

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) in New Hampshire.—Mr. Charles F. Goodhue of Webster, N. H., kindly authorizes me to communicate the fact that he has in his collection a Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*), that was picked up in West Concord, N. H., in 1909, about Sept. 6. I think no other specimen has been reported from this state.—FRANCIS BEACH WHITE, *Concord, N. H.*

Destruction of Birds in S. C.—A Correction.—In my note on this subject in the January 1924 'Auk' I unwittingly did injustice to Mr. Arthur T. Wayne by apparently ignoring the accounts which he had written of both the storm of 1893 ('Auk', 1894, p. 85) and the blizzard of 1899 ('Auk', 1899, p. 197). I was unfortunately not a reader of 'The Auk' at the time his accounts appeared and was unaware of them until after my note was published.—JOHN HENRY RICE, JR., *Wiggins, S. C.*

RECENT LITERATURE.

Grinnell and Storer on Animal Life in the Yosemite.—The latest contribution¹ from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California is a portly volume on the terrestrial vertebrates of the Yosemite by Dr. Joseph Grinnell and Mr. Tracy I. Storer, published by the University. The theme of the work, as the authors tell us "is natural history—that which relates to the living animal," while their aim has been to assemble their materials with every precaution to insure accuracy of fact and correctness of inference. No sacrifice of precision has been made consciously with the end merely of affording "attractive reading" but technical terms, where the same idea could be expressed in familiar words, have been avoided—i. e. "to present our science—perfectly good science, in straightforward, readable form." In this effort they seem to have been eminently successful and we have a volume which combines a useful description of field characters of each species with a detailed statement of its distribution in the Yosemite region and an account of its habits, etc., based on the observations of the museum corps. Naturally there is considerable difference in the length of these accounts, the commoner forms being much more exhaustively treated. The total number of species and subspecies noted in the region covered was 362—97 mammals, 231 birds, 22 reptiles and 12 amphibians.

¹Animal Life in the Yosemite: An account of the Mammals, Birds, Reptiles and Amphibians in a Cross Section of the Sierra Nevada, by Joseph Grinnell and Tracy Irwin Storer. Contribution from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California (Seal) University of California Press, Berkeley, California, 1924. Pp. 1-xviii + 1-752, pls. 1-12 and 61-62 (maps) in colors; pls. 13-60 numbered as pages. April 17, 1924. Price bound in buckram \$7.50, carriage extra, weight 5 lbs. 9 oz.