

NOTES FROM HILLSBORO, OHIO

CANADA GOOSE—Four have wintered in the eastern part of the county, arriving about the first of December. These formerly common migrants have changed their migration routes in recent years, very few ever being seen here.

WILSON SNIFE—Sportsmen report seeing this bird throughout the winter season. December 25, 1922, one at Berryville, Ohio; December 27, 1921, three at Berryville, Ohio; December 25, 1920, one at McCoppin's mill.

MOURNING DOVE—Two droves of 100 each January 20. Droves of five to twenty hover around feeding grounds throughout the winter.

BLACK VULTURE—A drove of Black Vultures have taken up their permanent abode on the George Carlisle farm several miles from Hillsboro. During the summer the drove is increased by the Turkey Vulture. A few of the Turkey Vulture remain throughout the winter. The Turkey Vulture is a permanent resident in small numbers in several parts of the county.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK—On account of depredations on his chicken yard a farmer set his trap and caught one of these hawks on December 2, 1917. Two had been in the vicinity about a month. During the months of December, 1922, and January, 1923, two have been in the western part of the county.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER—A larger number than usual have remained here during the winter.

CROW—From all over the county is reported a great increase in the always large number of Crows wintering here.

MOCKINGBIRD—This bird is not a rare summer resident, nesting twice during the season, and if either is destroyed will build the third nest. In all nests found in this section a layer of moss is placed between the coarser twigs and inner lining. The one staying in the vicinity this winter does not wish to share his tree with any other bird. The smaller ones vacate when he flies in and if the larger linger he puts them to flight by force.

ROBINS—Very common this winter. Droves of about 2000 passed over January 8, 11 and 20 about 3:30 p. m.

BLUEBIRDS—More common this winter than usual.

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BOB-WHITE INCREASING

It is pleasant to note the rapid increase in the numbers of the Bob-white in Iowa. For many years this bird was almost exterminated, but, thanks to a long closed hunting season, it has become abundant in all regions. Every roadside willow hedge, thicket, and bushy place seems to have its flock of Bob-whites in the winter season. The sight of a flock (which is frequently large) of the little fellows huddling in the snow is an interesting one, and is especially pleasing in a state where resident game birds are not numerous. Everywhere there are reports of the growing abundance of Bob-white. Sometimes, though, a farmer will say that some hunter has "cleaned up" his flock of "Quails" that he had long been