

GENERAL NOTES

THE FLORIDA GALLINULE NEAR WASHINGTON, D. C.

On September 4, 1917, I purchased an immature female Florida Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*) in the Washington Center Market that, from the condition of the blood in the larger vessels, and the state of the viscera, must have been killed on the preceding day. Though no definite locality was given it is believed that this bird was shot nearby within the limits used in citing records for the District Fauna. There are few notes on the occurrence of the Florida Gallinule in this vicinity, though it is supposed that it may breed rarely in the more secluded marshes.

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A CORRECTION.

In my paper, entitled "Some Notes on the Birds of Rock Canyon, Arizona," which appeared in the June, 1917, number of the Wilson Bulletin, there are two errors which have been courteously brought to my attention by Mr. Harry S. Swarth of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoölogy, Berkeley, California.

The Rillito River (or Creek) is frequently referred to as the Santa Rita River. My use of the latter name was the result of a mere assumption that the name I heard in daily use by the Mexicans and others was the correct one.

Also, on page 68, the record of the Mexican Black Hawk (*Urubitinga anthracina*) should be withdrawn from the list, because of the rarity of the species in Arizona, and the lack of specimen evidence with which to confirm the present occurrence. The great similarity between this species and *Buteo abbreviatus* renders visual identification especially difficult, and while the specimen noted may have been either of these two, it seems better to drop the record altogether.

My appreciation is due Mr. Swarth for his courtesy and interest in calling the above to my attention.

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INCIDENTAL RECORDS FOR 1917.

(Obtained at Rantoul, Ill.)

The most gratifying record of this past summer's season is that of the Yellow-headed Blackbird. It was obtained by no effort.