

limits (Hunter). North to Lake Winnipeg (Ridgway). Oak Point: 1885, first seen, one, on May 24; next seen May 25; is common and breeds here (Small). Portage la Prairie: Scarce; summer resident; a few pairs seen each summer; near Winnipeg quite common (Nash). Carberry: One record, a female with nest and eggs taken in the south sand hills by my brother, Dr. A. S. Thompson, June 8, 1886 (Thompson). In Minnesota: Abundant; breeds (Trippe).

May, 1884, Portage la Prairie: I have a single observation by Mr. C. W. Nash, which records the arrival of about forty bluebirds at this place at this time. They arrived in the gray dawn. Afterwards, in the day light, a second flock descended from the upper air and joined the first. Both flocks were of both sexes. One inference from this is that the spring migration is performed at night. In the fall the flocks are often to be seen flying by day, at a considerable elevation, while from time may be heard their warbling note, which, though it sounded so cheery in the springtime, now seems but a melancholy reminder that the time of the singing of the birds is past.

A recent arrival, but which seems likely to become abundant as it is increasing fast. The first I ever saw arrived in a small flock just at daylight, May 29, 1884. They hovered about for a time and then pitched down near my garden at Portage la Prairie. As this place is fortunately not infested with those pests, the bird collectors, they remained, and two pairs bred near me. These successfully carried off their broods.

May 22, 1885, more of them arrived and bred in the town.

May 3, 1886, quite a large flock arrived and spread themselves all over the place.

Near Winnipeg they are also now quite common, but I can not say when they first appeared there. I saw none in that district previous to 1885.

They depart early in October, my latest record being of October 3 (Nash, in MSS.)

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