

SHORT NOTES.

Mr. Arthur T. Wayne, Mt. Pleasant, S. C., writes: "Heard but a single Pine Linnet this year!" He also mentions finding a nest of the Bald Eagle containing two almost fresh eggs, on January 20. The nest was in an enormous dead pine tree, 101 feet and 8 inches high. The tree was struck by lightning last summer. His record of a Great Horned Owl's nest containing two young birds, one of them about ten days old, on January 22, is probably the earliest for that bird yet recorded. The nest was in the top of a 'green' pine about 90 feet from the ground, and contained, besides the two young birds, a large rat with its head eaten off.

Mr. G. M. Burdick writes that between March 9 and 14, Bluebird, Robin, Bronzed Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird and Meadowlark, arrived at Milton Junction, Wis.

Under date of March 12, Miss Caroline Mathews, Waterville, Me., writes: "We shall not have the birds with us very early this spring, as the snow is still deep." It was the same day that 40 species were recorded at Oberlin, Ohio, 13 of them new records for the year.

OUR COMMITTEES FOR 1898.

How many Final Report Special Bulletins shall we have this year? That entirely depends on the work of individual members. For several years we have been working upon the Warblers, the subject being divided into three heads. One of these has to do with the breeding birds only—Nesting—and is capable of development along lines of the greatest value, if each member will lend his earnest aid to the chairman, Mr. H. C. Higgins, Cincinnati, N. Y. Surely each member can watch a nest of the Yellow Warbler from its beginning until the young have left. Many may be able to do the same with some one or more of the other more or less common species. Will not each one make an earnest effort to contribute to this report at the close of the nesting season of 1898? The information you will gain from such a study will be far greater than you may imagine.

The migrations of the Warblers are peculiarly interesting because of the uncertainty of their appearance during any season. In this subject lie many interesting problems of the influence of weather upon bird