

GREAT BLUE HERON.—“Crane,” “Blue Crane,” “Big Blue Crane,” “Big Crane,” “Big Blue Shitepoke,” “Great Big Fly-up-the-creek,” “Big Kingfisher,” “Fish Crane,” “Frog Eater.”

COOPER'S HAWK.—“Chicken Hawk,” “Pigeon Hawk,” “Bird Hawk,” “Long-tailed Hawk,” “Privateer.” The latter a relic of the time when privateering was so popular along our coast. This Hawk, by its dash, quickness, and boldness well earning the title. The term is in quite common use.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO.—“Great American Cuckoo,” “Indian Hen,” “Rainbird,” “Rain Crow,” “Cowbird,” “Conk.” The last from its cry.

WHIP-POOR-WILL.—“Whipper-will,” “Whipper-ca-loo.”

CARDINAL.—“Rainbird,” “Cowbird,” “Virginia Nightingale,” “Redbird,” “Red Jay,” “Corn Cracker,” “English Cockatoo.” The last two probably so called from its powerful looking beak.

CHIPPING SPARROW.—“Chippy,” “Chiprie,” “Hairbird” (from its nest), “Chip Sparrow,” “House Sparrow,” “Bush Sparrow,” “Honey Sucklebird.” The latter from its frequent use of the woodbine—here called “honey suckle”—as a safe and convenient nesting place. “Tit” and “Tomtit.”

MARYLAND YELLOW-THROAT.—“Muff Wren.” The black hood about its head suggests the first, and its harsh wren-like cry the other part. A half wild and partly crazed dweller of a nearly swampy thicket took the trouble to hunt up and point out to me the above named Warbler as the original of the name.

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## GENERAL NOTES.

NOTES FROM WISCONSIN.—BALD EAGLE.—Saw an adult flying along the creek in Albion, Dane Co., November 19, 1897. Saw three young eagles by Lake Koshkonong, November 21, 1897. These birds come to the lake every winter to pick up what fish they can from the fishermen on the ice. They sometimes get so bold as to take the fish from close beside the fishermen.

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK.—This hawk is with us all winter. Every slaughter house around here is headquarters for one of these hawks. January 26, 1898, I saw one which was in the black phase, being black except a very little on the underside of wing.

FOX SPARROW.—I found one among the pines in the nursery at Milton, December 12, 1897.

REDPOLL.—December 26, 1897, I saw a flock of about 120 near Lake Koshkonong. There was not a single rosy-breasted one among them that I could find. I have not seen a rosy-breasted one this winter. Last winter I found one flock where eighteen out of thirty-three were rosy-breasted.

JUNCO.—There has been a flock of about thirty Juncos which have roosted among the pines in the cemetery in Albion all this winter.

CEDAR WAXWING.—A flock of twenty-two lighted in a maple tree in Milton Junction, January 6, 1898.

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NOTES FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.—On February 12, I saw a Belted Kingfisher. This is a very unusual occurrence, as they are very rare in winter, although comparatively common in summer.

February 9. I saw a White-crowned Sparrow in a small swamp. It did not seem to be very lively, as it sat on one branch for fully five minutes.

The migrations opened here on February 12, with the arrival of a Robin; the only one seen so far this winter. On February 13, one Purple Grackle arrived and on the next day a flock of about forty was seen, and no more were noticed until the 24th. They did not become common until March 2. On March 6, 7, and 8, 104, 107, and 120, respectively were noted.

February 26. Today I saw a Black-capped Chickadee dig an acorn out of a hole in a tree and taking it in his beak, bark up the tree, then wedge it in a crevice in the bark and hammer it with his bill. It worked loose so he took it higher and wedged it again. This he repeated several times until he finally got it open and ate it.

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TWO CURIOUS ENGLISH SPARROWS' NESTS.—On March 14, while tearing down the nests which these pests have already begun to build, I found two nests *with the opening in the side*. They were composed of about half a peck of hay and feathers, and placed in the ivy flat against the wall, and well lined with feathers. One of the nests had two openings, one in each end. I have never seen any like these before.

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