

a skin of it. The bird was a male in fine plumage but it was very thin and the stomach was empty. The four birds were seen to dive freely.

The writer kept a close watch for other records, thinking that perhaps another southward flight was in progress, but, after waiting for nearly three months, no word came from any quarter of other birds being observed or taken. No excessively cold or adverse weather had occurred previous to the arrival of the four birds listed above, and it must be taken as an isolated and inexplicable occurrence of a boreal species far south of the usual range.—ALEXANDER SPRUNT, JR., *The Crescent, Charleston, South Carolina*.

Wood Thrush in North Carolina in winter.—On January 3, 1943, a Wood Thrush was collected at Raleigh, North Carolina. Upon skinning the specimen, it was found that the left wing joint, at the humerus and radius and ulna, was enlarged, showing that at some time previously the wing had been broken. The bird was fat and in good condition; the ovary was normally developed. The Thrush had been seen several times before by Perrin Gower, Jr., who called attention to its presence.—ROXIE COLLIE SIMPSON, *North Carolina State Museum, Raleigh, North Carolina*.

Unusual breeding records from the Chicago region.—Upon examining the published accounts, I find that the following records from my notes seem to represent more or less unusual occurrences in the Chicago region. All localities are in Cook County, Illinois, except those for the Piping Plover.

Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo p. platypterus*.—A nest with four eggs at Palos Park, Cook County, Illinois, May 10, 1930, apparently is a first breeding record for Cook County.

Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus*.—A nest with three eggs, May 30, 1937; one with two eggs, June 8, 1937; and one with four, May 30, 1941—all in Lake County, Illinois.

Wilson's Phalarope, *Steganopus tricolor*.—June 5, 1937, a nest with four eggs, at Hegewisch.

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba pratincola*.—At Palos Park, a nest with six eggs, June 3, 1936, gives another first breeding record for Cook County.

Long-eared Owl, *Asio wilsonianus*.—Nests with eggs or young, in Palos Park, April 15, 22, and 27, 1928; March 17, 1929; March 22, 1936; and March 19, 1937. Two other nests, dates not recorded, were found in the same period. The first of these dates appears to be the first actual record for Cook County. It is perhaps noteworthy that all of these nests were found in a very limited area.

Short-eared Owl, *Asio f. flammeus*.—Five nests with eggs or young were found in scattered localities of Worth, Palos Park, and Willow Springs in the spring of 1936—May 7 and 9, and June 10, 19, and 21, respectively. There are not more than two or three other nesting records in a half century or more and I have been unable to find a nest since the year named. These are first breeding records for Cook County.

Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Centurus carolinus*.—It would appear that the first record of breeding or breeding activity in Cook County is that of a pair of this species observed excavating a nest at Mt. Greenwood, May 1, 1939. Work continued until the 15th when the nest was abandoned.

Short-billed Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus stellaris*.—A late date is August 3, 1937, at Oak Lawn, where a nest with eight fresh eggs was found. When the nest was discovered on July 4, it was incomplete.