

Evening Grosbeaks again in Massachusetts.— Mr. M. Abbott Frazar has kindly given me permission to report the fact that, on the morning of February 7, 1909, he met with a small flock of Evening Grosbeaks at Townsend, Massachusetts. He was returning from a walk when he started the birds from the ground where they had been feeding on the fallen fruit of a rock maple that stands within twenty feet of the front steps of his farm house. They flew across the road to a smaller maple in which they alighted and remained for several minutes, allowing him to approach them closely and to obtain a good view of them. There were about ten of them, all in the plumage of the female. Their next flight was to the top of a tall pine some two hundred yards further off. Here they stayed a somewhat shorter time, before taking wing again, to disappear in the far distance. Mr. Frazar had been away from Townsend for four days before the date above mentioned. He was told that during his absence the Grosbeaks had been seen repeatedly by a man who works on his place. They have not since returned to it as far as he can learn. He was constantly on the watch for them during the remainder of his stay at Townsend, which terminated on the morning of February 11, when he came back to Boston. Not long after this he received and forwarded to me two letters written by a man living in South Sudbury, Massachusetts, who claims that his "door yard" was visited on February 14th, and again on the 15th, 1909, by three Evening Grosbeaks, two of which were males.

If I remember rightly, Evening Grosbeaks are known to have occurred in eastern Massachusetts on but two occasions prior to these; in 1890 when they appeared in considerable numbers, at many different localities, in January, February, and March; and on March 23, 1904, when five were found together in Beverly and three of them killed, by Mr. C. E. Brown.¹—
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The Cardinal at Ipswich, Mass.— Last week a friend of mine at Ipswich wrote me that for the past two or three weeks there had been a beautiful strange bird which had been coming into his door-yard for food. The one that he described was practically red all over with a very bright crest on his head. At my earliest opportunity I visited the farm to find that when the bird came at noon he was a beautiful Cardinal. He has been there about a month up to the present writing and comes regularly to the door-yard for seeds and bread crumbs which are put out for the birds each day. He keeps very close to the house practically the entire time, living in some very thick clumps of spruce trees not far away. He has gradually become very tame so that he will come to within a few feet of the people who are feeding him. On the coldest mornings when the thermometer has registered in the vicinity of zero his disposition has been of the most cheerful, seeming to mind the cold not in the least and jumping about very actively, even coming to the window and calling for the food if it has not been put out in time for him.

¹ Auk, Vol. XXI, July, 1904, p. 385.