

to the Department; but to publish such information as a record and a fact would have been to join the ranks of the opera glass ornithologists, and so bring down upon my head the wrath of real collectors. What I would like to see is a real record of the Dickcissel in Virginia. No hard feelings, Doctor, as neither of us are ornithologists (though you unintentionally used the word) according to the advanced code.

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#### NOTES FROM LAKE COUNTY

EARLY DATE OF DICKCISSEL.—Always rare in the county, I was pleasantly surprised on April 18 of this year to find a male bird singing his raspy *schreeee-schree, schree, schree, schree*, from the very top of a small tree; dropping to the ground to feed every now and then, but always mounting to the top of a bush or tree again to continue his song. Though not yet in full adult summer plumage all characteristics were noted as he fed close at hand on the ground. I believe it unusual to find one this far north at quite such an early date, and as an anomaly in migration comparisons will add that the same day a friend and I discovered a Whistling Swan on the open water of Mentor marsh, fully six weeks later than one would naturally look for this bird. It was not a wounded bird as it flew strongly when flushed. It stayed in the vicinity until the 22d.

LATE DATE OF BOHEMIAN WAXWING.—Lake county was not slighted the past winter when the county was visited by large numbers of these interesting wanderers. I first noted a flock of fully 75 birds on January 27, and on February 20 watched for some time a detachment of half a dozen feeding on frozen apples in an orchard. On May 11, while hunting Warblers, a single Waxwing flew from one cottonwood to another some distance away. The larger size and immediate louder call note told me it was a belated Bohemian, so I went out of my way to make a close observation. The rufous under tail coverts and the white and yellow base on the wings confirmed my first decision.

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#### A MAY EVENING GROSBEAK IN LAKE COUNTY

To Mr. Glenn Vesey belongs the right of discovery of this bird. He reported seeing a male of the species on May 18, and knowing he would not be liable to be mistaken I searched for it late that