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"tseè-leêp" repeated at rather long intervals and without any musical tone whatever. A subsequent visit disclosed the author of these notes to be the male, of which several were heard and one secured on June 12th.

Near Sarnia there has been a small colony of Short-billed Marsh Wrens, and on July 2nd I had from 4 to 7.30 a.m. in which to visit them. Unfortunately their grounds have been ploughed and set in timothy, but what was my surprise to catch the note of the Henslow's Sparrow, here also. The place was thoroughly hunted, and but two males were secured. The females were doubtless on the nests and were not seen.

At both places, the habits of these birds combined in every way to make them exceedingly inconspicuous and the easiest of all birds to pass by. Their song, if it may be called such, has been described, and no more of it was heard; the chirp is a weak sparrow-chirp. The bird is small and not very confiding, seldom alights higher than three feet from the ground, on a weed-stalk, and when on the ground is usually invisible. What wonder then, that he has been missed? Nevertheless, after finding it so far apart—nearly 40 miles—I doubt if there are many suitable localities in the western counties where it is not found.

The Dickcissel and the Orchard Oriole breed commonly there each year; the Yellow-breasted Chat and Cardinal Redbird, are to be found by the earnest searcher and the Lark Finch occurs not infrequently; while at London, only 75 miles east, these birds are only casual, if found at all.