

Notice of the Presence of *Quiscalus quiscula æneus* in Upper South Carolina.—I have lately given some attention to the capture of Crow Blackbirds, having in view especially the discovery of subspecies *æneus*. My efforts in this particular direction, however, were unsuccessful until Nov. 5, 1887, when I obtained a single male from a small flock near Chester C. H. Nov. 12, a second male was taken in the same locality from a little band of half-a-dozen. On the 21st three additional males and four females, together with two examples of the typical form, were secured from an immense assemblage in the neighborhood of Chestnut Grove in the northern part of Chester County. The continued recurrence of birds chiefly peculiar to the West accentuates anew the necessity of a thorough overhauling of the ornithology of this region.—LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *Chester, S. C.*

***Quiscalus quiscula aglæus* in Louisiana.**—In the October, 1887, Auk (p. 303) Mr. Beckham states that the Bronzed Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula æneus*) was the form found at Bayou Sara, Louisiana. In the Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History, for July, 1881 (p. 150) Dr. Langdon reports "a few specimens, evidently residents, shot for the purpose of identification, prove to be of the *purpureus* form." In the early summer of 1886, at New Orleans and vicinity, the Florida Grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula aglæus*) was the only one of the smaller Grackles which I secured or observed. With the exception of one Bronzed Grackle, taken in winter, all the specimens in the collection of Mr. Gustave Kohn, were of this form. From this it will be seen that the three varieties have been found in Louisiana in the breeding season. Bayou Sara and New Orleans are about eighty miles apart, by air line, though more than twice that distance following the course of the river. It will be interesting to discover just where between these two points the three varieties meet.—A. K. FISHER, M. D., *Washington, D. C.*

Breeding of the Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertina*) in the White Mountains of Arizona.—In 'The Auk' (Vol. IV. No. 3, p. 256, 257) I observed two notices of the occurrence of the Evening Grosbeak; one from Toronto, Canada, the other from Hickman, Kentucky. In the latter case Mr. J. A. Allen is quoted as stating that "its occurrence anywhere south of the Great Lakes is rare." It may, therefore, be of interest to readers of "The Auk" to know of an instance of this bird having bred as far southwest as the head-waters of the Little Colorado River in the White Mountains of Arizona.

On June 5, 1884, while looking out for anything of ornithological interest in a thickly wooded cañon some fifteen miles west of the little town of Springerville, Apache County, Arizona, my attention was attracted by a bird which I did not know, flying off its nest in the top of a thick willow bush. Having climbed up to the nest and ascertained that it contained three eggs I returned to the ranch. Next day I visited the cañon with my shotgun, and finding that the number of eggs in the nest had not in-