

must be remembered, however, that these are chiefly city records and that some of the birds doubtlessly arrived sooner in the country. April 3: five Horned Larks; variety not determined; one Tree Sparrow. April 9: One Flicker. April 11: Greater Yellowlegs. April 13: Sparrow Hawk and Rough-legged Hawk. April 14: Two Crows. April 15: Robins. April 19: Mallards. April 22: Western Meadowlark. April 23: One Phoebe, two Red-tailed Hawks. (The Phoebe was sitting upon a telegraph wire uttering a loud double note rather different from what I had been accustomed to; indeed it puzzled me at first and I was obliged to get quite close before I was satisfied as to its identity. Since then, I have seen two others which looker browner than the typical form seen in Eastern Canada. Mr. Wolly-Dod, of Millarville, tells me they breed at his place.) April 27: American Pipits quite common. May 1: A single Myrtle Warbler was seen—and that is all.

On April 25, I went to visit the well known Lepidopterist, Mr. Wolly-Dod, and there spent two delightful days looking over his fine collection, which is remarkably rich in long series of Noctuidae. It would, however, take too long to relate all the interesting things seen there; sufficient to say that I gained much useful information and that Mr. Dod showed that generous hospitality which is a trait of so many true naturalists. I came away laden with specimens which would have taken years of labour to have gathered together under ordinary circumstances.

Among the birds at Mr. Dod's place I was interested to find a pair of Chickadees building a nest in a fence post, and a Magpie's nest, observed from a distance. This was in a rather large willow bush in a very exposed position; it appeared to be a very bulky affair almost as large as a crow's. Magpies are fairly common in Western Alberta and are said to be injurious on account of their destroying the eggs of other birds. When one considers, however, how our crow is condemned, quite wrongfully, for the same offence we are apt to ask ourselves who the authorities are and what their evidence is worth. There is no question, however, that these birds are great thieves and are just as troublesome to the trappers as the well known Whisky Jack.

To the west of Calgary in the wooded bank before mentioned, several crows, a pair of Red-tailed Hawks and a couple of Bald Eagles were nesting, but not in peace. There are always some idlers, whose chief pleasure in life seems to be to kill, and such a band was noticed here, doing their best to exterminate the only birds of the kind found in the neighbourhood. Higher