

The winter which is just passing in northern Ohio has been the most severe winter in a quarter of a century or more, yet the winter bird life has been unusual in the number of birds present, among which our Robin has been the most conspicuous. Crows have also been much more than usually common. In the Cadiz Republican there have been reports of great numbers of Robins all the winter. From Steubenville comes the report that during the most severe weather, when snow covered the ground, many Robins died of starvation. From many parts of the state, both east and west, reports have come in of great numbers of Robins all winter. The cause of this unusual occurrence seems hard to understand, particularly when it is remembered that the winter weather began in November with unseasonably cold weather and snow. The food supply seems to have been only normal. Unusual occurrences of this sort on the part of many species of birds needs investigation before we have any right to assume that it is capricious rather than governed by well defined natural factors.

General Notes

FLORIDA CAERULEA AGAIN TAKEN IN OHIO.

Since my last record of this bird in Ohio, July, 1902, in the *Auk* (Oct. 1902), nothing has been reported of the reoccurrence of this species in this state. On July 16, 1909, a young male in the white plumage was shot at the Loramie Reservoir and sent to me in the afternoon. The intense heat and the somewhat mangled condition of the bird had caused a good deal of trouble in preparing the skin, and it was only after long and careful work that I succeeded in saving it, it being now No. 784 of my collection. It gives me pleasure to re-record this bird in the State, and also to give the first record for it from middle western Ohio.

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BOBWHITE (*Colinus virginianus virginianus*).

A gratifying increase in the numbers of the Bobwhite in past years was largely due, no doubt, to the protection the law afforded them; also because the neighboring farmers have better business than that of hunting birds. Some idea of the commonness the Bob-