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DATES OF DEPARTURE IN THE FALL MIGRATION OF THE MORE COMMON BIRDS OF OTTAWA.

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The appended list does not claim to be complete or quite exact. This would take several observers, who would have to have much time and opportunity at their disposal for making observations. However, the list gives an approximate idea. Some years certain birds stay longer than in others. Of many species the bulk leaves at a fairly regular time, while single skulking, belated individuals of their kind linger much longer and people accidently seeing such a one, e.g., a robin, will feel in position to impugn any list, even if its dates were accurate for the species in general. At its best the Fall migration cannot be studied so successfully as the one in Spring. Then the birds come with a greater regularity, they can be seen better on account of the bareness of the trees and fields, they are livelier, in many cases in a more flashy plumage than in Fall, when many are averse to being seen, are not given to song, and travel in smaller flocks. A few only are more noticeable in Fall than in Spring, as the blackbirds. The writer would again urge members of the O.F.N.C. to next year begin to keep a list of the birds that they know seen by them; when they saw the first and last ones, and send in such lists to him. The writer must acknowledge his indebtedness to Mrs. Brown and Miss Lees of Ottawa East, without whose co-operation this list would be much more incomplete than it is now. Several dates were also furnished by Mr. C. H. Young.

	1905	1906	1907
Bluebird.....	Oct. 20	Oct. 16	Oct. 17
Robin.....	Dec. 2	Oct. 30	Oct. 29
Hermit Thrush.....	Oct. 21		Oct. 10
Wilson's Thrush.....			Oct. 4
Olive-backed Thrush.....			Oct. 2