

I recorded my experience with Dickcissel in Wayne county. I have recently corresponded with Mr. James B. Purdy, of Plymouth, and quote that portion of his letter relating to this species which, I believe, completes our knowledge of the bird in the county. Mr. Purdy says: "They made their first appearance here in May, 1891; at least this is the first time I saw them. The three pairs were located in a clover field on the east side of the P. M. R. R. track, where the Plymouth railroad yards now stand. I watched them, located their nests, and collected two sets of eggs—one of four and the other of five fresh eggs—on June 1, 1891. The nests were situated about midway between the ground and clover tops and were hidden from view. Since then I have seen them some years and some years they have diminished rather than increased in numbers." J. CLAIRE WOOD.

ANOTHER PROVIDENT MELANERPES ERYTHROCEPHALUS.—The Red-headed Woodpecker is not an uncommon summer resident in this locality, but does not remain in winter. That he should spend the greater part of a May day laying by a stock of provisions is unusual. On the morning of May 22, 1907, a neighbor, planning to be from home all day, gave her chickens a liberal supply of food. About ten o'clock an observer saw one of these woodpeckers fly several times to the ground among the chickens, then he flew to a fence-post, carrying something in his bill. An examination of the post revealed the nature of his hoard. Inside the loosened bark he had placed bits of bread, corn-meal mush, and kernels of corn. Other onlookers saw the bird many times during the day carry away the chickens' food, and hide it in various places. ALTHEA R. SHERMAN.

Redpoll (*Acanthis linaria*) in Ecorse township, Wayne county, Mich.—An event of the season 1906 was the appearance of this bird in Ecorse township and vicinity, in territory which I have hunted over during the last sixteen years without seeing a single representative of the species. The first seen were a flock of four, October 31, and from that time small flocks of from four to eight were seen on all trips until I ceased to visit the locality in late November. I was in another portion of the township January 11, 1907, and saw a flock of about thirty. They were in a small field of weeds beside a school house in the village of Ford.

The Purple Finch was also unusually common, first appearing September 9, and last seen October 16. J. CLAIRE WOOD.

SOME NOTES ON THE BALD EAGLE IN WINTER NEAR NEW YORK CITY.—In severe winters like the past one the Bald Eagle is a common bird in the Hudson River Valley near New York City. They come down the river upon large ice-floes, and when they reach the north-