

NOTES ON BIRDS.

SPRING MIGRANTS.

In this report on the spring migrants only a few of the earlier, and more important species have been named. Through want of data, for the latter part of May, from some stations, the names of several species have been withheld for the time. We hope to be in a position to report on these later.

The tabulation is made by counties, those of New Brunswick coming first. The date following the name of a place indicates the time the bird was first seen; and when followed by a dash and another date, the last indicates the time of becoming common.

ROBIN.—Charlotte Co., (Big Duck Island) March 27 to April 8, (Lynnfield) March 27 to April 14; St. John Co., March 27 to April 6; Queens Co., April 7-18; Sunbury Co., April 5-7; Victoria Co., April 17; Westmorland Co., (Shediac) March 26 to April 8, (Moncton) April 4-11; Kent Co., (Richibucto) April 6-11, (McNairn) April 7; Hants Co., March 21-26; Kings Co., March 21 to April 7; Yarmouth Co., April 2-5; Shelburne Co., March 29 to April 6; Queens Co., March 21 to April 5; Guysboro Co., April 3-15; Antigonish Co., March 24 to April 7; Pictou Co., March 16.

SLATE-COLORED JUNCO.—Charlotte Co., March 26 to April 6, March 28 to April 7; Queens Co., April 8-13; Sunbury Co., April 10-14; Westmorland Co., (Shediac) April 5-12; Kent Co., April 6-15; Hants Co., April 2; Kings Co., April 5-10; Yarmouth Co., March 28; Queens Co., March 18 to April 5; Guysboro Co., April 8-14; Antigonish Co., March 24 to April 7; Pictou Co., April 9.

FOX SPARROW.—Charlotte Co., March 27; Hants Co. April 6; Kings Co., April 2-7; Queens Co., April 18 (several at Milton); Guysboro Co., April 17-22; Antigonish Co., April 13-14; Pictou Co., April 12-13.

SONG SPARROW.—Charlotte Co., March 26 to April 6; Queens Co., April 12-18; Sunbury Co., April 13; Carleton Co., April 23 to May 10; Westmorland Co., April 11; Kings Co., April 6-15; Hants Co., April 1; Kings Co., March 30 to April 5; Yarmouth Co., March 28 to April 5; Guysboro Co., April 5-15; Antigonish Co., April 4-7; Pictou Co., April 5.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW.—Charlotte Co., March 31 to April 18; St. John Co., March 26 to April 12; Sunbury Co., April 4-14; Westmorland Co., April 20; Kent Co., May 12-17; Hants Co., April 29; Kings Co., May 8-13; Shelburne Co., May 8-9; Queens Co., May 4.

NORTHERN FLICKER.—Kent Co., April 27 (a flock); Hants Co., April 12; Kings Co., April 24-28; Queens Co., April 19; Antigonish Co., April 20-28.

BELTED KINGFISHER.—Queens Co., April 26; Sunbury Co., April 20; Kent Co., April 20; Hants Co., April 12; Queens Co., May 7-10; Guysboro Co., April 7; Antigonish Co., April 30.

MYRTLE WARBLER.—Queens Co., May 10; Kent Co., May 8-12; Hants Co., May 16; Kings Co., April 24; Yarmouth

Co., April 24; Queens Co., May 5; Antigonish Co., April 21.

BRONZED GRACKLE.—St. John Co., April 12-15; Queens Co., April 4-12; Sunbury Co., March 27 to April 8; Victoria Co., April 16; Westmorland Co., April 4-12; Kings Co., April 4-10; Queens Co., March 25 to April 4; Guysboro Co., April 18; Antigonish Co., April 7-12.

RUSTY BLACKBIRD.—Charlotte Co., March 31 to April 11; Yarmouth Co., April 6; Antigonish Co., April 8-11.

SAVANNAH SPARROW.—Kent Co., April 12; Hants Co., April 28; Kings Co., April 26; Yarmouth Co., April 18-25; Antigonish Co., April 26.

CHIPPING SPARROW.—Charlotte Co., April 1-16; Carleton Co., April 26 to May 18; Kent Co., April 12-18; Kings Co., May 8; Queens Co., May 3-4.

VESPER SPARROW.—Queens Co., April 22-30; Sunbury Co., April 8; Carleton Co., April 28 to May 11; Kent Co., April 29; Antigonish Co., April 28.

PURPLE FINCH.—Kent Co., May 11-16; Hants Co., May 15; Queens Co., April 2.

GOLDFINCH.—Kent Co., May 9-17; Queens Co., (resident throughout the year).

YELLOW WARBLER.—Kent Co., May 20-21; Kings Co., May 16-19; Shelburne Co., May 18-20; Queens Co., May 12.

BOBOLINK.—Queens Co., May 23; Hants Co., May 19; Kings Co., May 18.

LEAST FLYCATCHER (CHEBEC).—Hants Co., May 19; Kings Co., May 15; Queens Co., May 17.

The reports sent to me in some instances were not clear enough to admit of tabulation, e.g., such popular class names as "Blackbirds," "Swallows," etc., were reported, so it was quite impossible to designate the particular species the reporter had in mind. More care should be exercised in this particular. Three species are usually included under the popular name "Blackbirds,"—the Rusty B., the Red-Winged B., and the Bronzed Grackle. The Purple G., is not found in our provinces, but is found farther south; what we often erroneously call the Purple G., is in reality the Bronzed G. The Red-Winged B., is not widely distributed; it seems to be confined chiefly to southern New Brunswick. The distribution of the Purple Martin also presents some peculiarities. It is very seldom seen at Wolfville, in the northern part of the Annapolis Valley, while at Windsor, twenty miles away, it is a common summer resident. It is reported from Sunbury, April 13 and 19; Kent, April 26 to May 5; Windsor, N. S., May 25 (date of becoming common).

The Bluebird also seems to be local in its distribution. But one station reported it,—Sunbury, March 24 and April 19. Information regarding the movements, nesting, etc., of any of these birds will be much appreciated.

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