

the species in its usual haunts renders especially interesting the recent capture of a beautiful adult example near Portland. This, a female in full nuptial plumage, was shot not far from Black Rock, Scarborough, on April 23, 1911, and was brought to me in the flesh. It is now included in my collection.—HENRY H. BROCK, *Portland, Maine*.

**The Snowy Egret in New Mexico.**—The writer has to record another occurrence of this species (*Egretta c. candissima*) in a locality near to the one of his previous record ('The Auk,' January 1909, p. 76).

On October 23, 1911, the writer examined, at the ranch of Mr. Montoya (which is at the junction of the East Fork of the Gila River, and Diamond Creek, N. Mex.) a skin of this species taken from an adult bird shot by Mr. Montoya's son near the confluence of Black Canyon, and the East Fork of the Gila River, N. Mex., in April, 1910. The bird had been shot with a rifle, and in the skinning, was so damaged, that its plume characteristics were not available for sex determination. The present record makes the third specimen of this beautiful little Egret taken within a circle whose diameter is less than one hundred miles, the two other records being the one mentioned above, and one by Maj. E. L. Munson, U. S. A., in 'The Auk' of April, 1907, p. 212.—W. H. BERGTOLD, *Denver, Colo.*

**King Rail (*Rallus elegans*) at Springfield, Mass.**—On the thirtieth day of August, 1911, a King Rail was captured in the wild rice that is found in abundance along the shores of the Connecticut river a few miles below Springfield. There are but two previous records of the occurrence of this bird in the Connecticut valley near Springfield.—ROBERT O. MCCRIS, *Springfield, Mass.*

**Yellow Rail (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) in Massachusetts.**—During the fall of 1911, three specimens of the above Rail, which is generally supposed to be rare in this state, were brought to my attention. Curiously enough two of these were shot at the same place though at very different dates. The first one was shot on October 3 at West Roxbury by Mr. W. P. Henderson. The second was taken at Chatham on October 2 by Mr. John J. Chickering. The third was shot on the very late date of November 25 also at Chatham by Mr. Russell Bearse. This latter specimen was larger and darker than the others and the yellow on the breast was not so bright. I saw all of these birds at the store of Mr. C. Emerson Brown, the Boston taxidermist, where I carefully examined them.—S. PRESCOTT FAY, *Boston, Mass.*

**Yellow Rail in Michigan. A Correction.**—In 'The Auk' for January, 1912, p. 101, in my notes on the Yellow Rail, *Coturnicops noveboracensis*, appears the following: "This is the second recorded Michigan specimen and the third noted in Wayne County." This is, of course, a