

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 1892.
To the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Leaders in Ornithology in presenting their report for the year 1892 have to regret that in the section of the work under their oversight there has not been so much activity shown as in some former years. But four observers have reported, and the total number of species recorded reached only 118. None of these were new to the list but a number of previously doubtful records have been corroborated.

The department of "Editorial Notes" in the Naturalist has contained from month to month items in connection with bird-life deemed of sufficient interest for publication, and these need not be recounted here. In addition to these the following records are worthy of notice :—

Field sparrow, *Spizella pusilla*, 2nd July, about 4 miles south-east of King's Mountain; in full song and evidently breeding, though nest not found (F. A. Saunders).

Tree sparrow, *S. monticola*, 8th January, on the "mine road" north of Hull (F. A. Saunders). This species, common enough in the season of migration has never before been known to winter with us; indeed there is said to be but one previous record of its appearance during winter anywhere north of latitude 44° (Cooke's Bird Migration Miss. Valley).

Wood thrush, *Turdus mustelinus*, 26th May, near McKay's Lake (A. G. Kingston), and 29th June on King's Mountain (F. A. Saunders).

Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila cerulea*. Previous to this year there has been but one record of this little bird for this locality—about 12 years ago. This year it is reported twice, once on 26th May by Mr. Kingston and again on 10th July by Miss Gertrude Harmer. No specimen was secured, however, and at most the visits of this resident of the Alleghanian district to our neighborhood must be regarded as merely casual.

Common tern, *Sterna hirundo*, 11th August near Brockville (Miss Harmer). Though somewhat beyond our limits, the appearance of a flock of these birds at a point so far from the sea and the great lakes is worthy of note.

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