

The following birds, not yet on the Club list, we think might reasonably be expected to occur here. Our readers should therefore be on the alert and endeavour to add them to the list during the present year :

*Falco peregrinus anatum*—Duck Hawk—Follows the migration of water-fowl, and should be looked for in spring and fall. Rev. Mr. Young reports having seen it in Renfrew Country.

*Megascops Asio*—Screech Owl—Should be found in barns in the country in winter.

*Calcarius Laponicus*—Lapland Longspur—Said to accompany the flocks of snow-flakes—*Plectrophenax nivalis*—seen here at the beginning and end of winter.

In conclusion, the leaders think that they may fairly congratulate the Club on the character of the work done in this branch during the year. At the same time they would direct the attention of the members to the great importance of having carried on by as many as possible of them during the coming summer a series of careful observations on the migration, food, breeding and other habits of the birds of this locality.

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Leaders.

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## REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH FOR 1888-9.

During the past season the amount of work done in this section has been decidedly less satisfactory than in recent years.

The number of additions to the list, too, is smaller than in any previous year. The leaders, however, do not feel discouraged, and hope next year by extra efforts to stir up more enthusiasm amongst the younger members. The local flora now being published in the OTTAWA NATURALIST will be a great help to students, and the leaders trust that the members will organize early in the spring and make an effort to increase considerably the list of plants now recorded from this locality. Special mention, however, must be made of the work done by Mr.