

noting down the earliest date on which any bird is seen in the spring, and transmitting these notes to the leaders at the close of the season. Notes of the latest dates, on which the birds are seen, in the autumn, are also of great value.

The leaders cannot close this report without calling attention to a great event in the history of Ornithology, which took place during the past season. Last September, a number of the ablest Ornithologists on the continent held a meeting in New York City, and founded the "American Ornithologists' Union." The formation of such a society was the one thing necessary to ensure the rapid and systematic development of American Ornithology. Should any of the members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club be desirous of bringing any notes, or other communications, before the notice of the Union, they may do so through the medium of either Professor Macoun or Mr. W. L. Scott, both of those gentlemen having been elected associate members of that body.

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