

Thrasher, all singing beautifully, besides 2 Spotted Sandpipers, 1 Kingfisher, many Chimney Swifts, 1 Humming Bird, 4 Redeyed Vireos, 1 Killdeer, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 2 Nighthawks. Total, 41 species. In closing he exhibited a number of birds' eggs which had been collected by a young lady of Carp.

Mr. J. W. Gibson, of the Ottawa Normal School, and Mr. G. A. Moore, Principal of the Carp High School, briefly addressed the gathering.

Between some of the addresses, Mr. T. A. Brown and the Normal Students furnished some excellent music.

The evening after the rain, was indescribably lovely and must have brought a "suspension of disgust" to use a Bryonic phrase, to any world-weary individuals of the party, if such there were, and none could leave so restful a scene without regret.

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CROSSBILLS NESTING IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO.

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A nest of Crossbills, species unknown, was found last April by Mr. Harold J. Clark in a small woods about two miles east of London. On April 28th the nest was taken. It contained three eggs, with a bluish-white ground, sparingly streaked and spotted with black and brown. The nest was placed in a maple tree against the trunk, 45 feet from the ground, and was composed mainly of bark strips with additions of grasses and twigs and was lined with fine bark strips. The nest contained also, the egg of a Cow Bird which shows that the latter species does not intend to lose any opportunity for reproduction, this being a very early date for Cow Bird's eggs to be found.

This forms the first stated record of Crossbills nesting in lower Ontario and it is to be regretted that the nest was not seen *in situ* by someone who could have identified the species before the eggs were taken. It is likely, however, that the nest belonged to the American Crossbill, as no white wing-bars were noticed and this species has been moderately common during parts of the past winter.

Some years ago, I received a report of the occurrence of White Winged Crossbills in spotted plumage, young birds of course, which were taken near London, in April or May, and had doubtless been raised in the vicinity, but the specimens had been lost when I heard of it and no re-occurrence of the event had been suspected until the present year. As the Crossbills belong to the most erratic group of sparrows, as regards nesting habits, we need not be surprised if such occasional records are made.