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n.

Any of various waterbirds of the family Rallidae, frequenting swampy regions and characteristically having dark iridescent plumage and a colorful area where the bill extends onto the forehead.

[Latin *gallīnula*, pullet, diminutive of *gallīna*, hen; see [GALLINACEOUS](#).]

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