

In February we had a small flock of pine grosbeaks feeding on the privet berries and on rotten apples thrown on the ground, a flicker also came every day for the apples. In trying to hang an apple on the willow bough for the grosbeak I miscalculated the length of the string, the apple fell short, rebounded and broke the dining-room window. The glass was mended, I tried again, and an apple hung oddly enough from a winter-bare willow bough, and I sat me down to wait for a grosbeak. In a few minutes a great gray squirrel ran up the tree and in clawing the apple he tipped it over the bough and it hit the window again: this time, however, without any catastrophe. Probably a squirrel cannot throw as hard as a woman. After that the apples lay on the ground, or rather on the snow, for until quite lately there has been no "ground" to be seen.

Now that the snow has almost gone and the birds are finding food elsewhere, they come less often to my window, but the pleasure of having had them will be a joy forever.

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#### SUB-EXCURSION TO BLUEBERRY POINT.

The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club held its second sub-excursion for 1904 to Blueberry Point, Aylmer, on May 7th. About 150 persons were present, the Normal School and the Ottawa Ladies' College being well represented.

The Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*) was very abundant and eagerly collected. The banksian, red and white pines were observed and *Viola cardaminefolia* and *V. subviscosa*, collected in good condition.

At the close of the afternoon's work Dr. Sinclair assembled the party and called for addresses from the leaders present. Mr. W. J. Wilson illustrated by means of a map the geographical formation of the district, and gave some valuable hints to those commencing field work in geology. He pointed out that the unusually high water of the Ottawa River had covered all the shore