

OUR LOCAL ORNITHOLOGY.

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The first object of the Elora Natural History Society is, as its name implies, promotion of the study of the nature and habits of the flowers, the beasts, the fishes, and the birds found in this locality. Having this fact before me, and knowing that the field is not exhausted, and is really almost inexhaustible, I have determined in the present paper, and probably in one or two others to follow it, to attempt a rapid review of the Ornithology of Elora and its neighborhood. In doing this as succinctly as possible, without sacrificing clearness to

brevity, I shall avoid abstruse technicalities, although, it must be confessed, it would be difficult to thoroughly enter upon the study of Ornithology without a knowledge of the names and terms which have become the common property of naturalists the world over, and by an acquaintance with which the habits, classification and general characteristics of any new addition to the realms of science can be written down in a short-hand understandable by the students of every land. It is necessary however, to refer to the fact that orni-