

## GENERAL NOTES.

**A Day with the Birds.**—Hillsboro, Ohio, August 17, 1903.—

Weather, forenoon, clear with a light breeze from the east; afternoon, clear with a brisk breeze from the north. Start, 7:45 a. m. Temperature 70°. Return 12 m. Temperature 85°. Start in afternoon at 1:45. Temperature 85°. Return 6:00 p. m. Temperature 82°. The excursion was along and near Rocky Fork Creek, within a radius of two miles south of Hillsboro. Distance traveled during observation, seven miles. Saw the first twenty birds in the forenoon. The birds are given in the order in which they were seen. Nearly every species was seen a number of times. Crow, Wood Pewee, Wood Thrush, Turkey Vulture, American Goldfinch, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Green Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Phebe, Towhee, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Catbird, Oven-bird (uncertain), Least Flycatcher, Flicker, Mourning Dove, Brown Thrasher, Barn Swallow, Baltimore Oriole, Meadowlark, Killdeer, Rusty Blackbird, Summer Tanager, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Screech Owl, Indigo Bunting, Cardinal, Swamp Sparrow, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Red-headed Woodpecker, Chimney Swift, Whippoorwill, Blue Jay, Kingbird, Robin, Hairy Woodpecker, Bluebird, House Wren, Song Sparrow, Purple Martin. Species 41.

Verified by a friend.

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**Some unusual Oberlin records. Canadian Pine Grosbeak** (*Pinicola enucleator leucura*). On November 20 a flock of a dozen of these rare birds made their appearance at Oberlin. The following morning one was found feeding on the ground in a field where weeds had sprung up among the wheat stubble. While the bird was watched at a range of less than ten feet, it ate nothing but Stick-tights (*Bidens frondosa*). It was no more timid than a common chicken. This is the second record for Lorain county. This flock is another indication of a considerable southward flight of these rare northern birds. Everybody should be on the lookout for these birds and the Crossbills this winter. Their unwariness makes of them real friends in feathers. As specimens they should not be considered a success except by the favored few.

**American Crossbill**, (*Loxia curvirostra minor*). After an absence of nearly eighteen months this Crossbill has again made its appearance among us. It is not yet found in any considerable numbers, but it is present and seen nearly every day. Reports from various places indicate that this species promises to be more than unusually numerous the coming winter.

**Hooded Merganser** (*Lophodytes cucullatus*). With the first sug-