

In addition to those already mentioned there are other wild plants which find employment in various ways, as, for example, the Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum* Marsh) whose sap yields maple syrup and maple sugar, the Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa* L.) often cultivated in gardens for its fragrant essential oil, Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens* L.) yielding the well-known "oil of wintergreen," the Cherry or Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta* L.) which also yields the same oil, and whose sugary sap when fermented gives Birch Beer, while closer study will possibly reveal amongst our native flora, fibre plants of commercial value.

### EARLY WINTER BIRD NOTES: 1912-13.

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Though winter conditions set in fairly early, during the latter part of November, lengthy intervals of mild or rainy weather have left us at present (January 25th) with very little snow—perhaps an average of three or four inches—many wind-swept fields being practically bare.

The following notes are from two localities: Montreal, and Bury, a village in Compton County, 125 miles east of Montreal. This latter place is in the heart of a hilly, well-wooded district, where the snowfall is more uniformly retained and birds are more evenly distributed than in the level, wind-swept and sparsely-wooded district about Montreal.

My walks, in the vicinity of Montreal, were taken chiefly on the south shore of the St. Lawrence.

**HERRING GULL, *Larus argentatus*.**—Seen almost daily above the river, at St. Lambert, until January 12th, when the last bird was noticed.

**GOLDEN-EYE, *Clangula clangula americana*.**—Both of these ducks fairly common on the river near Laprairie; last seen January 12th.

**CANADA GOOSE, *Branta canadensis canadensis*.**—Last seen at Bury, December 13th, when two flocks of four and five birds flew south over the St. Francis River.

**CANADA SPRUCE PARTRIDGE, *Canachites canadensis canace*.**—One shot December 9th, at Bury. (Becoming quite scarce in this district).

**CROW, *Corvus brachyrhynchos brachyrhynchos*.**—One heard at Bury, December 14th. December 18th, saw about 35,