

throated Sparrow, 2; Myrtle Warb' : Long-billed Marsh Wren, 1; Olive-backed Thrush, 1.

The stomachs of four specimens examined contained pellets of feathers and bird bones. Numerous pellets picked up on the beach were also examined and found to consist of feathers and bird bones.

Following are the dates on which the owls were seen:—September 28th, 6 seen; October 2nd, 9 seen; October 3rd, 20 seen; October 6th, 2 seen; October 16th, 3 seen; October 24th, 4 seen; October 25th, 1 seen. J. A. MUNRO, Toronto.

PHALAROPES IN WESTERN ONTARIO.—These birds are sufficiently rare to make almost every occurrence worth recording. My collection contains only three skins from this part of the country, and it happens that these three are each of different species.

My Wilson's is the old one recorded in Macoun's catalogue, and I had no chance to add other Ontario specimens until the fall of 1906 when a friend at Rondeau sent me on October 10th a Northern Phalarope. This was followed on the 20th by a Red Phalarope, both in the juvenal plumage. This was a first record of either species for that district, although I have no doubt of their being there with as much regularity as can be expected from such stragglers from the north and west.

The Red Phalarope is a common breeder among the Arctic Islands of Northern Canada, but its migrations do not bring it this way, but take it out to sea.

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BRUNNICH MURRE, *Uria lomvia*.—One male bird was found in a dying condition in the snow, in the early part of December, 1908, near the village of Heaspeler, New Ontario, which is near the upper end of Lake Temiskaming, and sent by the one who found it, Mr. Levi Smith, to the undersigned to be mounted. It was a fine specimen; the stomach was quite empty. The bird had the appearance of having died from starvation.

On December 21st, 1894, I shot a Brunnich's Murre on the river at my place three miles below Port Sydney. The river is known as the north-east branch of the Muskoka River. It had been frozen over, but owing to a few mild days it had opened up down the centre, leaving a strip of ice along the shore about thirty feet wide. The Murre was sitting on the outer edge of this strip of ice when I shot it. On skinning it I found it to be in a very emaciated condition. This was the first Brunnich's Murre that I ever saw or heard of in these parts.

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