

8, 1880, and another occurrence which I have not yet had opportunity to investigate is recently reported to me from the eastern part of the county.

Sylvania pusilla. WILSON'S WARBLER.—Two male specimens shot near Gaines and brought in to Mr. Ernest H. Short of that place, May 28, 1897. Now in his collection.

Parus bicolor. TUFTED TITMOUSE.—I prize nothing which I have in my collection more highly than I do a fine male of this species, which was taken just south of Holley, March 17, 1889, by Mr. Fred C. Lusk. This bright bird would be a charming addition to our regular avi-fauna, but I know of no other records of its occurrence in this or adjoining counties.

In the foregoing notes, I have only made mention of some of the rarer birds which have been taken in Orleans County, but there yet remain unreported several unusual occurrences for this section which should become matters of record, and which, at some later day perhaps, I may report to your valuable journal. Some of these occurrences are fully as rare as any mentioned above, but as yet lack the authentic and complete corroboration which I hope to attach to them after further investigation.—NEIL F. POSSON, *Medina, N. Y.*

Late Migrants and Stragglers in Eastern Massachusetts.—Many birds stayed unusually late in Eastern Massachusetts this autumn, owing very likely to the mild weather which we enjoyed during October and most of November. Bluebirds, Chipping Sparrows and Field Sparrows, which generally disappear in the first week of November, were seen as late as the 13th of that month. The Blackbirds also prolonged their stay longer than usual; I saw a flock of at least thirty Cowbirds in Belmont associated, up to Nov. 13, with over two hundred Red-wings and some Rusty Grackles. The last Cowbird was seen on Nov. 21; on Nov. 13, I saw three Bronzed Grackles. On Nov. 1 Mr. Faxon and I saw a Lincoln's Finch, and on Nov. 5 I saw an immature White-crowned Sparrow. The height of the migration of both of these birds is about Oct. 1, and the latest dates hitherto noted for either are from a week to ten days earlier than those above recorded. On Nov. 3, I saw a Black-throated Green Warbler in Cambridge.

There have been also three interesting stragglers in this vicinity during November. On the 2d of November I found a female Wilson's Blackcap in Belmont; the bird stayed in the same locality till Nov. 20, and uttered when startled a curious wren-like *kek, kek*, which I have never before heard. Believing that the bird would eventually starve or freeze to death, I asked a friend on the 20th to shoot it.

On Nov. 5th I saw a European Goldfinch (*Carduelis*) in Arlington. The bird behaved like any wild bird. On Oct. 26, and again on Nov. 17, I saw in Belmont a Mockingbird. I placed food near the spot where I saw the bird, but have not since seen it.—RALPH HOFFMANN, *Belmont, Mass.*