

YELLOW-FLOWERED VARIETY OF LARGE CORAL-ROOT.—Perhaps the finding of a yellow-flowered variety of *Corallorhiza multiflora* is a sufficiently rare occurrence to be of interest. I do not recall any Canadian record of it.

A very fine scape with thirty-two flowers was brought to me for identification by an artist associate here, and on going to the spot from which it had come I found a clump of about half a dozen scapes in very good condition and others bearing evidence of a considerable struggle with the draggled drift through which they had had to force their way.

The form is quite that of the common variety and the lip is similar in colour also—white with a few crimson spots, but the rest of the flower and the scape is a very definite but subdued yellow, such perhaps as one understands by “straw-colour,” with only the faintest suspicion of green and without even a slight suspicion of the colour characteristic of the common *C. multiflora*. They were growing at the foot of a small hemlock in a dry pine wood, with Partridge Berry, Wintergreen and *Maianthemum canadense* among their nearest neighbours.

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THE BLACK RAIL IN ONTARIO. In the April NATURALIST, Mr. C. W. Nash questions my conclusions regarding the Black Rail, as given in my review of Macoun's Catalogue of Canadian Birds.

I have a vague recollection of someone telling me that Mr. Nash now thought the Rails that he recorded as Black, were Young Virginia, but I could not say with whom the conversation took place, and on looking the matter up I find that the only published basis that I have for this conclusion is the statement in Fleming's list of the Birds of Toronto, (*Auk*, volume 23, page 453), under the heading Black Rail, that “Young Virginia Rails have been mistaken for this species.” This, of course, does not necessarily refer to the specimens taken by Mr. Nash, nor have I authority to say that this statement was ever intended to refer to those specimens, but apparently I put two and two together, and made something out of them.

I was very glad to have Mr. Nash take this matter up, and will be still more pleased if he will tell us all that he knows and thinks about these Rails, recollecting that the Black Rail is about the size of the Song Sparrow, though a little shorter in length, with a bill of one-half an inch, whereas the Virginia has a bill of over an inch long.

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