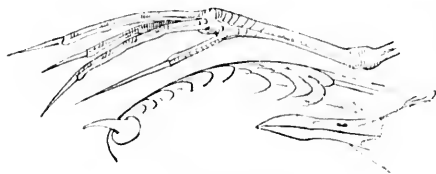


FAMILY JACANIDÆ.

JACANA SPINOSA (*Linn.*).

Mexican Jacana.

*Jacana spinosa.*

edged with brown; tail, rufous brown; carpal spur (a horny spur on bend of wing), pale orange; legs and feet, dull olive.

Length, 9; wing, 5; tail, 2.25; tarsus, 2.20; bill, 1.30.

The immature plumage is very different, but the bird in any plumage can hardly be confounded with any other North American species.

Geographical distribution: "Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas, south to Panama, Cuba and Hayti." (A. O. U.)

The Jacana is given a place among our birds from its casual occurrence in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. It is a fresh water species, frequenting the ponds and creeks.