

The Wilson Plover in California.—Mr. A. M. Ingersoll of San Diego has recently sent me a specimen of *Ægialitis wilsonia* taken by him at Pacific Beach, San Diego County, June 29, 1894. The circumstances of its capture were given by Mr. Ingersoll in a brief but interesting article in the 'Nidiologist,' Vol. II, Feb., 1895, p. 87. The skin, now before me, is that of a male in worn nuptial plumage. The dorsal surface is particularly worn and faded, the tertials and wing-coverts presenting a truly thread-bare appearance. The measurements are: wing, 108 mm.; tail, 48; culmen, 21.5; tarsus, 29.5; middle toe with claw, 23. As far as I know, this specimen furnishes the only record of *Ægialitis wilsonia* for California.—JOSEPH GRINNELL, *Palo Alto, Cali.*

The Yellow Rail (*Porzana noveboracensis*) in Wisconsin.—Between October 6 and 13, 1901, four Yellow Rails were seen on different marshes near Delavan, Wis., and one specimen was taken October 11. This bird was captured by a pointer and brought to me alive by the dog's owner. It proved to be a male and is an exceptionally beautiful individual. On October 13 I flushed one myself at my feet and carefully marked it down on the scantily grassed, dry marsh not four rods away, but the efforts of two men and two very good bird dogs were insufficient to start it again by the time the shells were changed in my gun, although it was not over a minute before we were hunting him and worked diligently for nearly an hour.—N. HOLLISTER, *Delavan, Wis.*

An Abnormal Specimen of the Bob-white (*Colinus virginianus*).—I shot near Mount Pleasant, S. C., on February 4, 1902, an adult male Bob-white which has nearly the whole throat ochraceous-buff encircled with white. Among the thousands of these birds I have killed, this specimen is the first I have ever seen marked in this manner.—ARTHUR T. WAYNE, *Mount Pleasant, S. C.*

Buteo solitarius off the Coast of Hawaii.—My friend Mr. W. K. Andrews was a recent passenger on a sailing ship from San Francisco to Hilo, and he reports the following interesting occurrence. When 400 miles off the southern point of Hawaii, a hawk boarded the ship, and perched on the top of the mizzen-mast. In a few moments it flew away, and presently returned with a bird in its claws. Mr. Andrews is well acquainted with the Hawaiian Hawk, but wishing to make sure of the identity of this particular individual, he shot the bird. Unfortunately it fell dead just over the side of the ship allowing, however, a good glimpse ere it was swept astern.

Mr. Andrews considers his identification of the hawk certain, and is pretty confident that the hawk's quarry was a plover, it being in plain sight on the water as it drifted past.

Readers of 'The Auk' may remember the report of a somewhat similar case made by the writer in this Journal for April, 1891. That particular



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