

Wood Duck—*Aix sponsa* (Linn)

A pair were observed by Mr. White near Duck Island on the 26th

Cooper's Hawk—*Accipiter Cooperi* (Bonap)

A male was seen by Mr. White on the 27th.

Tree Sparrow—*Spizella monticola* (Gmel)

Seen by Mr. Macoun at the Experimental Farm on the 28th.

Wood Pewee—*Contopus virens* (Linn.)

Seen by Dr. Fletcher on the 28th.

Phoebe—*Sayornis Phoebe* (Lath.)

Seen by Miss Harmer on the 29th.

Mr. W. E. Saunders, London, Ont, in a letter to Dr. Fletcher gives the following dates on which he first recorded the arrival of some of the birds at London. These are very interesting for comparison with our Ottawa dates :

Robin, 8th of March ; Meadow Lark, 9th ; Bluebird, 9th ; Killdeer Plover, 10th ; Bronzed Grackle, 10th ; Song Sparrow, 10th ; Red-winged Blackbird, 10th ; Tree Sparrow 10th ; Red-tailed Hawk, 11th ; Junco, 11th ; Flicker, 17th ; Kingfisher, 18th,

Mr. Saunders says :— "Birds are not exceptionally early here. this spring ; but just about the average or even a little late. Flowers however are early. Snowdrops were in bloom a week ago, Crocuses and Eranthis about 17th, Erigenia in my garden on 19th.

With regard to the dates of arrival of the birds, doubtless most of those noted on 10th, could have been seen a day or two previously. I have often noted that my own opportunity, rather than the presence of the birds marks their recorded arrival here. To obtain really reliable records of arrivals, one should have begun for this year on March 5th, and each day walked 10 or 20 miles along the railroad. He would then be prepared to hear the birds if they were here. As it is, one chances to hear a Bluebird on March 9th, and records it as the first, whereas if he had been walking a few miles away on the 7th, he might have seen a little company of them."