

Rare in Manitoba; in A. Calder's collection are two superb specimens of this northern form. They were taken recently at Winnipeg. It is recorded also from MacDonald, Duck Mountain, and Touchwood Hills.

123. **Snowy Owl, White Owl.** *Nyctea nyctea*. Common winter visitant, sometimes appearing in large numbers. Arrives October 1; departs April 15.
124. **American Hawk-owl.** *Surnia ulula caparoch*. Very abundant some years. Arrives late in September, and remains until April. May yet be found breeding in the extreme north of the Province.
125. **Burrowing Owl.** *Speotyto cunicularia hypogaea*. There is one of the species that have appeared in Manitoba recently. In the early eighties it was quite unknown.

In August, 1899, at the taxidermist shop of G. E. Atkinson, Portage la Prairie, I saw two Burrowing Owls that were taken by a farmer about four miles north-west of the town, on June 2, 1897. Two others were brought to the shop in May, 1899. The specimen in my collection (No. 2,594) is one of two taken at Morden by D. Nicholson, the taxidermist. He reports it rare, but regular and increasing. Two others were taken in 1902. E. W. Darbey tells me that it is becoming quite common along the Pipestone and on the slope of Riding Mountain.

In 1904 J. P. Turner found a nest eight miles north-west of Winnipeg. The species utilizes the burrows of the Richardson ground-squirrel for a nesting place.

126. **Black-billed Cuckoo.** *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*. A common summer resident in all the Alleghanian region, not yet recorded beyond that limit. Arrives late in May, departing at the end of August.