

Evening Grosbeaks at Jamaica Plain, Mass.— In the April number of 'The Auk,' Mr. Edward H. Atherton reports an Evening Grosbeak (*Hesperiphona vespertina vespertina*) in the Arnold Arboretum. The bird remained for about six weeks the last date of observation being February 8, 1914.

This however was not the only appearance of this species in the Arboretum this season. On March 15, 1914, with Mr. Ralph M. Harrington of Cambridge, Mass., and the writer saw two fine males and one female in the river birches near the superintendent's house where they were feeding on the seeds. The males were uttering low whistling notes. The female was much darker than the bird noted by Mr. Atherton. They were seen several times in about the same place for just a month (March 15–April 15). A number of times two males and one female were observed at Quincy, Mass., and on those identical dates the birds were not to be found in the Arboretum. Were they the same birds? The two places are only about eight miles apart.— HAROLD S. BARRETT, *Jamaica Plain, Mass.*

Chestnut-collared Longspur in Colorado.— I have to record the occurrence of a single male of this species (*Calcarius ornatus*) at Denver, Colo., on June 17, 1914. This species is an extremely rare summer visitor to Colorado; the individual seen on June 17, being the first and only one seen in the state during more than twenty years' residence in Colorado.— W. H. BERGTOLD, *Denver, Colo.*

The Snow Bunting Again in the Chicago Area.— In a previous number of 'The Auk'¹ I reported a few records of the Snow Bunting seen by me in Chicago and vicinity during the fall and winter of 1912, the interest being that the species is a supposedly irregular visitant here. In 1913 a few birds again appeared, from one to nine being observed at Jackson and Lincoln Parks, Chicago, from October 17 to November 22 inclusive. As did the birds of 1912 these disappeared as soon as the beaches had become covered with ice. No more were seen until February 21, 1914, when about twenty appeared at Lincoln Park, not about the beaches, but feeding over newly made land some distance away.

While it is generally believed that the Snow Bunting is an irregular winter visitant to this region, it is more probable that it is a regular one. The records of another observer, J. H. Ferry, who states that the species is locally a common winter resident here, tend to support this view.² Unless one makes many excursions to various localities he is likely to overlook the birds entirely, as they do not, according to Mr. Ferry's observations and my own, remain long in a single place.

¹ Auk 30: 275. 1913.

² Auk 24: 127. 1907.