

Documentation - Yellow Rail

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The yellow rail was flushed at Sweet Marsh on May 26 at 10:00 clock A.M. by ~~myself~~ and Francis Moore ^{and myself.}

We were trying to kick up Virginia's in a grassy area, about 12"-15" high with about 6" water beneath, ~~was~~ when the rail flushed about 8' to 10' in front of us. The lighting was excellent.

We have similarly flushed many soras this spring ^{and} at first glance the very buffy ^(yellowish) undersides made me think of a immature sora. However, this rail was smaller than a sora and had a very dark (almost black) back. Along the trailing edge of each wing out from the ~~to~~ body about 2" and about ^(maybe wider) 1/2" wide was a white bar. We were both yelling yellow rail before he hit the grass and we on top of where it landed just seconds afterwards, but we couldn't flush it again.

Joe Schaufenbuel of St. Lucas, told me of having flushed a yellow rail in this same

area about two weeks before. He called
the white on the wings "lines" but to
me they were wider than just a line
but not like the "patches" the field guides
show.

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