

very active Bird Club, and birds are protected and encouraged in every way, but in this case an exception was made, in view of the very remote chance of the bird ever returning to its breeding range. Upon dissection the bird was found to have a rather severe but recent injury to its side, the skin being broken, and the flesh discolored and discharging from the wound. This was probably caused by the high wind of a few days before, the bird having been blown against some obstacle. It is therefore very doubtful whether the bird would have recovered from this wound, and the zero weather which was recorded the next week.

The bird, a male in the first winter plumage, is now in the collection of the Boston Society of Natural History. According to the A. O. U. 'Check-List' the only other records of this species east of Colorado and Nevada are from Wisconsin about seventy-five years ago.—JOHN B. MAY, M.D., *Cohasset, Mass.*

Cardinal at Scranton, Pa.—On January 28, 1928, while on a mid-winter bird walk near Glenburn Pond about 8 miles from Scranton, a pair of Cardinal Grosbeaks was noted and subsequently seen by our party at least three times. This, so far as we have been able to ascertain, is the first record of these birds in Lackawanna County.

Others in the party were, Geo. M. Sutton, Mrs. Edgar Sturge, Miss Helen Howarth, J. M. Cairns, and F. H. Coffin.—MRS. FRANCIS H. COFFIN, *1528 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, Pa.*

A Blue Grosbeak at Newton Centre, Mass.—While combing my notes, recently, for records that might be of interest to Mr. E. H. Forbush, for his 'Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States,' I came upon a note which should have long since been recorded in 'The Auk.'

On August 3, 1920, while sitting on my front porch, at about 7:45 in the evening, I was startled by "several loud, clear calls from somewhere close at hand, and the like of which I had never heard before." Then there were some more notes "softer and lower than I cannot begin to describe," and I discovered the bird in a tall cedar which stands close beside the house, and only about fifteen feet from where I then stood.

I had a good look at the bird, an immature male, Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca caerulea caerulea*) before he flew off into the woods whence I, unfortunately on crutches at the time, was unable to follow. While I neither saw or heard this bird again, it must have been in the neighborhood for some time previously, for some of my sons, though they had not seen it, had heard its notes on several occasions, and had tried, unsuccessfully, to get me to identify it from their description; and several of my neighbors had both heard and seen the bird, and had supposed it to be an Indigo-bird which is not uncommon in our vicinity.—FRED H. KENNARD, *Newton Centre, Mass.*

The Prothonotary Warbler at Newton Centre, Mass.—Among the General Notes, in 'The Auk,' Volume 25, 1908, page 320, under the heading