

he was feeding upon the dead fish cast upon the beach by the storm of the previous week.

A flock of 20 or more Pine Siskins have ranged along the sand spit ever since they were first seen, on October 15. Three White-winged Crossbills, two bright males and one female, were found just east of the eastern end of the sand spit on November 5. Their occurrence in northern Ohio even in midwinter, is rare.

A female Blackburnian Warbler, in excellent condition, was found on the sand spit October 15. Myrtle Warbler was common there up to October 29.

The last House Wrens found anywhere were noted in the shrubbery bordering the marsh, October 15, and three Long-billed Marsh Wrens were found here on November 5, and one was heard singing on November 19.

The last Hermit Thrushes to be found anywhere were seen here October 29, when three were found. Robins are still numerous, and find the abundant crop of wild grapes an easily obtained food supply.

Two Snowflakes were found on the beach on October 29, and every time since then numbers have been seen ranging along the beach.

A single Barn Swallow was hawking over the marshes on October 15, and on the 22d three Tree Swallows were there.

These unusual records, when combined with others less noteworthy, go to show that great possibilities lurk in this thin arm of sand which reaches far out into the waters of lake Erie. It is within reason to presume that there is no other region within such narrow bounds which would prove richer in bird life during the season of southward migration. This, the region west of Sandusky, and the chain of islands stretching across to Point Pelee will prove to be the key to the solution of some problems of migration and northward distribution of our birds.

TWO BIRDS NEW TO LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO.

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Vireo philadelphicus. Philadelphia Vireo. A single individual was seen on September 21st, and again on the 24th, at

Oberlin. On May 24th, two were found at Ruggles Beach in Erie county, some seven and a half miles west of Lorain county, and one of them taken, but the above record constitutes the first actual county record for this vireo. The bird was in good plumage, and seemed to be singing softly.

Symphemia semipalmata inornata. Western Willet. The specimen taken on September 17th, at Oak Point, on lake Erie, is an adult male in fall dress. There remains little doubt in my mind that the specimens recorded from this state will prove to belong to the western race. All of the specimens should be critically examined. This record is not only the first one for this subspecies, but is the first for the species taken as a whole for this county. Lake shore records seem to be practically wanting on this side, although there are several for the Canadian side. The wing marks of this species would be certain to attract attention wherever the bird might be, hence, the argument that it has been overlooked, and will prove not so rare as it is now supposed to be, fails. Its occurrence in this region must be practically accidental.