

ing buds, and large numbers gathered about the small hummocks in swampy places, where the presence of open water seemed to cause the snow to melt as rapidly as it fell, leaving the hummocks bare.

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Unusual Birds at Oberlin, O.—During the unusually tardy migration season just closed there have been several notable occurrences at Oberlin. It is not easy to account for these, since some of them are of birds of more southern distribution. Possibly the lateness of the migrations resulted in an unusually strong current of migration when it did begin, and that current carried these southern birds with it north of their usual range.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Ereunetes pusillus*).—May 16. Not before noted in spring.

Semipalmated Plover (*Ægialitis semipalmata*).—May 14, 16, 19. Seldom seen in spring.

Sanderling (*Calidris arenaria*).—May 19. Generally not present in spring.

Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*).—May 14. Only one other county record.

Hooded Warbler (*Sylvania mitrata*).—Only one other county record.

Kentucky Warbler (*Geothlypis formosa*).—May 12. The first specimen captured in the county. There have been three other reports of occurrence, but no other captures.

Brewster Warbler (*Helminthophila leucobronchialis*).—See article on another page.

There were some unusual occurrences earlier in the season.

Old-squaw (*Harelda hyemalis*).—March 11 and 12. Oberlin water-works reservoir. A male and female in full breeding plumage.

Canvas-back (*Aythya vallisneria*).—March 13 to 18. A flock of four males and one female were present for six successive days on the water-works reservoir, and apparently spent the night as well as the day on the water.

Loon (*Gavia imber*).—April 17 to 22. A male in full breeding plumage occupied the Oberlin water works reservoir for six successive days. For three days he practiced trying to rise high enough to clear the dwelling houses which nearly surrounded him, loudly calling after each failure. He finally cleared the dwellings, and was last seen heading for lake Erie.

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