

The Chuck-will's-widow in Kansas.—I note that on page 17 of Prof. F. H. Snow's Catalogue, 'Birds of Kansas,' he reports the Chuck-will's-widow (*Anrostomus carolinensis*) as an accidental visitor to the State of Kansas. I wish to add a few notes on this interesting species, whereby it can be easily placed as a summer resident in restricted localities along the southern border of the State. My notes were taken during the middle of May, 1902, in the vicinity of Cedarvale, Chautauqua County, located six and one half miles north of the Indian Territory line, in the heart of the Flint Hills.

About 5.00 P. M., May 22, I heard my first Chuck-will's-widow singing in a small copse on Bird Creek, in the Osage Nation, seven miles below the State line. My brother, who was with me at the time, advised me that the Chuck-will's-widows were rather sparingly distributed along the Big Caney Valley, near Cedarvale. He also informed me that previous, in June, 1901, he flushed a parent bird from its young, in a thicket, near town. I believe the statement can be accepted as a substantial fact, as Whip-poor-wills, so he informed me, do not summer there, and during my entire stay of two weeks, none were noted, but Chuck-will's-widows I met with occasionally in the thickets along the Caney River, in the State.

About dusk, on the evening of May 24, and for several ensuing evenings, I heard three or four Chuck-will's-widows singing in the thickets near the town of Cedarvale, Kansas.

The fact that the specimen that Prof. Snow speaks of, was secured in the middle of June, is, in my opinion, a warrant to believe it other than an accidental specimen.—W. S. COLVIN, *Osawatomie, Kans.*

The Raven in Southern New Hampshire: A Comment.—Apropos of my Monadnock Raven-record, published in 'The Auk,' for October, 1904 (p. 491), Mr. John E. Thayer writes me that a yearling Raven escaped from his aviary at Lancaster, Mass., less than forty miles southeast of Monadnock, on May 28, 1903, and disappeared after loitering about Lancaster for almost a week. Probably, as Mr. Thayer suggests, it was this bird that appeared on Monadnock on July 4. At all events, the likelihood that such was the case robs my record of all value.—GERALD H. THAYER, *Monadnock, N. H.*

The Blue Jay and other Eastern Birds at Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.—During a few days' collecting (May 17-22, 1904) at Wray, Yuma Co., Colo., in company with Mr. Wm. C. Ferril, curator of the Colorado State Historical and Natural History Society, a number of Eastern species whose Colorado range is little known, were secured for the State museum.

Most notable of these was a female Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)—shot by the writer May 21 near a corral about a mile from town—which I believe is the first one taken in the State. However, to Mr. W. E.