

similar places. On April 11th, 1901, a female was found dead in a yard in New Edinburgh, having a fully developed egg in the ovary. Other dates: October 16th, 1906; January 20th, 1907.

114. *Otus asio*, Screech Owl. This useful little owl has of late years put in an appearance here, and is now a moderately common resident, apparently becoming more numerous. Both the gray and brown forms are seen, the former predominating. On December 8th, 1908, a brown one flew into the kitchen of Dr. Saunders' residence on the Experimental Farm. They are more in evidence in winter than in summer, as they then seem to move into the city to live on the English Sparrow.

115. *Bubo virginianus*, Great Horned Owl. A moderately common resident of the large woods of the district. At High Falls I once saw two in one tree. For an account of one from Inlet, Quebec, which must have had an encounter with a porcupine, see the Auk, vol. XXVI., p. 58.

116. *Nyctea nyctea*, Snowy Owl. This large northern owl is usually a rare accidental winter visitor, but occasionally a big flight comes through, as several years ago, when the local taxidermist received about three hundred. Also, in November, 1906, and December, 1907 and 1908 he got several from the Gatineau valley, one being from Farrellton.

117. *Surnia ulula caparoch*, Hawk Owl. Another rare accidental winter visitor from the far north. Dates are: October 9th, 1906, one shot in Beechwood; November, 1906, one taken in Graham's bush, Ottawa East; January 20th, 1907; April 5th, and May 8th, 1908, on which dates Mr. E. Bedard shot several at the Rifle Range. Perhaps they are commoner and stay longer than usually supposed.

#### ORDER COCCYGES—CUCKOOS.

##### CUCULIDÆ—CUCKOOS, ANIS, ETC.

118. *Coccyzus americanus*, Yellow-billed Cuckoo. A rare summer resident, arriving late in May. It may be found in bushy woods, vine-covered trees, etc., as at Blueberry Point and along the Base-line road, east of the Catholic cemetery on the Montreal road.

119. *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*, Black-billed Cuckoo. A moderately common summer resident, locally even common; in 1909 it was more numerous than ever before. It is found in similar localities as the Yellow-billed, also in orchards. On September 7th, 1908, a dead one was found in Beechwood; most of these birds are gone, however, long before that time.

##### ALCEDINIDÆ—KINGFISHERS.

120. *Ceryle alcyon*, Belted Kingfisher. A common summer