

JUNCO HYEMALIS, Slate-colored Junco.

"Summer resident; abundant. Breeds in Mount Royal Park."*

I have never found the Junco, during the breeding season, in the vicinity of Montreal. No doubt in years gone by it nested on Mount Royal, as they still do, to some extent, on the slopes of neighboring isolated mountains, such as Belœil, Yamaska and Oka. They are common twenty-eight miles to the north, in the Laurentians, but give a wide berth to the low-lying country between Montreal and Farnham. After passing Farnham they become evident again and are abundant at Sherbrooke.

ZAMELODIA LADOVICIANA, Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

"Transient visitant; common."*

On July 10th, 1896, I saw a male bird at Cote St. Luc. It was uttering its metallic alarm notes at the time and likely the female had young in the vicinity. On June 22nd, 1897, I located a nest with three eggs in a deserted garden at the base of Mount Royal. Since the latter date this species has gradually increased in numbers and to-day may be considered a fairly common summer resident.

PIRANGA ERYTHROMELAS, Scarlet Tanager.

"Transient visitant; common; I have not seen this bird in the autumn and like the Rose-breasted Grosbeak it probably returns south by another route."*

Likely breeding 100 miles to the north-west, in the Laurentians. From September 4th to 6th, 1909 and 1910, I saw numbers in partially cleared land near St. Faustin, Terrebonne County.

PROGNE SUBIS, Purple Martin.

"Summer resident; common."*

Our most numerous city birds, not considering the cosmopolitan "Sparrow," are those that feed on the wing. In order of abundance they might be listed as follows:—Chimney Swift, Nighthawk and Purple Martin. They are most commonly found along the Lachine Canal and river front, presumably as insects are there in greater abundance than elsewhere. This liking for the vicinity of water is evidenced in the autumn, when, sometime prior to their southern migration, they forsake the city and are to be seen in numbers over the river. Nighthawks and Swifts are apparently indifferent to the Sparrow and, in my estimation, the Martin is well able to hold its own. There are very few nesting boxes in the city but these few are well occupied by the Martins. Lack of these nesting sites along the canal and