

July, 1888, under circumstances which led me to believe that the bird bred there. This year I passed the night of June 29-30 on the top of Graylock and was again greeted, both in the evening and in the morning, by the beautiful song of this Thrush,—the song so admirably characterized by Mr. John Burroughs in 'Riverby,' pp. 47, 49. A hasty search for the nest in the midst of a drenching rain on the morning of the 30th proved unavailing; but the anxiety manifested by the bird when I invaded his domain confirmed my belief that this Thrush breeds on Graylock.

On the 27th of last June I was delighted to find a little flock of six or seven Prairie Horned Larks — probably members of one family — feeding in a ploughed field in North Adams, near the edge of Williamstown. One of them was in full song. This is the place where Mr. J. B. Grimes had told me that this bird breeds (see 'Auk,' IX, 1892, 202). The discovery of the nest of the Prairie Horned Lark near Pittsfield, Mass., by Mr. C. H. Buckingham in 1892 was announced in 'The Auk,' XI, 1894, 326.—WALTER FAXON, *Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.*

Notes from Western New York. — *Plegadis autumnalis*.—A Glossy Ibis was shot at Dunkirk, N. Y., late in April, 1894, by Mr. John W. Ware of that place. Mr. Ware tells me that the bird was wading in shallow water at the time and that he had no difficulty in approaching within gunshot as it was not very shy. The specimen, which I have examined, is in the rich, purplish red plumage of the adult.

Strix pratincola.—A male Barn Owl was shot just outside the city limits at Pine Hill on July 18, 1895. I saw it at the taxidermist's a few days later.

Icteria virens.—On June 17, 1895, I secured a male Yellow-breasted Chat in a bushy pasture at West Seneca. I first saw the bird two days before, when I spent some time looking for its nest. Also looked for the nest on the above date, but found none. This was the only bird I started. It is the second record for Erie County.—JAMES SAVAGE, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Notes on Some Birds of Northeastern Illinois. — *Pectoral Sandpiper*.—I was somewhat surprised when my friend, Mr. Wallace Craig, brought in a specimen of this species on July 26, 1893, and reported them as common at 'Mud Lake.' This small lake is in the southern part of the city near 83rd Street and Stony Island Avenue. Part of the north shore is free from rushes and very muddy, and seemed to be a favorite feeding ground for Sandpipers. We visited the lake the next day and found this species was abundant and very tame, alighting on the mud-flat within a few feet of us. August 2, we found them in great numbers, easily securing nine, which was as many as we cared for. They would alight on the flat beach while we were wading within twenty feet. August 9, they were not nearly so tame, for pothunters had begun to mow them down.

On June 18, 1894, Mr. Craig observed this species at 'Mud Lake,' and they came within twenty feet of him, while he lay hidden in the grass watching them.