

March ; 1895, 3rd of April ; 1896, 10th of April ; 1897, 18th of March, which is the earliest date recorded this year, although heard by Mr. H. S. Marsh, Experimental Farm on the 17th of March, but it was not seen there until 22nd March, and by the 24th Dr. Fletcher reports it as abundant.

ROBIN.—The robin was observed by Miss Harmer, Mr. Lees, Mr. Small, and Dr. Fletcher on the 22nd of March ; the latter says that Mr. T. J. McLaughlin told him he heard one on the 21st of March.

PURPLE GRACKLE.—The earliest date is that given by Mr. White. He observed three males on the 22nd of March and females on the 29th of March. It was seen by Mr. Lees on the 23rd of March and by Dr. Fletcher on the 24th of March.

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD.—Seen by Miss Harmer on 23rd of March, and by Dr. Fletcher on the 24th of March. Other records are some days later.

JUNCO.—First date recorded is by Dr. Fletcher on 23rd of March.

WHITE-BELLIED SWALLOW.—Both Mr. White and Mr. Small record the arrival of this bird on the 28th of March. Five were seen by Mr. White. On the 29th, Mr. Young saw a flock near Hurdman's Bridge.

VESPER SPARROW.—One specimen of this bird was seen by Dr. Fletcher at the Experimental Farm on the 23rd of March, but was not seen again until April.

WILD GOOSE.—Two large flocks were seen by Mr. White passing over the city on the 31st of March. It was observed by Miss Harmer on the 1st of April.

EVENING GROSBEAK.—The visit of Mr. G. Muirhead, F.R.S.E., F.Z.S., to Rideau Hall, will be remembered by all lovers of birds. While hunting for birds near Rideau Hall on the morning of the 30th of March he had the good fortune to shoot two female specimens of the rare and beautiful evening grosbeak, never before recorded at Ottawa, and but very seldom in any other part of Ontario. The usual range of this bird is "Pacific coast to Rocky Mountains ; Northern America east to Lake Superior." Mr. Muirhead is the author of "Birds of Berwickshire," a large work in two volumes in which are given the descriptions, habits, arrivals and departures of all birds known to occur as residents, migrants, or casuals.

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