

BARN OWL IN DEFIANCE COUNTY, O.—The 29th of September there was brought to my office for identification a beautiful specimen of the Barn Owl (*Strix pratincola* Bonap).

It was caught a few miles east of this city, and is the first owl of this species reported in this region. It was seen by many people, and all were much interested in it as a new bird here.

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EARLY WINTER CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN OHIO.—A cold storm with little snow but much rain, beginning October 21 and lasting four days, resulted in establishing winter conditions in this section. On October 17, during an all-day outing along the lake shore in the vicinity of Cedar Point, easterly, a list of sixty species was recorded, thirty-six of them being transient birds. Among this thirty-six were such usually early migrants as Vesper, Chipping, Field, White-crowned, White-throated, and Swamp Sparrows; Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Sora, Long-billed and Short-billed Marsh Wrens, Blue-headed and Warbling Vireos; Hermit Thrush, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Spotted Sandpiper, Catbird, Tree Swallow; Black-throated Blue, Black-throated Green, and Cape May Warblers; Redstart, Least Bittern, and others which tarry longer sometimes. The place where these birds were found was peculiarly favorable for weathering such storms as we had experienced up to that time, for cover was good, and food was abundant. Often winter conditions are delayed until late in November, but there is seldom such a list of birds immediately preceding the change. Instead of a gradual lessening of numbers it was a case of sudden disappearance between two days.

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THE PROTHONOTARY WARBLER AT THE LEWISTON RESERVOIR.—The Lewiston Reservoir is located in Logan County, Ohio, about fifteen miles northwest of Bellefontaine. On the statute books of the State it is known as Indian Lake, but really only a small part of the Lewiston Reservoir is known to hunters and fishermen as Indian Lake. Like the Loramie Reservoir and the St. Mary's or Grand Reservoir, it is located near the summit level of the State, and also like them was constructed as a feeder for the Miami and Erie Canal. The Lewiston Reservoir is the second largest artificial body of water in the State,—the St. Mary's Reservoir being the largest. For the sportsmen of central and western Ohio it has great attraction on account of its fish and water-fowl in season. To the bird-student it is equally attractive because it furnishes ideal nesting places for water-loving and marsh-loving birds, such as Long-billed Marsh Wrens, Red-winged Blackbirds, Florida Gallinules, King Rails, Virginia Rails, Sora Rails, etc., besides furnishing a spring