

*me*), June 15, 1904, at Grassy Sound. It was shot, after diving and dodging several bullets, by a Mr. Stanart, a local gunner of that place, and secured by Mr. C. N. Cass, to whom I am indebted for the skin. Mr. Cass removed the skin the same day the bird was shot, fearing it would spoil. Unfortunately the body was not sexed. As far as known this is the latest summer date for Southern New Jersey, where the species occurs rarely.

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THE OPENING OF THE 1906 SPRING MIGRATION AT OBERLIN, O.—Following an almost record-breaking winter for both temperature and for snowfall, the spring migration opened in February with the appearance of migrating individuals of Robin, Bluebird, Meadowlark, Killdeer, Bronzed Grackle and Canada Goose. There was a slight increase in the number of individuals of each species except Killdeer and Canada Goose, which culminated on the 24th, when Robins, Bluebirds, Meadowlarks and Grackles were fairly common, and Red-winged Blackbirds arrived. The cold wave which began on the 5th checked any further advance, and reduced most of the birds to winter conditions again. On the 26th geese were seen returning southward. Neither frogs nor salamanders were heard piping, but some insects came out. This is the earliest wave of migration which has been recorded for Oberlin. LYNDY JONES.

HERMIT THRUSH IN WINTER.—On December 8, 1905, while working through the woods near the head of Belle Isle, Detroit river, I met with a bird of this species. This bird was evidently in good condition, and during the time that I watched him, was tripping over the dead leaves in a very lively fashion. He was not at all shy, in fact was much less so than the species generally is. The day was a pleasant, bright one, but during the week before (Nov. 29-Dec. 4) we had the most severe weather of the winter, the temperature falling as low as 17° on the 30th, with about an inch of snow on the ground on Dec. 2. This is the first record known to me of the occurrence of this species here in winter.

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