

## SHORT NOTES.

PURPLE GALLINULE, *Tonornis martinica*, on Sandusky Bay, April 28, 1896. Prof. E. L. Moseley, Sandusky, Ohio.

A RED CROSSBILL appeared at Glen Ellyn, Illinois, February 19. This is my first Glen Ellyn record. Benjamin T. Gault.

Mourning Dove, Rusty Grackle and Pine Siskin on the shore of Lake Erie, 12 miles north of Oberlin, February 13, and Bluebird, February 17, are the earliest Oberlin records. Lynds Jones.

Robins and Purple Grackles fairly common here February 19, exactly 20 days before the first were seen by me last year. Russell Gray, Philadelphia, Pa.

Migrations opened at Wady Petra, Illinois, February 28, with the arrival of a Bobin. March 8, Meadowlarks, Red-tailed Hawks, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, were recorded. Virginius H. Chase.

## EDITORIAL.

WHERE DOES JUNCO ROOST?—A number of replies have been received answering this question, but before the answers are published there should be many more of them. Does Junco pass the winter in your vicinity? If so, where does he roost during the night and in stormy weather? Answers to these two questions should be sent to the editor at once from every member. In this way the exact range of Junco for the past winter can be determined.

PINE SISKIN, *Spinus pinus*.—Early in the winter it was known that the Siskins were making a phenomenal movement southward. They were recorded in central Missouri and other localities where their presence was looked upon as unusual at least. Mr. Arthur T. Wayne, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, writes as follows: 'The Siskins were here in enormous flocks in December, 1896. They fed upon the seeds of the Sweet Gum, also in Short-leaf Pines. My first specimen was shot from the top of a pine 125 feet up. This is the first record of the capture of this bird here since Audubon found them near Charleston in 1833. The first Siskin was taken December 12, but the birds arrived in November.'

Nearly all reports indicate that the Siskins flock with Goldfinch. The question naturally arises, is it possible that Siskins are present more often than we suspect, being mistaken for the Goldfinch? More