

PLEUROGNE FONTANA, A. Nels.

P. rotata, Macoun, Cat. Can. Pl. Vol. I, p. 325, in part.

Easily distinguished from *P. rotata* by its greater height, linear leaves, the lower of which are soon deciduous leaving the stem below almost naked. All our prairie specimens are this species. Very fine specimens 15 to 18 inches high were collected west of Battle River, Alta., in 1906, by Macoun and Herriot. Herb. No. 78,463.

PENSTEMON PRO CERUS, Dougl.

St. Lazare near Fort Ellice, Man., No. 78,446. (*Macoun & Herriot*). Not recorded from Manitoba.

VERONICA TOURNEFORTII, C. C. Gmel.

In waste places, Portage la Prairie, Man., No. 78,451. (*John Macoun*). Not recorded from west of Ontario.

NOTES ON WINTER BIRDS IN HOCHELAGA AND COMPTON COUNTIES.

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While at Robinson, Compton County, Que., during two weeks in the early part of December, 1909, I found birds fairly numerous, chiefly Woodpeckers, the unusual birds being two flocks of Goldfinches, one Pigeon Hawk and one Goshawk. The Goshawk, an immature bird, was brought to me alive, by a farmer who informed me that he had caught it in his barn in the act of devouring one of his fowl. He had been attracted there by the outcries of the other poultry.

Returning to Montreal I found a scarcity of birds beyond the ordinary. From the 15th of December, 1909, to the 6th of March, 1910, during weekly walks, I have noted only the following:—

Dec. 19, 1909—One Pigeon Hawk.

Jany. 1, 1910—Flock of 25 Snowbirds and a few Chickadees.

Jany. 2, 1910—One Pigeon Hawk.

Jany. 16, 1910—Flock of 25 Cedar Waxwings, mostly immature birds, feeding on Mountain Ash berries.

Jany. 30, 1910—One Pigeon Hawk.

Feby. 6, 1910—Flock of 15 Snowbirds.

March 3, 1910—One Crow.

March 5, 1910—Six Prairie Horned Larks in song; as they were paired they have probably been here a week; Fifteen Crows.