

HOARY REDPOLL. *Acanthis hornmannii exilipes*.

This species has been taken at Peticodiac, in eastern New Brunswick, and is considered very rare.

COMMON REDPOLL. *Acanthis linaria*.

These birds are so erratic in their wanderings that one winter they may be abundant, next winter none, or come in autumn, pass on and not be seen here again until the following winter. Their favorite food is the fruits of the yellow birch and black alder. Weed and grass seeds are also eaten extensively. The writer has watched redpolls feeding upon seeds put out for them. They would feed for seven hours daily, and at the rate of fifty seeds per hour. This species should surely be befriended by the "Man with the hoe."

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH. *Spinus tristis*.

During the winter of 1900-1 goldfinches were observed here, February 15th, a very unusual occurrence, the usual time of arrival being in May. The greatest surprise came two years later when this species stayed all winter. The males were about the same color as the female's summer plumage, being entirely unlike the bright yellow plumage they wear in summer. The crown lacks the black cap, being the same color as the back. By the first of April the color of the plumage began to change. A few black feathers began to come in the crown and the body feathers began to show some yellow. By the middle of May nearly all were changed to the garb of summer. They fed throughout the winter upon the fruits of the yellow birch and cedar or arbor-vitæ.

PINE FINCH. *Spinus pinus*.

This species, like the redpoll, is so erratic in its movements that one never knows whether or not it will occur during the winter season, yet it is during the winter that we are most sure of its presence. They, like the goldfinch, feed upon the fruits of the yellow birch and arbor-vitæ. When occasion demands they are pugnacious mites, as when at the salt-lick they would drive the crossbills away. The yellow of the plumage is much more bright in spring than in autumn. When the male is paying his respects to the female of his choice, he displays his colors to good advantage.