

Am. Goldfinch—Saw a flock on each of two days, the 8th and 9th December.

Snowbird—Noted almost daily in small flocks.

Am. Crossbill—Saw two flocks in flight, presumably of this species.

White-breasted Nuthatch—One seen.

Red-breasted Nuthatch—Fairly common; seen on several occasions.

B. C. Chickadee—Fairly common; noted daily.

Golden C. Kinglet—Saw several flocks daily; apparently the most common bird here at this season.

Pileated Woodpeckers are a fairly common resident in this district; Canada Jays much less so, only an occasional pair remaining through the winter.

The feathers of a Barred Owl found on the crust in pine woods, pointed to an unusual tragedy; a hunter hunted. A clot of blood beneath the feather-laden limb of a large pine, almost proved that some carnivorous animal, possibly Pine Marten or Fisher, had crept out on the limb and caught the owl napping.

MEETING OF ENTOMOLOGICAL BRANCH.

Held at the residence of Mr. J. W. Baldwin, on the evening of the 7th April, 1910.

Mr. Baldwin had on exhibit most of his collection of local lepidoptera. This collection is becoming an interesting one and is considerably added to every season. Species of uncommon occurrence in the Ottawa District, and which had been collected during 1909, were pointed out. Among these the writer noted particularly, *Sphinx lucitosa*, which is very rare at Ottawa, *Ampelophaga versicolor*, *Apantesis virguncula*, *Apatela retardata*, *Orthosia helva* and *Autographa rectangula*. Most of these specimens had been collected at the Electric Railway Power House on the Britannia line. The powerful electric lights at this place are wonderfully attractive to insects of many kinds and the above is, therefore, a favourite rendezvous for some of the local entomologists.

Mr. Groh showed two thorns of *Crataegus* on each of which a Lachnosternid beetle had been impaled, the work most probably of the Northern Shrike. These had been collected in June from a tree at Dow's swamp. This exhibit led to an interesting discussion on the attraction of certain plants to insects, as for instance Dogbane, Milkweed, Tarry Cockle or Sleepily Catchfly, etc.