

district at the same season; as stated, they were most common at Ottawa in April, whereas in this district they were seen in enormous flocks early in March. They frequented orchards and meadows overgrown with weeds. I examined the crop of one and found it to be filled largely with the seeds of *Amaranthus* sp.

Meadow-larks are not in this district strictly migratory; a few individuals are to be seen during the winter frequenting stock yards and other sheltered spots. In the winter of 1908-09, during the colder periods, I found seven of these birds frozen to death in a barley stack.

Another bird that was more than usually abundant was the Bohemian Waxwing. These birds were to be seen in large flocks during the winter. They move rapidly from spot to spot, producing a loud whirring sound with their wings, each bird taking flight at the same instant and alighting with the same wonderful precision. They are attracted to the berries of the Mountain Ash, descending in clouds upon the trees and removing every berry. They then descend to the ground and pick up what has been shaken down.

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BIRDS OF ALBERTA.—In the October number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, appears a list of birds of central Alberta, by Mr. S. S. Stansell, and in the contemporary number of the Auk, there is a similar list with more complete notes, by the same writer. Neither of these two lists agree with my experience in those districts, nor do they agree with each other, and I would suggest a revision of the remarks made in regard to the following species:—

American Golden-Eye, "Very rare." In the Auk this is stated to be quite common, which it doubtless is in the migrations and probably breeds in some numbers.

Rusty Blackbird, "Most common Blackbird." In the Auk it is stated that this species is outnumbered by Brewer's Blackbird and this is doubtless true, although both of them should be fairly numerous.

White-winged Crossbill, "Common breeder." In the Auk this species is marked "Once seen." Doubtless this bird is considerably irregular in the West, as in the East, and it is altogether probable that it may breed in that territory.

Evening Grosbeak, "Quite common breeder." Stated in the Auk to be quite rare. The latter remark is probably correct.

Gray-crowned Leucosticte, "Abundant winter visitor." Stated in the Auk to be quite rare. This is probably an irregular species whose numbers will vary in different seasons.

Nelson's Sparrow, "Once seen." The note in the Auk reads,