

Spring Bird Notes From Oakville, Ontario.

ALTHOUGH birds, as a class, seemed to be less numerous than usual, a few species of unusual occurrence have been noted. Red Crossbills (*Loxia curvirostra minor*) were much in evidence throughout the greater part of April and May, and were last seen on May 25.

On May 7 I saw a Prairie Warbler (*Deudroica discolor*), satisfactorily for identification, in an orchard along the lake, and on May 14 another, some two miles inland.

In a pasture-field on May 14 were seen a pair of Upland Plovers (*Bartramia longicauda*), and these were seen twice again in the same field during the month.

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A Zonal Algal Habitat.

ON the shore of Colpoy's Bay, near Oxenden, Gray County, Ontario, on June 3rd, 1911, I came across an algal habitat with a marked Zonal arrangement.

There were two shelves of flat limestone rock over the first of which a very shallow stream of water flowed into the bay. On the top and front face of the first shelf were pinkish gelatinous nodules of *Palmella miniata*, Leiblein and greenish nodules of *Nostoc verrucosum*, Vaucher. The second shelf was submerged and had a luxuriant growth of *Cladophora keutzingiana*, Grunow.

Beyond this shelf, on the rocks in the bay, was a zone of *Ulothrix zonata*, Kuetzing.

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