

birds were moving rather rapidly about an old apple orchard and although they were kept under observation for almost an hour, no characteristic notes were heard. Considering the fact that, to my knowledge, no Alder or Least Flycatchers were breeding in the region, it seems probable that these were Acadians. Perhaps the nest of the bird recorded on June 17 met with some mishap and the birds moved over to the orchard and made a second attempt. The condition of the young bird at such an abnormally late date supports this contention.

The Acadian Flycatcher was formerly found breeding in this region, but no recent records have been published. (L. Griscom: Birds of the New York City Region.) Unfortunately the nest was not found, but the evidence points, I believe, to the species occurring as a very local and perhaps irregular summer resident.—RUDYERD BOULTON, *University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

**Owls and Starlings.**—Members of the A. O. U. who attended the Cambridge meeting last October may recall the short account given of the Sparrow and Starling Roost in Scranton. This roost no longer continues. The birds began to occupy the trees about the court house last autumn as usual. In early November a friend told me of seeing quite a commotion among the birds one evening and investigating the matter he found there was a small Owl after the birds. In the darkness he could not be certain whether it was a Screech Owl or a Saw-whet Owl. Being in the central part of the city a few evenings later I was surprised to see no birds on the trees where there had formerly been thousands at that time of night. My first thought was that they had simply moved to another part of the square but when I walked around the block not a bird was to be seen anywhere in the trees. The characteristic notes of the Starlings could be heard from the roofs and towers of the higher buildings but the trees were absolutely deserted. There is not the least doubt in my mind that the Owls caused the birds to seek other quarters. Comparatively few of the Starlings now roost on the neighboring buildings and so it is probable that the birds have found other roosting places.—R. N. DAVIS, *Scranton, Pa.*

**Evening Grosbeak at Rochester, N. Y.**—On November 11, 1923, two pairs of Evening Grosbeaks were seen in front of our house. They arrived about 12 o'clock, and remained for three hours feeding on the seeds of a Box Elder, when they flew off, apparently for good as they have not been reported any where around here since. They were quite unafraid, as is customary with them, allowing one to come within two feet. It was also interesting to note that they were not frightened at the automobiles which whizzed by continuously within eight feet of them.—HAROLD G. DYE, *Rochester, N. Y.*