

in layers of varying thickness. Some of these layers illustrate "false bedding;" the layers being composed of a number of laminae lying at a steep angle, while the main beds are horizontal. It was pointed out that the tilted layers were probably laid down on a sloping bank by a swift current, and that this was followed by a period of still water, when the horizontal bed was deposited on top. It is interesting to note that this sand contains marine shells, indicating that an arm of the sea invaded this area when it was deposited. Attention was directed to the cut terraces surrounding the lake, and also to the gully cut by the present outlet, which has reduced the water to its present level.

After Mr. Wilson's interesting and instructive talk, Mr. Kingston gave a short account of his afternoon's observations in ornithology. The following is a list of the birds that had been noted:—

Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Kingbird, Wood Pewee, Crested Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Red-winged Blackbird, Cowbird (female), Meadow Lark, Baltimore Oriole, Goldfinch, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bank Swallow (nesting), Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, American Redstart, Maryland Yellow-throat, Oven Bird, Wilson Thrush.

Several interesting points were brought out concerning the different birds, particular mention being made of the Cowbird, and her lazy habit of depositing her eggs in the nests of smaller birds. A last year's nest of a Red-winged Blackbird was found by one of the party and handed around for inspection. Notices having been given out about the excursion to Macdonald College, etc., the party started for home, everyone feeling, I am sure, that the afternoon had been spent to some purpose, and that a great deal of knowledge had been acquired in a very delightful way.

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##### HOW TO DEAL WITH THE FLY NUISANCE.

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A circular giving concise directions as to the method of ridding houses, public places, etc., of the dangerous house-fly has recently been issued by the Division of Entomology, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. This is most timely, and all who read this note should apply to the Division for a copy.