

ORNITHOLOGY.

BIRD NOTES.

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Although the winter was unusually long and the ground covered with snow until the second week of April the Robins, Song Sparrows and Bluebirds, three of the first migrants, were here several days earlier than either in 1899 or 1900. Although not birds, the frogs, which are among the first spring songsters, were heard near the Experimental Farm on April 10th. Mr. White reports seeing them on the 14th. By co-operation the records of the arrivals of birds become more reliable, and we have begun well this year, several members of the Club having sent in their notes. As space will not permit of publishing all the notes only the earliest dates are recorded. Observers in other parts of Canada have also contributed notes, but as these are not yet complete their publication in tabular form has been postponed until next month. Notes intended for the Ornithological Editor should be sent to him not later than the 20th of the month.

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- Jan. 12—SAW-WHET OWL, *Nyctala acadica*. Mr. C. H. Young.
 Feb. 20—RUFFED GROUSE, *Bonasa umbellus*. Mr. A. G. Kingston.
 20—BLUE JAY, *Cyanocitta cristata*. Mr. Kingston.
 20—AMERICAN CROW, *Corvus americanus*. Mr. Kingston. Spring migration, March 13th. Mr. White.
 20—CHICKADEE, *Parus atricapillus*. Mr. Kingston.
 March 1—PRAIRIE HORNED LARK, *Otocoris alpestris praticola*. Mr. Young. Not seen at the Experimental Farm until March 19.
 12—EVENING GROSBEAK, *Coccothraustes vespertina*. Three specimens seen near Normal School by the caretaker and reported by Mr. Alexander.
 22—ROBIN, *Merula migratoria*. Heard by Mr. A. Gibson at Experimental Farm March 24th; seen by Mr. W. Harrington. Nest almost built at C. E. F. April 24th. First records of previous years: 1898, March 15th; 1899, April 6th; 1900, April 1st.
 23—SONG SPARROW, *Melospiza fasciata*. Mr. W. A. D. Lees, at Russell, Ont.; March 24th, Mr. Young; March 24th, Mr. White. First records of previous years: 1898, March 11th; 1899, April 6th; 1900, March 31st.
 24—AMERICAN ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK, *Archibuteo lagopus Sancti-Johannis*. Mr. Young.
 26—BLUEBIRD, *Sialia sialis*. Mr. Lees. March 27th, Mr. Young.