

BIRD BULLETIN NO. 3 - MAY, 1910

The early arrival of migratory birds and early development of spring foliage and flowers stimulated by the warmest March on record seemed to promise a season three weeks in advance of the average conditions. This has proved delusory, however, since from the first week in April to the following mid-May, the weather continued so cold with repeated and destructive frosts that at the present the season is not remarkably advanced, and a vast amount of prospective fruit has been destroyed.

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1. Migratory Birds from the South (not previously reported.)
  - (1). White-throated Sparrow, April 15, male and female, Wade Park; Northfield, May 4, Mr. Stover.
  - (2). Hermit Thrush, April 16, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (3). Green Heron, April 16, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (4). Sand Martin, April 20-21, Wade Park Pond, A.J.S.
  - (5). Barn Swallow, the same.
  - (6). Purple Martin, fifteen April 20-21, with the two former, Wade Park. Observed by Mr. Stover and several others in greater or less numbers in the same place for nearly a week. A notable record, and the first in the experience of the present writer, of our largest and most interesting swallow, formerly abundant, but now becoming rare, which nests in communities, occupying bird houses especially for the purpose on barns or near dwellings in town or country.
  - (7). Great Northern Shrike, April 21, Noble Road, Cleveland Hts. See below.
  - (8). Pied-billed Grebe, one April 29, Wade Park pond, A.J.S.
  - (9). Bobolink, April 30, Northfield, MR.A.J.Stover.; May 4, singing, Noble Road, Mrs. Herrick.
  - (10) Sora or Carolina Rail, one male killed on the A.B.&C. electric line near Northfield, found May 2.
  - (11) Kingbird, May 4, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (12) Wood Thrush, May 7, common and singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (13) Catbird, May 8, several; May 15, singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (14) Brown Thrasher, May 8, singing, Noble Road, Cleveland Heights; May 13, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (15) Oven Bird, May 8, several males singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
  - (16) Redstart, May 13, several males singing, Northfield, A.J.S.

- (17) Maryland Yellow Throat, a few singing, May 8, Northfield, A.J.S.;  
May 18, Noble Road, singing.
- (18) Carolina Wren (See Bull.No. 2) May 8, two singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (19) Spotted Sandpiper, Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, May 9, on  
breeding ground.
- (20) Veery, May 10, singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (21) Hooded Warbler, May 13, calling, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (22) Virginia Rail, May 13, calling, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (23) Chipping Sparrow, May 13, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (24) Black and White Warbler, May 13; found dead at College for Women  
by Miss Lucht; possibly the bird collided with pane.
- (25) Chimney Swift, May 15, calling, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (26) Whipporwill, May 13, calling, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (27) Tennessee Warbler, May 17, common, and singing, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (28) Chestnut-sided Warbler, May 17, common, and singing, North.A.J.S.
- (29) Great Crested Flycatcher, May 19, one Northfield, A.J.S.
- (30) Ruby-throated Hummingbird, May 19, one, Northfield, A.J.S.
- (31) Rose-breasted Grosbeak, May 17, Northfield, A.J.S.

## 2. Nesting and Other Activities.

- (1) Killdeer Plover, nest of four eggs, (for earlier account see Bull. 2.  
photographed April 30; subsequently destroyed; eggs eaten.
- (2) Bluebird, nesting record at Northfield; Apr. 24-26 old net-hole in fence post  
'repaired' or new nest built; Apr. 29, 1<sup>st</sup> egg laid before 8:45 A.M., Apr.  
30, 2<sup>nd</sup> egg laid between 6 and 7 A.M., 3<sup>rd</sup> egg laid May 1, near 7 A.M.  
with 4<sup>th</sup> egg, laid May 2<sup>nd</sup>, incubation begun; 5<sup>th</sup> egg laid following day;  
young hatched out May 18, incubation lasted 16 days.  
Bluebird, May 19: nest of three nearly fledged young found by workman in  
taking down framework erected over sewer trench on Parkdale St. near  
Noble Road, Cleveland Heights; this nest which was placed on a  
narrow shelf within a few feet of an overhead track, on which a line of  
suspended dumping 'cars' were constantly running back and forth,  
had been subjected for over a month to the repeated dangers of  
dynamite blasts, during which it had travelled with the machinery for  
several hundred feet; meantime a steam engine was in almost  
constant operation, and the man operating the dumping system  
passed directly under the nest. Prof. James.  
Bluebird; nest in pear tree, Northfield; May 7, young nearly ready to fly.  
A.J.Stover.  
Bluebird, May 8, nest of three eggs, in apple tree on Parkdale, Cleveland Hts.  
Professor James.

- (3) Robin: nest of three eggs in pine, April 24, female incubating; April 27 3 young hatched, Northfield, Mr. A.J.Stover.  
Robin: nest of three eggs, April 17, Northfield, April 27, one egg chipped at 8 A.M., egg was hatched at noon; 2<sup>nd</sup> egg was hatched at 5 P.M. A.J.S.  
Robin: nest of three eggs on horizontal branch of beech, 8 feet up, on foundation of cat straw; incubation begun. Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, Agnes E. Herrick.
- (4) Phoebe; April 24, three nests of 5, 6 and 5 eggs respectively under barns or in sheds, incubation going on in each case, Northfield. May 7, eggs hatched in all but one nest. A.J.S.
- (5) Vesper Sparrow; April 26, nest No. 1 of three eggs, female incubating; nest No 2, May 14, four young, eyes not open. A.J.S.
- (6) Crow: nest fifteen feet up on horizontal branches of water gum tree or tupelo (*Nyssa biflora*), in swampy ground near clearing; May 1, Northfield, Ohio, three young in dusky down, eyes not open; nest of coarse twigs, bark stripping and hay, lined with horse hair, grapevine bark, and dry grass, 8 inches in diameter, 16 inches over all; A.J.Stover, April 21, photographed; young nearly full plumage; down on wing-coverts only.
- (7) Hairy Woodpecker, May 7, nest of three young in dead branch of elm, 12 feet up, fledged; Northfield, A.J.Stover.
- (8) Song Sparrow; May 8, nest of three eggs; incubation begun; Noble Road, Agnes Herrick; young hatched May 19, after twelve days of incubation noted; eyes not open on May 22.
- (9) House Wren; May 8, Northfield; gathering nest material and singing. A.J.S.
- (10) Mourning Dove; May 16, female incubating one fresh egg in twig nest in wild apple, 8 feet up; Noble Road, Cleveland Heights; Francis Herkomer Herrick. May 15, second laid incubation beginning with the first. These eggs were later destroyed.
- (11) Chewink; May 14, young out of nest, Noble Road, Mrs. Ruedy.
- (12) Cardinal; April 16, Northfield, males fighting, A.J.S.  
Cardinal; May 15, nest of three young in down in branches of felled chestnut, four feet from ground, on border of woods; one young with eyes open, and feather-tubes burst at tips; nest of leaves, grass and bark shavings. May 21 young destroyed.
- (13) Red-headed Woodpecker; beginning to drill nest-hole in top of pollarded sycamore in Rockerfeller Boulevard, south of Euclid Ave, and close to Doan Brook; May 18, still at work, hole large enough to conceal bird; was busy the day following.
- (14) Bronzed Grackle; May 17, Northfield, young out of nest, A.J.S.
- (15) Baltimore Oriole; female laying and binding first strands for nest, May 17, 8 A.M. branch of elm, 40 ft. up; Noble Road. Seen abandoned.

- (16) Great Northern Shrike; nest in dead pear tree 8 feet up just back of step house, Mayfield and Noble Roads; May 17 three young full fledged, and out of nest. See No. 7 above. Professor James.
- (17) Redwing Blackbird; May 18 several nests completed, but with no eggs; also one nest with four eggs about to hatch; May 19, one egg in one of the above nests before 8 A.M. A.J.S.

#### Addendum

- (1) Robins; May 13, 12:30 p.m., female taking first strings to nest site in willow 20 feet up, Wade Park close to Euclid Ave. May 14, work stayed, and nothing further done; May 15 work apparently resumed, and completed on May 16.

Robin; May 14, nest of three young in leafless willow stub 7 ft. up; young three days old; female breeding at 6 p.m. Noble Road.

- (2) Bluebird; May 14, young out of nest; Noble Road; Mrs. Dr. Ruedy.

#### 3. Permanent or Transient Winter Residents.

- (1). Horned Lark; last seen March 12, Northfield.
- (2). Tree Sparrow; last seen, April 10, Northfield.
- (3). Great Horned Owl; One heard and seen, April 16, Northfield.
- (4). Ruby-crowned Kinglet; singing, April 30, Northfield.
- (5). Junco; last seen, May 5, Wade Park.

The preceding have been noted by Mr. A. J. Stover.