

long it had been there. It could not have been there long though, as the feathers and body looked quite fresh when found. He sent the bird to me, and I identified it as a Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*), and sent it to Professor A. B. Klugh, of Queen's University, who confirmed my identification.

The Yellow-breasted Chat has been recorded from Hamilton, Ont., by Mr. McIlwraith, and has been found to be a fairly common breeder at Point Pelee, Essex County, Ont., but its occurrence at Alma is, so far, our most northern record.

JOHN ALLAN, JUNIOR.

ALMA.

A Note.

It is well-known that the oaks in species and hybrids are richly represented along the southern shores of Lake Huron. Last October, when attending the West Lambton Teachers' Institute, I used the opportunity to do a little botanizing in the region referred to. One reward was the discovery of a Hill's Oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*, Hill). If this species has previously been reported in Canada I am not aware of the fact. The tree resembles the Pin Oak, but it is characterized by its acorns having deep cupules with perberulent ashy-brown bracts. I found also some patches of the Terebinthin Ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*, D.C.). I have seen this plant on the prairie, but never before in Ontario.

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Notes on the Winter Birds at Guelph, Ontario, in 1911--12.

THE following permanent residents are with us this winter:—
Ruffed Grouse, Screech Owl, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch, Chickadee and Golden-crowned Kinglet.

Snow Buntings are as common as usual; while Redpolls have