

commonly severe weather to seek their prey in barns and barn-yards, or by hearing their weird voices from the woods in unsettled weather. This season I have seen or heard of none.

The birds are very late in arriving this spring, I saw a robin for the first time on the second of this month. There were one or two song-sparrows to be seen and heard a little earlier than this, but as there had been at least one in the neighbourhood all winter, I could not feel certain that they were new arrivals.

This is the first season I can remember of that there have been no shore-larks to be seen—or at least when I have been able to see or hear of any.

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CEDAR BIRDS EATING APPLE BLOSSOMS. *Ampelis cedrorum* (Vieill.). Two specimens of this pretty little bird were received yesterday from Mr. J. P. Jones. Mr. Jones says that he noticed about a dozen of them busily picking off apple blossoms, which they succeeded in doing very rapidly. An examination of the crop of one of them showed it to be tightly packed with petals and stamens of apple blossoms, though the smaller and less conspicuous pistils were not discovered. I find that Cook says the flowers of fruit trees, notably apples and cherries, are a common food of this bird. Any injury wrought in this way is probably more than counterbalanced by the large number of noxious insects it destroys.

J. CRAIG.

PORZANA NOVABORACENSE.—On the 22nd October, 1895, I shot a small Yellow-rail in a marsh some twenty-four miles from the city. This is the first record of a specimen of this species obtained in this vicinity.

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NEW MEMBERS.—During the past month the following persons have been enrolled upon the membership book of our Club:—Charles Stevenson, Esq., Montreal; William H. Smith, R.N.R., Halifax, N.S.; Miss E. Williams, Ottawa; Miss G. Hanington, New Edinburgh; W. J. Barrett, Esq., Ottawa; Dr. Beeman, Perth, Ont.; Miss L. Mathews, Ottawa; Miss Helen N. Bell, Ottawa.