

Then, most move south in the second half of October, but some are seen in November, and even in December, as on the 27th in 1907, 1st in 1908, and one on January 10th, 1909.

151. *Icterus galbula*, Baltimore Oriole. A common migrant in spring, but rather rare as a breeder, at best only locally moderately common. They first arrive May 6th, increasing in numbers till the 15th, when they decrease again. They disappear unostentatiously in August, and often before. In 1886, one was seen as late as September 16th.

152. *Euphagus carolinus*, Rusty Blackbird. An abundant migrant, whose breeding range, however, begins with the northern limits of our district. On July 12th, 1905, the writer found, on the banks of a pond near Inlet, Que. (32 miles in a straight line from Ottawa), a pair with four recently fledged young. While small bands of this Grackle arrive in April (1st, 10th, 12th, 13th, 18th), the larger flocks come only in May. Their return journey southward brings them through here from September 25th to October 7th.

153. *Quiscalus quiscula æneus*, Bronzed Grackle; Blackbird. An abundant summer resident. They first arrive March 23rd, although in 1906 some were seen as early as March 2nd. Many take up quarters in gardens in the city, where there are large spruce trees, much to the detriment of other nearby nesting birds, the eggs and young of which they like to rob. Their own young are able to fly by May 31st. The last sombre flocks leave about November 1st.

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154. *Hesperiphona vespertina*, Evening Grosbeak. A rare, accidental winter visitor; may, however, become temporarily abundant. On March 12th, 1901, two were shot in Rideau Hall grounds. But, they emphatically established their claim to a place on our list by the long stay a flock made in and near the city from February 7th to May 15th, 1909, about which see THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, vol. XXII., p. 263.

155. *Pinicola enucleator leucura*, Pine Grosbeak. An irregularly abundant winter resident, that is, may be abundant one winter and nearly absent the next; may come early one season, late another. Extreme dates of stay: October 30th to April 21st. Lives on rowan and sumach berries, old apples, buds of maple, tamarack, etc. (See THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, vol. XXII, p. 263.)

156. *Carpodacus purpureus*, Purple Finch. An abundant migrant and wanderer, and common breeder. This species also shares the spirit of irregularity that characterizes a number of the truly Canadian birds. It usually arrives from the 1st of March