

Purple Gallinule

SP 1915

Des Moines, Polk Co., IA

Mrs. F. W. Rice

DuMont 1931

Record Number: 93-CQ  
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

DuMont, P.A. 1931. Birds of Polk County Iowa. Des Moines  
Audubon Society, Des Moines. p 28.

[not mentioned in DuMont 1933]

VOTE: 5 NA

NA, It sounds like Mrs. Rice may have written down her  
description. Being caught in a fence and appearing in spring  
after a storm fit with the behavior of Purple Gallinule. DuMont  
may have been unduly sceptical. I wonder if he talked to Mrs.  
Rice. /thk

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[PURPLE GALLINULE, *Porzana martinica* (Linnaeus).

A single observation is furnished by Mrs. F. W. Rice of Des Moines: During the spring of 1915 while leading the class in bird study from Drake University we found this bird caught in a fence near Beaver Creek and were able to observe it at some length. I identified it as a Purple Gallinule and Dr. Luther S. Ross later checked over my observations. There had been a period of severe storms.

A record of this rare southern specie should be based on a specimen.]