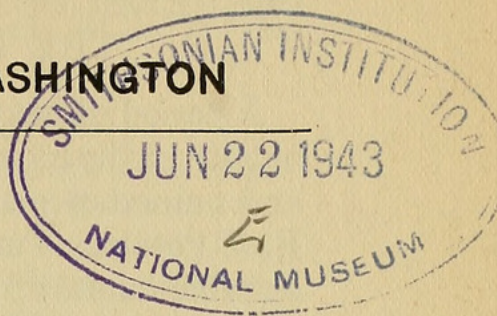


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GENERAL NOTES.

SOME EARLY BIRD-RECORDS FOR MARYLAND  
AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.<sup>1</sup>

Through the courtesy of the Rev. Fr. Arthur A. O'Leary, S. J., sometime President of Georgetown College, the writer has recently been privileged to select from the century-old collection of mounted birds preserved at the College those specimens considered worthy of transference to the collection of the United States National Museum. The following have a special interest in relation to the local avifauna:

1. *Porphyryla martinica* (Linnaeus), U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 371327; adult male, collected in "D. C.," April 30, 1845; "deposited [at Georgetown College] by R. J. P[ollard]." Data (in Pollard's handwriting) taken from wooden stand.

2. *Numenius americanus americanus* Bechstein, U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 371328; adult female, collected in "St. Mary's Co. [Maryland]," September, 1843, by R. J. P[ollard]. Data (in Pollard's handwriting) taken from wooden stand.

3. *Nyctea scandiaca* (Linnaeus), U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 371326; adult female, collected (presumably locally) February 12, 1847, by R. J. Pollard. Data (in Pollard's handwriting) taken from wooden stand.

Pollard was a taxidermist and preparator for the National Institute and an active collector of the local birds; there is no good reason to doubt the evidence for the validity of these records.

Among specimens from farther afield, the Georgetown collection provides one more bit of inconclusive testimony for the former occurrence in the United States of *Guara rubra* (Linnaeus). An unsexed example, U. S. Nat. Mus. no. 371329, well preserved and still in good color, bore on the wooden stand a label inscribed "Ibis Rubra | Scarlet Ibis | Florida," in an unidentified hand apparently identical with that which, in February, 1858, entered nos. 7993-8007 in the bird-catalogue of the Smithsonian Institution. The data, such as they are, bear a striking similarity to those given for the Charleston bird reported by Brewster (Bull. Nuttall Ornith. Club, vol. 8, 1883, pp. 185-186).

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