

Ridgway on a Melanistic Phase of the Broad-winged Hawk.—Mr. Ridgway has recently described* “the melanistic plumage of *Buteo latissimus*,” as exhibited in a specimen taken at Baxter, Iowa, by Mr. J. W. Preston. This is the only specimen thus far seen by Mr. Ridgway, but Mr. Preston reports having seen two others, one of which was nearly secured.—J. A. A.

Ridgway on the Species of the Genus *Empidonax*.—In the last number of ‘The Ibis’ (Oct., 1886), Mr. Ridgway has three papers on the *Empidonaces*. The first† describes a new species (*Empidonax salvini*) from Guatemala; the second‡ treats of the distinctness of *E. brunneus* Ridgw. from *Empidochanes furcatus* (Max.), the two species being found to be not only specifically but generically different, although some authorities have considered them identical. The third§ gives an elaborate synopsis of the species of the genus *Empidonax*, of which 15 species and 3 subspecies are recognized; and also diagnoses of the genera *Mitrephanes* and *Empidochanes*.—J. A. A.

Cory on Birds from several little-known Islands of the West Indies.—Mr. Cory having recently received collections of birds from several of the lesser known West Indian islands has given,|| in the last number of ‘The Ibis,’ nominal lists of the material obtained, as follows: Barbadoes, 12 species; St. Vincent, 23 species; Marie Galante, 13 species; La Desirade, 11 species; Grand Terre, 15 species; also 10 species from Santa Lucia—J. A. A.

Minor Ornithological Publications.—The ‘Forest and Stream,’ Vols. XXIV and XXV, 1885, contains the following notes and papers (Nos. 1069–1126):—

1069. *The Birds of Michigan*. By Dr. Morris Gibbs. *Forest and Stream*, Vol. XXIV, Jan. 29, 1885, pp. 5, 6; Feb. 5, pp. 26, 27; Feb. 12, pp. 44, 45; Feb. 19, p. 65; Feb. 26, p. 84; Mch. 5, p. 104; Mch. 12, pp. 124, 125; Mch. 19, p. 144; Apr. 2, p. 184; Apr. 16, p. 224; Apr. 30, pp. 267, 268; May 7, pp. 288, 289; May 14, p. 307; May 28, p. 347; June 11, p. 387; June 25, p. 427; Vol. XV, July 30, pp. 4, 5; Nov. 12, p. 304; Dec. 3, p. 365.—An elaborately annotated list, containing copious notes on the habits of many of the species mentioned.

1070. *Golden-winged Woodpecker Wintering in Maine*. By Everett Smith. *Ibid.*, Feb. 5, p. 27.

* Description of a Melanistic Specimen of *Buteo latissimus* (Wils.). By Robert Ridgway. *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 1886, pp. 248, 249. Published Oct. 1886.

† Description of a new Species of the Genus *Empidonax* from Guatemala. *Ibis*, 1886, pp. 459, 460.

‡ On *Empidochanes furcatus* (Max.) and *Empidonax brunneus* Ridgw. *Ibid.*, pp. 360, 461.

§ On the Species of the Genus *Empidonax*. *Ibid.*, pp. 461–468.

|| On a Collection of Birds from several little-known Islands of the West Indies. By Charles B. Cory. *Ibid.*, 1886, pp. 471–475.

1071. "*The Birds of Long Island.*" By J. B. B. *Ibid.*, Feb. 12, p. 46.—Notice of J. P. Giraud's well-known work, with extracts from it.
1072. *How to Identify Birds.* By Everett Smith. *Ibid.*, Feb. 12, p. 44.—The writer repeats his offer to identify specimens, and gives directions how to send them in the flesh.
1073. *The Song of the White-throated Sparrow.* By Dr. M. L. Leach. *Ibid.*, Feb. 19, p. 65.
1074. *Virginia Rail Wintering on Long Island.* By Paul Geipel, Jr. *Ibid.*, Mch. 5, p. 105.
1075. *Winter Range of the Robin.* By W. W. Cooke. *Ibid.*, Mch. 11, p. 125.
1076. *Southern New York Winter Birds.* By W. T. E. *Ibid.*, Mch. 12, pp. 125, 126.—Notes on 23 species.
1077. *Snow Buntings [at Perth Amboy, N. J.].* By J. L. K. *Ibid.*, Mch. 12, p. 126.—The first seen in several years.
1078. *Acadian Owl.* By O. W. R. *Ibid.*, Mch. 19, p. 145.
1079. *A Screech Owl Attacks a Plymouth Rock Rooster.* By S. L. Davison. *Ibid.*, Mch. 19, p. 145.
1080. *Migratory Quail.* By W. Hapgood. *Ibid.*, Mch. 26, p. 166.—The recent attempt to stock the country with these birds declared to be a failure.
1081. *White Egrets in Orleans County, N. Y.* By S. L. Davison. *Ibid.*, April 9, p. 204.—Three killed in Carlton, "on Thanksgiving Day, 1883."
1082. *Where Did It Come From?* By Robert Ridgway. *Ibid.*, Apr. 9, p. 204.—Records the killing of a Prairie Chicken (*Cupidonia cupido*) on the Virginia side of the Potomac near Washington, March 17, 1885. (See below, No. 1086.)
1083. *Misplaced Confidence.* By F. Park, Jr. *Ibid.*, Apr. 16, p. 225.—A Great Horned Owl eats a Screech Owl confined with it in the same cage.
1084. *The Winter and Spring Birds at St. Louis, Mo.* By W. W. Cooke, based on notes by Otto Widmann. *Ibid.*, Apr. 23, p. 248.
1085. *Maine Birds.* By Everett Smith. *Ibid.*, p. 248.—Note on *Turdus mustelinus*.
1086. *The Washington Prairie Chicken.* By Homo. *Ibid.*, Apr. 23, p. 248.—May have been the descendant of birds liberated at Snow Hill, Md., some years before. (See above, No. 1082.)
1087. *The Woodcock's Song.* By J. H. D. *Ibid.*, Apr. 30, p. 268.
1088. *Birds in Queer Places.* By X. Y. Z. *Ibid.*, May 7, p. 288.—Relates mainly to various species of Grallæ and Rails.
1089. *Fox Sparrows in Spring Migration.* By J. L. Davison. *Ibid.*, May 7, p. 289.
1090. *White Pelican on Long Island.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, May 21, p. 328.—One killed at Roslyn, L. I., May 11, 1885.
1091. *The Lesson of a Market.* By Geo. B. Sennett. *Ibid.*, June 4, pp. 366, 367.—On the small birds, killed as game, in the market of Norfolk, Va.

1092. *Arizona Bird Notes*. By Herbert Brown. *Ibid.*, June 4, p. 367.—Notes on the nesting of Palmer's and Bendire's Thrashers, and several species of Owls.
1093. *The Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Florida*. By S. C. Clarke. *Ibid.*, June 4, p. 367.
1094. *The Big [Ivory-billed] Woodpeckers*. By Geo. A. Boardman and J. M. H. *Ibid.*, June 11, p. 388.
1095. *The Big [Ivory-billed] Woodpecker [in Arkansas]*. By Yell. *Ibid.*, June 18, p. 407.
1096. *The Great [Ivory-billed] Woodpeckers [in Florida]*. By W. A. D. *Ibid.*, June 25, p. 427.
1097. *A "Brood" of [Golden-winged] Woodpeckers*. Editorial. *Ibid.*, June 25, p. 427.—"Nineteen young ones, alive and in good condition," in one nest.
1098. *The Nest and Eggs of Swainson's Warbler*. (*Helinaia swainsoni*.) By William Brewster. *Ibid.*, July 9, p. 468.—Detailed account of the breeding of this rare species, with descriptions of nests and eggs, based on notes and specimens received from Mr. Arthur T. Wayne.
1099. *Rare Florida Birds*. By Red-Wing. *Ibid.*, July 16, p. 487.—Relates to Ivory-billed Woodpeckers and Parakeets.
1100. *Night Hawks Nesting [on Roofs of Buildings]*. By Dr. E. Sterling. *Ibid.*, Vol. XXV, July 30, 1882, p. 4.
1101. *The English Sparrow. Verdict of the American Ornithologist's Union*. *Ibid.*, July 6, pp. 24, 25.—Report of the Committee on the English Sparrow.
1102. *Quail in Confinement*. By W. and Jno. H. Osborne. *Ibid.*, Aug. 6, p. 25.
1103. *Water Birds of Nova Scotia*. By J. Matthew Jones. *Ibid.*, Aug. 13, pp. 43, 44; Aug. 27, p. 83; Sept. 10, p. 123.—An annotated list of 105 species. Includes several obvious malidentifications. The account given of "Wilson's Petrel" doubtless relates to Leach's Petrel, to which latter there is no reference. The list includes the "Crested Grebe (*P. cristatus*)"!
1104. *The Pileated Woodpecker*. By Dr. E. Sterling. *Ibid.*, Aug. 13, p. 44.
1105. *Ornithological Inquiries*. By Dr. C. Hart Merriam. *Ibid.*, Aug. 20, p. 63.—Circular issued by the Department of Economic Ornithology, Dr. Merriam, Ornithological Agent.
1106. *Weapons in Game*. By Dr. E. Sterling. *Ibid.*, Aug. 29, p. 84.—A Wild Swan, with an Eskimo arrow through the right wing, killed near Cleveland, O., on its northward migration. Figure of the bird, and of the wing-bones and the arrow. (See further note on the same, in issue of Dec. 10, p. 384.) Under this title are also two notes on encysted bullets found in Ducks and Geese, respectively by D. H. MacGowan and C. T. Richardson.
1107. *Foreign Game Birds in America*. By X. *Ibid.*, Sept. 3, pp. 103, 104.—An important historical paper on the subject.

1108. *The Colored Patch in the Crown of the Kingbird.* By C. Hart Merriam, M. D. *Ibid.*, Sept 14, p. 144.
1109. *How Many Nests?* By A. H. G. (of Scarborough, N. Y.). *Ibid.*, Sept. 24, pp. 163, 164.—On the number of broods per year, etc., of some of our common birds. (See also below, No. 1112.)
1110. *The Colored Patch in the Crown of the Kingbird.* By J. L. Davison. *Ibid.*, Sept. 24, p. 164.
1111. *Wild Fowl in Domestication.* By Junius P. Leach. *Ibid.*, Oct. 1, pp. 183, 184.
1112. *How Many Nests?* By A. H. G. *Ibid.*, Oct. 1, p. 184.
1113. *The Colored Crown of the Kingbird.* By J. G. R[ich]. *Ibid.*, Oct. 1, p. 184.
1114. *The Crown of the Kingbird.* By C. W. Beckham. *Ibid.*, Oct. 8, p. 204.
1115. *Kingbirds and Bees.* By G. L. Barnes. *Ibid.*, Oct. 8, p. 205.
1116. *Purple Grackle Near Philadelphia.* By Ellwood C. Erdis. *Ibid.*, Oct. 8, p. 205.
1117. *Destructive Electric Light Towers.* By G. Noble. *Ibid.*, Nov. 12, p. 305.—During a rainy night in October, 105 birds were picked up under one light tower in Savannah, Ga.
1118. *Annual Meeting of the A. O. U.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, Nov. 26, p. 342.—Short account of the third annual meeting, held in New York City, Nov. 17 and 18, 1885.
1119. *Anser Hutchinsi.* By Dr. E. Sterling. *Ibid.*, Dec. 10, p. 384.—Specimens found in the market of Cleveland, O.
1120. *Eider Duck in Michigan.* By R. B. Lawrence. *Ibid.*, Dec. 10, p. 384.—A female shot at Munroe, on Lake Erie, Nov. 12, 1885.
1121. *The A. O. U. Check List.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, Dec. 24, p. 429.—Notice of the work.
1122. *Protection of North American Birds.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, Dec. 24, p. 429.—Notice of the organization of the A. O. U. Committee on this subject, in New York City, on Dec. 12, 1885.
1123. *Arizona Quail Notes.* By Herbert Brown. *Ibid.*, Dec. 31, p. 445.—Relates chiefly to *Colinus ridgwayi*, and is an important contribution to the history of this species.
1124. *The Bailey Collection of Eggs.* Editorial. *Ibid.*, Dec. 31, p. 446.—Its sale and transference to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.
1125. *A Swan in Massachusetts.* By T. *Ibid.*, Jan. 7, 1886, p. 466.—Record of a specimen shot at Middleboro, about Dec. 27, 1885. The name of the species is not given.
1126. *Arizona Quail.* By Robert Ridgway. *Ibid.*, Jan. 14, p. 484.—An important paper, in reply to that of Mr. Brown. (See above, No. 1123.)

Publications Received.—Cordeaux, John, and others. Report of the Committee on the Migration of Birds at Lighthouses and Light-vessels, for 1885 (abstract). John Cordeaux, secretary.