

THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

BIRD NOTES.

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Spotted Sandpipers and Greater Yellow Shanks arrived April 17th. the latter in very limited numbers.

The White Rumped Shrike is common this season, building in suitable places west of the village.

May 15th, Scarlet Tanagers were very numerous, and the Summer Tanager (*Pisanga Rubra*), was seen in Vanorder's bush on the same date; one was also observed near this bush in 1895.

May 22nd, I found the Chipping Sparrow breeding more commonly in unfrequented woods than I have ever known it before.

The Field Sparrow (*Spizella Priseilla*), is with us again; its nest is generally placed in a low bush in an open field.

I have seen the Swamp Sparrow (*Melospiza Georgiana*), on two occasions, most likely it is breeding here.

The Upland Plover, Bartram's Sandpiper, (*Actiturus Bartramius*).

The Field Plover is becoming a regular summer resident, a few pairs returning to two islands to breed.

These birds are by no means numerous, and none are shot at the shooting stations about, as they seem to live entirely in the fields, rarely visiting the shore.

I found a nest containing three eggs, partly incubated, June 1st. When alarmed the birds flew over the pasture and lit on a fence near me.

The Rose breasted Grosbeak—*Habia Ludoviciana*—June 11th. I found the nest of this bird in a sapling near a swamp. It was built of black twigs, loosely and irregularly put together, lined with dark colored fibrous rootlets, and containing two young and one egg.

[Mr. Beaupre's note regarding the Upland Plover is of great interest to us. This bird is supposed to be almost unknown of late years in Ontario, and McIlwraith gives but one instance of these birds breeding here. I accompanied Mr. Beaupre to the locality where he said these birds had been seen, and were breeding, and was able to secure all the evidence necessary to identify the Plover, and confirm the statement. On this particular morning we saw five, and it was evident that several nests were in the locality, although we saw but one. Since that date Mr. Beaupre has seen as many as eight of these Plover in one place, and I came across a beautiful specimen sitting in a field near Odessa. This particular bird lit to a fence just as described in the note.

The observation regarding the Summer Bird being in this locality only bears out the statements submitted in the last number of the "Review."

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Mr. Jas. Kent, Miss M. H. Smart and Mr. Auber C. Secord, of Toronto, have visited Rockwood lately.