

- 18—CHIPPING SPARROW, *Spizella socialis*. Mr. White.  
18—RUSTY BLACKBIRD, *Scolecophagus carolinus*. Mr. White.  
23—BELTED KINGFISHER, *Ceryle alcyon*. Mr. White.  
23—GREAT NORTHERN SHRIKE, *Lanis borealis*. Dr. Fletcher.

The following notes taken near London, Ont., and sent by Mr. William Saunders of that city for publication in THE NATURALIST are interesting for comparison.

Robin, Junco, March 11th; Meadowlark, March 12th; Bluebird, March 13th; Tree Sparrow, Brown Creeper and Golden Eye, March 17th; Song Sparrow, March 18th; Red-shouldered Hawk, March 20th; Red-winged Blackbird, Bronzed Grackle, Kildeer, Golden-crested Kinglet, Sparrow Hawk, March 23rd, Red-tailed Hawk, Bufflehead, March 25th; Cowbird, March 27th; Hooded Merganser, March 29th; Phoebe, Yellow-billed Sapsucker, April 3rd; Marsh Hawk, Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Canada Goose, Cooper's Hawk, Mallard, April 5th; White-rumped Shrike, April 7th; Vesper Sparrow, April 8th; Towhee, April 9th; Belted Kingfisher, Mourning Dove, April 13th; Chipping Sparrow, April 16th; Flicker, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, April 19th.

Departure for the north from London, Ont.: Snowflake, March 21st; Red Poll, April 5th.—W. E. S.

#### EARLY NESTING OF PRAIRIE HORNED LARK.

Prairie Horned Lark (*Otocoris alpestris praticola*). A nest with four eggs, already slightly incubated, was found by Mr. C. H. Young at Hurdman's Bridge on April 11th. The earliness of this date this season is remarkable, the ground being still in many places covered with snow, and up to the present we have had very few days which even by the greatest stretch of politeness might be called "spring-like." The location of the nest for this species was no less remarkable than the early date of its construction. It was on the ground between the ends of two ties on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and was passed over by several trains every day and night.—J. F.