

THE MAY HORIZON.

So much interest was shown in the May Horizon last year, and such good results grew out of it, that we are ready to undertake it again the coming May. If possible, it would be the best plan to spend several whole days with the birds during May; but if that is not possible, then plan to spend some one whole day with them, in the definite expectation of making your list for that day reach the hundred mark. Woods, fields, marshes, and bodies of water should be included in the field of operations if possible. It is always best to give the region as much study as possible the day previous to the day set for the supreme effort, so that you may be able to find the less common species with the least expenditure of time. You cannot hope for a very large list unless the study begins as soon as the morning light is strong enough to make large birds visible. I expect to get the owls during the morning twilight, and the Whipporwill during the evening twilight. If you must sleep, do it at high noon. You will need four lunches at least, and if you eat them while you watch for birds, you will be surprised at the number of new records that are made during the meal in the woods or beside the lake or pond. Lists sent to the editor not later than the 12th of May can be printed in the Bulletin.

A DOOR-YARD LIST OF BIRDS.

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Many local lists are monthly published in our bird magazines. These are valuable and show the increased interest in bird study. Many of these lists are from favored localities and few are from such limited areas as one's own door-yard. It is with the purpose of showing some of the possibilities in this time that I contribute the following account from my notes and check-book for September and the first twenty days of October, 1902:

At this time my home was with Dr. Chas. Hancock, of Denmark, Lee County, Iowa. Dr. Hancock's place is situated at the southeast edge of town. With the exception of one house across the road, there is no other within a hundred and fifty yards. The lot is about a hundred and fifty yards long by sixty to seventy wide. About the house are six or seven evergreen trees, Norway Spruce, Cedar and Pine, several fruit trees and an Osage Orange tree. At the farther end of the lot is a row of Locust trees. Part of the place was devoted to a garden, but a large part was simply in grass.

Within these limits I saw or heard forty different species of birds in the seven weeks of the fall above mentioned. Not