

jays had a surprise they did not soon forget. The young birds grew up and have been about the bird bath and feeding station ever since.

Recently a teacher called that she had a strange bird which the children had picked up at a country school when the grackles had fought it almost to the finish. They did not know the species, so brought it to me for identification, but it died enroute. It was a young Ovenbird. It did not try to escape when the children rescued it.

Recently a woman called that she had a strange little bird which they had picked up in the yard. It did not try to get away, so she decided it must be injured, and she brought it to me. It was a male Golden-crowned Kinglet, well and lively. We can pick it up anywhere and it will sit on one's shoulder or head as tamely as a canary. We weighed it on the postal scales and it does not even weigh one-fourth of an ounce!

We had the surprise of the season in September when we found a real Whip-poor-will in the back yard. I have never known of but one bird of this species about this part of the state, and have never known of any being in the city. We live four blocks from the busiest corner in the city.—MRS. HORACE P. COOK, *Anderson, Ind.*

An Early Arrival Date of the Great Blue Heron at McMillan, Michigan.

—Between one and two hours before sunset on March 29, 1932, I saw a Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias herodias*). It was flying rather low over field and cut-over land, and going southward. This arrival date was seven days earlier than my earliest previous record of April 5, 1929, for this locality. The following are my migration records of the Great Blue Heron for McMillan:

First Seen	Number Seen	Next Seen	When Common	Last Seen	Year
April 17					1922
April 19					1923
April 30				September 24	1924
April 6	1	April 7			1925
September 20					1927
May 9	1	May 12	May 9	September 8	1928
April 5	1	May 25	May 25	August 27	1929
May 27	1	May 30	May 27	September 21	1930
May 12	2	May 22	May 12	August 20	1931

The missing seasons—the fall of 1925 to and including the spring of 1927—were spent at Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan. These are as follows:

First Seen	Number Seen	Next Seen	When Common	Last Seen	Year
April 2	1	April 5	April 9	October 31	1926
April 5	1	April 6	April 6	November 7	1925
					1927

This is the first time that the Great Blue Heron came on my yearly list before the Robins and others of the "first comers" in spring. I am unable to account for this unusually early date. While the weather during December, January, and February this winter was unusually warm—there being very few days of zero weather—the month of March has been stormy and with very few thaws, although some streams are open in places. Snow has fallen on nearly every day this month. The weather on the date of this observation was partly cloudy, temperature ten degrees to forty-three degrees F., and a moderately strong southeast wind.—OSCAR MCKINLEY BRYENS, *McMillan, Luce County, Mich.*