

Setophaga ruticilla (Linn.) AMERICAN REDSTART.

	S. R.	1893.	GENERAL NOTES.	
Jackson Co., Mo....	common			
Salem, Iowa.....	common	5-12	5-10-'94	
Grinnell, Iowa....	common			
Winnebago Co., Ill.	rare	5-9	T. V. common	L. 10-8-'93 4-27-'88
Milton, Wis.....	common			
Meridian, Wis.....	common			
Delavan, Wis.....	common			
St. Paul, Minn....	common			
Palmer, Mich.....	common	5-27	L. 9-9-'93	
Hamilton Co., O....	common	5 6	4-14-'90	5-3-'91-2
Lorain Co., O.....	common	5-8	5-2-'94	
Green Co., Pa.....	abundant			
Berwyn, Pa.....		5-10	abundant T. V.	9-5 to 9-29-'93
Perrineville, N. J..	abundant	5-1		
Miller's Cor's, N. Y.	common	5-12		
Cortland Co., N. Y.	common			
Gretna, N. Y.....	common	5-13	5-4-'94	
Oswego City, N. Y.	abundant			
Portland, Conn....	common			
Wethersfield, Conn.	common			
Bangor, Me.....	abundant			
Phillips, Me.....	abundant			
Toronto, Can.....	not rare			

Another species for special work. Its general distribution would certainly afford some interesting comparisons.

In the preceding report the capture of *Dendroica ærulesceus* (Gmel.) at Garden City, Kansas, by Mr. H. W. Menke, is the first one for Kansas. Prof. W. W. Cook speaks of it as a Kansas bird in his "Migration in the Mississippi Valley," but no record of an actual capture is given.

The specimen of *Dendroica kirtlandi* (Baird.) taken by Mr. J. E. Dickin-son, in Winnebago Co., Ill., is the second one taken in the state. The other having been taken by Mr. B. T. Gault, at Glen Ellyn, on May 7, 1894. (Reference has already been given.)

The record of *Helminthophila celata* (Say.) by Mr. Frank L. Burns, at Berwyn, Pa., is the first one for Chester Co.; and those of *Helminthophila chrysoptera* (L.) and *Geothlypis philadelphia* (Wils.) taken by

the writer, are the first for Lorain Co., Ohio. That of *Dendroica tigrina* (Gmel.) by D. D. Stone, is the first for Oswego City, N. Y.; and the nest of *Dendroica striata* (Forst.) in Dallas Co., Iowa, by Fred Hamlin, reported by David L. Savage, is the first for the state.

A more extended study of this group will add greatly to our knowledge of its range and habits. The progress already made is highly gratifying and full of promise.

In response to the special bulletin issued in November last, a number of members very generously subscribed money for the publication of this bulletin and another, to appear soon on the Crow. But we need a few more dollars for postage and binding. All contributions will be promptly acknowledged.

So much interest has been shown in the work of the Chapter by a number of members of late, as to give much encouragement.

I have appointed Mr. Lynds Jones as general chairman of all the committees on special investigations, with power to arrange committees for the special branches of work. In the next bulletin there will be more definite announcements concerning this.

We have exchanged a number of back numbers of the Chapter publications with F. H. Lattin, of Albion, N. Y., for the following books:

Ridgway's Manual of N. A. Birds, list price,	\$7 50
Jordan's Manual of Vertebrates, list price,	2 50
Hornaday's Taxidermy,	3 00
Apgar's Key to Birds,	50
Birds of Greenland,	1 00
Birds of Labrador	1 00

The copy of Ridgway's Manual is somewhat shelf-worn, otherwise the books are perfectly new. Bids for the lot or for separate books should be sent to Mr. Lynds Jones, Oberlin, O., before February 10th.

The report of elections appears on another page.

Extra copies of this Bulletin 15 cents each.

REUBEN M. STRONG, *President*.

The experience of the work which the Chapter has done in years past, has taught us that one year is too short a time in which to make any thing like a careful study of even a single species, much less a group of species. Hence it is proposed that a continuous system of study be inaugurated.

Having selected a group for study, the Warblers, it is proposed for 1895 to 1899, to divide the topics for study between several competent members, giving to one *food*, to another *migrations*, to a third *song*,

to a fourth *nesting*. Each person so appointed will have charge of the investigations under his topic, and will be allowed four years in which to gather material for a final report, making, each year, a report of progress. By this means the work can be more carefully and thoroughly done, and the results will be more satisfactory and valuable. Should any member in charge of a topic wish to make a final report before the close of the four years, he would be at perfect liberty to do so. Mr. J. E. Dickinson, Rockford, Ill., has accepted the chairmanship of the department of migration and has already begun active work. Others will soon follow.

In addition to this work, Mr. Howard P. Mitchell, of Mt. Sterling, Wis., desires to study "Nestling Down." This is a field which is almost wholly open. I sincerely hope that in this study Mr. Mitchell may have the hearty, active co-operation of every member. Write to Mr. Mitchell at once, and ascertain more fully the scope and plan of his work.

There may be other special lines of study similar to that of Mr. Burns in the present report on the Crow. It is needless to say that these special lines, as well as the work in general, depend for their value and interest upon the individual effort of members.

A further announcement of the work will be made in the next bulletin. Meantime any questions or suggestions will be gladly received.

The annual dues of all members elected in October or January should be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

Eleven members of the W. O. C. eligible to vote, have cast their ballots for officers of the W. O. C., for the year 1895, resulting as below :

For President —

R. M. Strong, 8.

J. A. Bryant, 2.

For Vice-President —

Ned Hollister, 7.

C. D. McLouth, 3.

J. A. Bryant, 1.

For Secretary —

J. E. Dickinson, 6.

H. E. Miller, 5.

For Treasurer —

Lynds Jones, 11.

For Executive Council (three to be elected)—*J. Warren Jacobs*, 9.

D. L. Savage, 7.

Walton Mitchell, 5.

C. A. Ely, 4.

H. C. Oberholser, 4.

A. H. W. Norton, 2.

F. L. BURNS, *Judge of Election*.

I have found this statement correct.

R. M. STRONG, *President*.