

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor OTTAWA NATURALIST :

DEAR SIR,—In the last issue of *The Auk* Rev. G. W. G. Eifrig notes a peculiar fact about the field sparrow. "That it is found in the fall migration in Ottawa but that apparently nothing is recorded of its summer home to the north nor of its spring migration." As bearing on this subject I might say that I found single specimens of this bird in song on August 31, 1905 and July 27, 1899, at Kazuabazua, on the blueberry barrens, and on August 7, 1899, I recorded two in song near Ottawa, but have no memo. of the exact locality. The fact of the bird being there in full song at midsummer is practically as good a proof of its summer residence as if the nest and eggs were actually found. There is a good deal of the country north of Ottawa where the original forest has been destroyed which has now been given up to blueberry and to sweet fern, and I should think it likely that the field sparrows would occur all through this country where these conditions obtain. Ottawa is by no means the only place which shows erratic distribution of this species. In London it is very common and equally so at Toronto but in Guelph there is not a single record, and I am not sure but that this condition applies to the whole of Wellington county in which Guelph is situated, yet the bird is found much further north in western Ontario. It does not seem that there is any lack of suitable ground in the Guelph region. A raspberry thicket on the edge of a field or hazel or thorn bushes in an half open woods are its usual habitat and these combinations occur all over the country.

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