

Least Sandpipers, 200 Semipalmated Plovers, 18 Black Terns, 2 Sanderlings, 1 Pectoral Sandpiper, 7 Golden Plovers, 2 Black-bellied Plovers, many Greater Yellow-legs and Yellow-legs and Wilson's Snipe.

13. On October 25 I shot an immature male of the Red-backed Sandpiper at the Grand Reservoir, my first positive record for this region.

14. On November 15 I shot and saw my last Woodcock for the season, a good late date, and on December 3 a fine female of the Wood Duck was shot at the Loramie Reservoir and brought in to me on December 5.

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#### NOTES FROM NORTH-EASTERN ILLINOIS.

The fall of 1910 seems to have been exceptional in bringing to us the Evening Grosbeak at an unusual date. Other species of interest recorded were the Red Crossbill, seen here November 12, though unquestionably heard as early as October 10, and the Siskin, which was reported from Addison, this county, by Professor Eifrig.

Here the Siskin's movements appear to be very erratic. Evening Grosbeaks were noted at Lincoln and Jackson Parks, Chicago, during the latter half of October, and reported from Lake Forest more than ordinarily plentiful. A solitary female was observed at Glen Ellyn by the writer November 2, the first appearance of the species here to my knowledge since December, 1889, during which season it was seen at several places in this corner of the state. This bird did not tarry long, as was to be expected in the shortage of its accustomed food, the persistent fruit of the box-elder, which the past spring was entirely killed in the blossom by the April freeze-up. This fact may account for the early arrival of Grosbeaks this fall, as the abnormal weather of that period covered a wide area. It will doubtless be shown, too, that the birds have gone much farther south this year than usual on that account.

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In a letter to the writer, dated January 22, 1911, Miss Elizabeth Eldridge, of Plainfield, contributes some interesting facts relating to the present status of the Prairie Hen in this part of the state. She writes that during a walk last November sixty of them were counted in a pasture near their home, and since then others, as many as twenty at one time, have come about the place.

Last season a brood of nine was hatched from a nest in the roadway not far from their house. Such reports are encouraging compared with one received last fall from St. Charles on the Fox

River west of here. It was through my friend, Ruthven Deane, of Chicago, and to the effect that one farmer near there was poisoning the Prairie Hens, as a result of the damage they were doing to his crops. What a mind and what reasoning! This of course is an isolated case. Otherwise it would offer a splendid opportunity for effective institute work.

Miss Eldridge mentions the Flickers as wintering in her locality this season.

It is interesting to note that our first spring arrival here this year was the Flicker, two being seen February 26. To-day, March 3, Robins are in evidence, and in song.

December 8 was made memorable by the presence of the Pine Grosbeak on our place. With us, a rare late fall and early winter visitant, my records are few. There were two on this occasion, one a rich red male, the other in female dress. The writer discovered them together at 1 p. m. feeding upon the persistent fruit of the snowberry, *S. racemosus*. It was an interesting sight; the birds, and the clusters of partly withered fruit; the snow-covered ground, and bright sunlight, making in all a combination of rare merit.

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## Personals

### OUR MEMBERS HERE AND THERE.

Mr. W. M. Dutcher, we understand, is critically ill at his home in Plainfield, N. J. We hope he will be spared to continue his great work for the protection of birds.

Lately we read in a newspaper that the father of Dr. Jon. Dwight, Jr., died at the ripe old age of eighty years. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Doctor in his bereavement.

W. Lee Chambers has moved from Santa Monica to Los Angeles.

Bradshaw H. Swales spent the beginning of the new year in the East.

Dr. Louis B. Bishop has been spending the winter in northern Africa, at Biskra, Algiers, studying the birds and mammals of the northern Sahara. Decidedly "dry" territory!

Prof. Wilfred Osgood, our new member, is in Venezuela collecting for the Columbia Field Museum of Chicago.

We welcome Dr. Howard E. Jones, of Circleville, Ohio, one of the famous "old timers" of Ohio in Ornithology, in our midst.

Mr. John Lewis Childs of Floral Park, N. Y., has sent us the