

certain kinds of food. A small flock of Pine grosbeaks (*Pinicola enucleator*) was seen by Mrs. Ridley of Vittoria St., on the 21st of December; another flock was seen by Dr. Fletcher on Argyle Avenue on 2nd of January, and small flocks, by Mr. Geo. R. White on the 6th, 9th and 13th. A female was seen by Mr. W. T. Macoun on 2nd of February, which is the last date recorded. No Cedar-birds or Bohemian wax-wings have been seen this winter, but crows and snow-birds have been noticed every month, of the latter Mr. H. S. Marsh saw a large flock on the Ottawa river on the 27th of February, and Mr. G. R. White noted the arrival of the spring migration of crows on the 6th of March.

The Great Northern Shrike (*Lanius borealis*) was seen by Mr. White on the 27th January and 8th and 25th of February. He also, on the 10th of February, saw a Sharp-shinned hawk (*Accipiter velox*) feeding on an English sparrow, and on the 17th a male Goshawk.

The horned larks (*Otocoris alpestris*) were first seen at the Experimental Farm on the 17th of February. This is five days earlier than the first date last year and perhaps the earliest on record.

For other notes in regard to the work done by the Ornithological branch, we would refer you to the Ottawa Naturalist,

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Last year a special effort was made to obtain, from several observers of birds, the records which were taken from time to time, by each individual, of the arrival, nesting, habits, and time of departure of our birds, and to publish those portions of them which were deemed of greatest value. The results of these efforts were published every month during the early part of the year and we are led to believe that many persons took