

basis, but which it is hoped will be added to by future collectors. It is morally certain that several other species occur in the district, as fragments have been found which undoubtedly belong to species not here enumerated, but which do not afford sufficient data for positive identification. For example, fragments have been collected of the genera *Remopleurides*, *Cybele*, *Dalmanites*, *Pterygometopus* and *Iliaenus* which cannot at present be definitely referred to any of our previously known species.

HARRIS' SPARROW IN ONTARIO.

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This sparrow is absolutely unknown to almost all Ontarians, unless they have met it in the west. Because it belongs to the genus *Zonotrichia* one is inclined to feel that it should have white around the head, but it reverses this common character of the white-throat and the white-crown, and has, in full plumage, a large black patch on the throat, and some black on the top of the head. The remainder of the colouring is of the same general type as that of the eastern birds, but it is larger, measuring seven inches in length.

The only published record of this bird for Ontario occurs on page 7 of the "Mammals of Ontario," by Dr. Gerritt Miller, where he casually mentions the presence of *Zonotrichia querula* at Nepigon in September, 1896.

Another record south of Ontario is the mention of a specimen taken, and four or five others seen, near Columbus, Ohio, on April 28th, 1889, which occurs in the 5th edition of Davies' "Nests and Eggs," page 377.

In the west, we find it occurring more frequently, and Prof. Barrows writes me that the first Michigan specimen was taken at Palmer, Marquette Co., on Sept. 30th, 1894; the second at Battle Creek, Oct. 12th, 1894; the third at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Feb. 22nd, 1900.

At London, I have met this bird but once, and the occurrence stands as the only positive occurrence in eastern Ontario. On March 18th, 1907, while walking in from the country about 8 a.m., I heard what seemed to be a single long-drawn note of the white-throated sparrow, high pitched as usual, and as the date was very early for this bird, I stopped to investigate. Among a company of juncos and song sparrows, in a garden, was one large dull-coloured sparrow which I suspected of being the author of the note, and which I took at once to be a Harris. A request to the lady of the house brought forth a point blank