

24. Coll. October 19, 1893, male; stomach full; broken buds of witch hazel, seeds of *Cynoglossum officinale*, fragments of beetles and a few pieces of hard, dark clay and white sand.

25. Coll. 19, 1893, female; stomach full; a mass of crushed buds and seeds indiscernible, a small piece of seed of *Betula papyracea*, elytra, part of thorax and other fragments of a small beetle, probably a *Carab*, a quantity of coarse black gravel, and a few particles of clay.

26. Coll. October 19, 1893, female; stomach moderately full; a mass of seeds and buds, and one egg of an ant or Dipterous insect, a few pieces of wood and a small quantity of sharp sand.

The habitat is given as Eastern North America, west to the plains and north to Alaska, breeds north of United States. Mr. Thompson mentions the bird as breeding on Duck Mountain, in Western Manitoba, and Mr. Nelson says they breed abundantly in the alder thickets on the hillsides and ravines of Norton Sound, in Alaska, and Dr. Coues says the nest has never been taken in the United States, and Mr. McIlwraith says they have not been found breeding in Ontario, and mentions it as a rare migrant in the vicinity of Hamilton, and, according to Mr. Saunders, of London, and Mr. James Goldie, of Guelph, the birds are rare in these localities during fall migrations, and none mention them as occurring in the spring. Again, Anderson found it breeding in Labrador, and they are known to be summer residents of Newfoundland. So the only conclusion than can be drawn from the above facts is that the birds must have been passed over a great many times while in company with other sparrows, or a few specimens have taken a new road of migration, which has become very popular during the past six years, and although I have decided to collect no more specimens for some time to come, I shall always look for the birds with the same interest, and it is to be hoped that other collectors in different localities will search closer for them and see if the birds are not really more numerous than they are supposed to be.

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