

singly, and in companies of two and three, at several points between South Stukely and Montreal. December 29th, commonly noted throughout the day at Ahuntsic, a few miles from Montreal. Though there was a considerable flock in this locality, I have not seen them elsewhere near the city. Probably the many fields of uncut corn, fringed with woods in the background, offered the best food and shelter. Following their tracks near the woods I came across several places where the Crows had uncovered the two or three inches of snow from clusters of Sumac seed (probably *Rhus glabra*). The same tracks led me into a second-growth thicket where a greater depth of snow had been removed from other piles of sumac debris. Apparently it was not chance that led the birds to the dozen or more isolated clusters of seed. As a parallel instance, I have seen piles of potato parings and other refuse, in ditches by railway tracks, exposed in hollows in the snow at a depth of six inches. Have crows a well-developed sense of smell? On the other hand the abundance of fruit panicles adhering to sumac shrubs seem to be untouched by the Crow, though I have seen Robins, in late fall, feeding on them, and Grouse and Pine Grosbeaks, during the winter.

BLUE JAY, *Cyanocitta cristata cristata*.—December 13th, one heard at Bury; apparently unusually scarce; at least very seclusive.

NORTHERN Hairy Woodpecker, *Dryobates villosus leucomelas*.—Noted daily at Bury during my stay in the locality from December 9th to December 17th inclusive. December 15th, Bury; watching one at work 30 feet from the ground, was surprised to see it fall, an inert bundle, to pick up its fallen prey from the snow. Occasionally noted at Montreal to date.

Downy Woodpecker, *Dryobates pubescens medianus*.—About as numerous as *villosus*.

ARCTIC THREE-TOED WOODPECKER, *Picoides arcticus*.—First seen near Montreal on October 6th. Last noticed December 1st (3 birds).

NORTHERN PILEATED WOODPECKER, *Phloxotemus pileatus abieticola*.—Bury; seen or heard daily from December 9th to 17th. Their cackling calls were usually heard during or preceding mild weather. Several times saw their tracks in the snow encircling the bases of trees. A common permanent resident in this district.

PINE GROSBEEK, *Pinicola enucleator leucura*.—First seen at Montreal, December 1st. Fairly common to present date.