

having a distinct yellowish ring close about the eye. It can be separated from the hermit by the colour of the tail, and from the Wilson by the tint of the back and by the eye ring. It is rather a rare bird in summer, breeding near here as far as known only in the Laurentian country to the north (it has been heard near Meach's Lake) but it may be quite common in the migrating flocks, but its quiet habits and rather indistinct characteristics tend to make it inconspicuous. It arrives in Ottawa about the third week of April. Its nest will be found in a tree or bush, six or eight feet from the ground, composed of rootlets leaves and moss and containing four to five eggs of a greenish blue colour, freckled with brown in which latter feature the eggs are distinct from those of the other thrushes on our list.—F. A. SAUNDERS,

WILSON'S THRUSH, *Turdus fuscescens*.—The tawny thrush or veery, as he is variously named, is nearly of the size of a blue-bird, of a uniform tawny colour above, including the tail, and white below, olive shaded on sides, with a strong fulvous tint on the breast; and sides of neck spotted with *small* dusky spots. This is perhaps our commonest thrush, arriving in our woods and swamps about the third week of April, and breeding in nearly all favourable localities about Ottawa. Its nest is on or near the ground and is composed of grass, leaves and rootlets, rather loosely put together, without the mud or clay that the wood-thrush and the robin use. The eggs are four or five in number and of a greenish blue colour, unspotted. The veery is readily distinguished from the hermit by the colour of the tail and by the small size of the spots on the breast, and from the wood-thrush by its smaller size, by the fulvous tint on the breast, and again by the spots. It is the thrush which one usually finds in summer in moist woods, and such swamps as the one between St. Louis Dam and the Rideau resound in the June evenings with its splendid song. It has a very characteristic