

Purple Gallinule  
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Cedar Falls, Black Hawk Co., IA  
Mrs. Ray S. Dix  
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A-D, Three things impress me: small body of stagnant water (vs. marsh), alighted in bare tree (vs. stayed on water), and purplish blue plumage (vs. black). I don't know about the apparently all-yellow bill or leg length. /thk

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**Purple Gallinule in Black Hawk County.**—On May 13, 1937, I saw a Purple Gallinule about a mile north of Cedar Falls, Iowa. As I approached a small body of stagnant water the gallinule flew across it from the bank nearest me and alighted in a bare tree. Three things were indelibly impressed upon my mind—the beautiful purplish blue of the plumage, the bright yellow bill and legs, and the long legs dangling heavily as it flew. I was so near I saw it distinctly without the aid of a field glass. It was similar in shape to the Sora Rail but much larger.—MRS. RAY S. DIX, Cedar Falls, Iowa.