

## BIRDS NEW TO ONTARIO.

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The following list of birds comprises those new to Ontario which have been taken in the Western Peninsula since the issuance of McIlwraith's revised work. Some of the notes here given have been already published in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST and Macoun's Catalogue of Canadian Birds, but some of this material is new and it has not previously been brought together.

CAROLINA WREN (*Tryothorus ludovicianus*). The first one was shot by Montague Smith in Forest in February, 1891, after having been observed in the village for nearly a month. No more were reported for Ontario until this year when Mr. O. J. Stevenson, St. Thomas, found one in the Elgin ravine in that city, where it lived from some time in the winter, until September at least, and may be there yet. It was not ascertained whether the bird had a mate or spent the summer alone, but the observers there suspect that a brood was raised. I went to see this bird on April 25th, 1905, and spent half an hour watching him. He had a fine, clear whistle in thirds, which he repeated rapidly four times as a rule. After singing for two or three minutes he would betake himself to trees, shrubs or brush on the ground and feed for a while before again mounting to one of the high locations from which he sang.

In a study of the fauna of Pelee Point and vicinity in September, 1905, by a group of ornithologists, Mr. A. B. Klugh, Guelph, found a brood of this species and took at least one of the fledglings, and Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio, found others at the same time on Pelee Island. Details of this work have appeared in *The Auk*.

CLAY-SPARROW (*Spizella pusilla*). A specimen was found by myself on May 9, 1894, fifteen miles west of London and taken. The record was published in volume 1. Biological Review of Ontario.

KENTUCKY WARBLER (*Geothlypis formosa*). The record previously published of a specimen taken by Robt. Elliott near Bryanston, on May 16, 1898, is the only Canadian one to date. The bird is a male in high plumage.

HENSLOW'S SPARROW (*Ammodramus Henslowii*). On May