A handsome male, quite typical of *principalis*, was taken on Cape Elizabeth, January 12, 1884, was secured in the flesh for my collection and was transferred, a few years later, to the cabinet of the Portland Society of Natural History where it remains (No. 3773, N. C. B.).—NATHAN CLIFFORD BROWN, *Portland, Me.*

Two Ravens (*Corvus corax principalis*) Seen at Harpswell, Maine.—In bringing the local status of the Raven up to date, it seems desirable to record two living examples which I saw at Little Mark Island, Harpswell, Maine, October 5, 1889. Little Mark Island is about nine and a half nautical miles nearly east of Portland.

The Raven was a bird with which I had had a long acquaintance: therefore, as I watched this pair under favorable conditions, and listened to their characteristic notes, I was perfectly sure of the identification.—ARTHUR H. NORTON, *Portland, Me.*

The Yellow-headed Blackbird (*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*) in Georgia.—A young male of this species was taken by Dr. Eugene Edmund Murphey at Augusta, Georgia, on September 23, 1893, and is now in his

¹ Proc. Portland Soc. Nat. Hist., Vol. II, p. 17.

² See Brewster, Birds of the Cambridge Region, p. 237.

³ Smith, Forest and Stream, Vol. XIX, 1883, p. 485.