

proportion of these notes were furnished by Mr. Geo. R. White, who continues to do excellent and systematic field work.

During the spring, Mr. W. E. Saunders and Dr. J. Fletcher arranged with several observers in different parts of Canada and one in Michigan, to have them send in their notes to the ornithological editor of THE NATURALIST for compilation; the object being to have a table in which could be shown the comparative dates of arrival of birds in different parts of the country. This was done and the tables were published. Those who contributed notes were: Mr. Alex. Gow, Windsor, Ont.; Mr. W. E. Saunders, London, Ont.; Mr. J. Hughes Samuel, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. W. P. Mellville, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.; and Mr. L. McL. Terrill, Robinson Bury, P.Q., and Ottawa members. Unfortunately some of the observers were evidently not very regular in their observations, and the dates of arrivals of some birds may be misleading in some cases. It has not yet been decided whether this co-operative work will be carried on again this year or not.

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EDIBLE FUNGI.—The dry weather previous to the last week was not favorable to fungi growth and before the end of September few edible fungi of any kind could be procured. The true mushroom, *Agaricus campestris*, is not yet very abundant, and *Coprinus comatus*, usually so plentiful in many places about Ottawa, is seldom met with. The only species which can be collected in large quantities at the present time is *Marasmius oreades*. The golf links and the lawns at the Experimental Farm are the best places to look for this delicious fungus. At both places the dark-colored rings that denote its presence can be seen at many yards distance. Broiled or fried with butter its flavour is more delicate than that of the common mushroom.

Oct. 4th.

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