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NOTES AND NEWS.

ECTOPISTES MIGRATORIUS, once one of the most notable species in the North American avifauna became extinct on September 1, by the death of the last surviving specimen, a female, which had lived for twenty-nine years in the aviary of the Cincinnati Zoölogical Garden. It is rarely possible to state the exact date of the extinction of a species as the process is usually a gradual one, but in view of the fruitless efforts extending over the past ten years to find evidence of the existence of wild Passenger Pigeons we may safely consider the passing of this last captive specimen as the extinction of the species.

The reduction of this once abundant bird to absolute extermination by man's greed should be a lesson to us all and should stifle all opposition to the efforts now being made by national and state governments in behalf of the conservation of other birds threatened with a like fate. What is a little loss of sport to us compared with the extinction of a wild bird species — something that the hand of man can never replace?

As we glance over the pages of 'The Nuttall Bulletin' and 'The Auk' we fail to find a satisfactory chronological record of the extermination of this splendid bird. That it had decreased materially was recognized and also that the great flights that darkened the sky were a thing of the past in most parts of the country. Writers were busy explaining why the birds had left their immediate vicinity and speculating as to where they had gone,