

and rushes in Private Claim 50, Ecorse Twp. This was in May, 1899, and the bird was seen on several subsequent visits. On July 30th, of the same year, I discovered a colony of about 15 pairs on P. C. 405, Village of Delray, and about a mile from the other locality. They had taken possession of some ten acres of neglected land, covered mostly with thick weeds, but there was a mud flat in one portion fringed with rushes. This field is surrounded by factory buildings, railroad tracks and the River Rouge. I secured a male, but, despite protest, my companion collected four males and two females, saying the birds were rare and we might not get another chance. I found an empty nest, probably of this species, fastened to the weeds about a foot above the ground. While examining it I noticed a motion of the weed tops a few feet away and investigation discovered a young Dickcissel not yet able to fly. No birds have since been seen in the two above localities.

The next bird was perched upon a wire fence between two meadows in Section 19, Monguagon Twp., about the middle of May, 1904, and the last seen was a male and female on July 20th, in the bushes along a fence between a corn and clover field on P. C. 26, Village of Fairview.

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SOME SPRING RECORDS FROM THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK CITY.—Central Park, March 5.—150 Snowflakes remained about a week.

March 7.—3 American Crossbills.

March 26.—1 Mourning Dove.

May 8.—13 Bay-breasted Warblers.

May 10.—1 female Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

Leonia, N. J., March 25.—1 Baldpate.

May 6.—2 Tufted Titmice.

Vicinity of Englewood, N. J., May 13.—1 Brewster's Warbler (*Helminthophila leucobronchialis*) observed in an elm tree by the road eating the fruit.

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#### BOOK REVIEWS.

Gleanings No. IV. Some Notes on the Summer Birds of Monongahela Co., W. Va. By J. Warren Jacobs.

We are always pleased to receive these Gleanings from time to time, not alone because they possess intrinsic worth, but because they illustrate in an unmistakable way one persons lively interest in what the birds about him are doing. The observations made on two short trips introduce us to some of the features of a region all too little known. We trust that Mr. Jacobs may yet find time to thoroughly work this territory.

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