

A NEW BIRD FOR OHIO.

RED-LEGGED BLACK DUCK—(*Anas obscura rubripes*.)

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THE recent article of Mr. Wm. Brewster in the *Auk*, (Vol. XIX., April, 1902, pp. 183-188), and his foot-note that probably a large proportion of the autumn birds in the Mississippi Valley and about the Great Lakes belong to the form *rubripes* of the Black Duck, brought back to my memory the fact that I received on March 27, 1901, a very large Black Duck, in which I noticed the very bright red feet and yellow bill, and my notebook still contains the remark concerning this specimen, "tarsus red." On examining the dried skin the feet still show an orange color, the pileum and nape are typical *rubripes* and the spots on the throat and down the sides of the neck are almost typical *rubripes*. This shows up still more, when comparing the specimen, a male, with a typical specimen in my collection (shot March 25, 1899, sex unknown), but the head has a more grayish tinge, the throat almost an orange color.

No. 204 (coll. W. F. H.), March 25, 1899, typical *obscura*, measures: wing 24.3 cm., length without bill 52.5 cm., extent 78 cm.

No. 429 (coll. W. F. H.), ♀ March 8, 1901, the intermediate, measures: wing 25 cm., length without bill 53 cm., extent 87 cm.

No. 438 (coll. W. F. H.), March 27, 1901, ♂, typical *rubripes* measures: wing 28.5 cm., length without bill 55 cm., extent 94 cm.

Measurements taken in the flesh.

Mr. Brewster has given a very accurate description of this new subspecies, which is more common in Middle Southern Ohio in the spring than in the fall. All of these specimens were taken at Waverly, but I believe a careful investigation of the material in this state by Ohio ornithologists will prove *rubripes* to be found quite frequently almost anywhere.