

wary and suspicious at first, they eventually became quite tame as they made friends with some domesticated Mallards belonging to Mr. Robert Chambers, keeper of the Canadian Gun Club near the junction of the St. Clair and the Basset. King Eiders were also reported at the bird reserve of Mr. Jack Miner, near Kingsville, Ont., a few miles south of the St. Clair.

Records of the visits of the King Eider in Michigan waters are few and have been usually confined to severe winters; but, as the past winter was of unusually mild temperature, the cause of this welcome visit remains problematical.

Another arctic visitor the past winter was the Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*), hundreds of which visited southeastern Michigan, many of them being taken for mounting and for the Zoo at Belle Isle, Detroit's beautiful park.—ETTA S. WILSON, *Detroit, Mich.*

An Earlier Consideration of *Botaurus lentiginosus*.—With reference to Dr. Oberholser's remarks about this species (*Auk*, Jan., 1921, p. 80), as agreement is always a good thing, it may be mentioned that in 1915 in a list of additions and corrections to our 'Hand-list of British Birds,' it was decided to treat this bird as a distinct species (see 'British Birds,' Vol. IX, p. 6).—H. F. WITHERBY, *London, Eng.*

Louisiana Clapper Rail in Mississippi.—Among some skins that Dr. Oberholser very kindly identified for me recently, was a specimen of the Louisiana Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris saturatus*). The bird, a female, was shot by me in a salt marsh at Gulfport, Harrison County, Miss., on January 18, 1919, and is in my collection.

Speaking of the range of this species, Dr. Oberholser says, "Although the form *Rallus longirostris saturatus* has been recorded as far east as Alabama, there seems to be no published record for Mississippi."—STEPHEN S. GREGORY, JR., *456 Surf St., Chicago, Ill.*

The Type Locality of *Ortalis v. vetula*—a Correction.—In 'The Auk' for January, 1921, in a revision of *Ortalis vetula*, we designated the type locality of typical *vetula* as Tampico, Tamaulipas (p. 46). We have since received a letter from Dr. Carl E. Hellmayr, who writes that Wagler's type is in the Munich Museum. He also kindly informs us that the collector, a Mr. Keerl, did not visit the State of Tamaulipas, according to the records of the Museum, but worked in the vicinity of Vera Cruz, and then went up to the City of Mexico. It is, therefore, nearly certain, as Dr. Hellmayr points out, that the type was obtained in the neighborhood of Vera Cruz, and the type locality of *Ortalis v. vetula* should be corrected to "neighborhood of the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico."—W. DEW. MILLER AND LUDLOW GRISCOM, *American Museum of Natural History, New York.*