

abortivus); butter-cup, (*Ranunculus acris*); white huckleberry, (*Actaea alba*); blue cohosh, long past its flowering stage; wild ginger; red osier dogwood; wild sarsaparilla, not yet in bloom, roots aromatic; we saw bushes of the wild gooseberry and wild black-currant, but the fruit was still too green to be edible. The Heath family was represented only by some few pyrolas.

After a delightful afternoon, and a refreshing drink of pure water, we returned to the city, and felt better fitted for our duties by this excursion with the Naturalists.

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RECORDS OF RARE BIRDS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

I take pleasure in recording the capture of three interesting birds. February 11th, 1905, at Argyle Shore, Prince Edward Island. An albino white-winged female crossbill was secured from a flock of about twenty properly colored birds of the same species, by a Mr. A. F. Calder, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The specimen is somewhat ashy-white about head and neck, gradually shading to white upon the tail and under parts. The white wing-bars are scarcely perceptible. The specimen is nicely preserved and is now in the possession of the writer.

Another rarity from P.E.I. is a little brown crane (*Grus Canadensis*) taken at Alexander. This bird was a young female, secured Sept. 22, 1905, and is now in museum of Colchester Academy, Truro, N. S. This is probably the only record of a bird of this species being taken east of Manitoba, except one secured in Greenland, as recorded by J. Macoun in his "Catalogue of Canadian Birds." Near Fredericton, N. B., a great gray owl (*Scotiaptex nebulosa*) was secured March 22, '06. This specimen was a beautiful female and measured twenty-six inches in length and an alar extent of sixty inches, yet its entire weight was only two pounds. The stomach and intestines were empty and the body was in an emaciated condition. The specimen is in the writer's collection.

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