

**The European Starling at Des Moines, Iowa.**—On March 21, 1929, a pair of European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were observed by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lee of 4323 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, feeding in their backyard and around the Purple Martin house. Although neither observer was familiar with the Starling they were able to furnish such an accurate description of the pair to Mr. A. J. Palas that he felt there could be no doubt as to their identity.

The Starlings remained only during the one day and were described by Mr. Lee as "larger than Purple Martins, purple in color with their backs shaded brownish and had very prominent bills, large at base, yellow in color. The notes were different than I had ever heard, being loud, harsh whistles."—PHILIP A. DuMONT, *Wilton, Conn.*

**The Starling at Hillsboro, Ohio.**—On November 15, 1928, the Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) appeared at Hillsboro. In a few days the number increased to seven, and on December 31 to thirty. This number remained until March 1. The regularity of their movements was very marked. At 8:30 A. M. they appeared in an oak tree and after chattering a few minutes, they flew to a clump of locust trees and then off to their feeding ground, returning by the same route about 4 P. M. and then to their roosting place. After March 1 the group varied in numbers and in their movements.

On May 1 I noticed a pair in a maple tree. They were trying to gain possession of an abandoned Downy Woodpecker's nest occupied by a Red-headed Woodpecker. The male sat on a limb near by while the female explored the cavity, passing in and out frequently. The Redhead sat in a nearby tree just looking on. During the investigation a Flicker leaned into the opening and gave the Starling two hard thrusts with his stout bill. The Starling slid out and the Flicker left as suddenly as he had come. The Starlings gained possession more by a continued persistence than by physical force. They spent several days in carrying out the old material. They would go to a limb near by and drop it very leisurely. On May 15, the nest was abandoned. Probably the eggs were destroyed by squirrels. Several days afterward the female visited the nest. I have found three nests in the cavities of trees about twelve feet from the ground, and have seen several carrying food to their young. They stay in pairs or groups of four to eight. They are general this summer but not common. They do not seem to affect the bird life and the other birds do not bother them. The first one observed here was a stray one in early January of 1928. It stayed in a neighbor's garden and our yard for several days.—KATIE M. ROADS, *Hillsboro, Ohio.*

**Additional Records of the Starling in Michigan.**—As to records of extensions of the range of the Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) asked for in the March, 1929, number of the WILSON BULLETIN, I have the following to give: At Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, I first saw a Starling on August 22, 1925. From what I have seen at this locality, it appears that they are a resident and very likely nest there, as I found them during the months of March to October, inclusive. The largest number seen at one time at this locality was seventeen on September 20, 1925. At Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo County, I first saw Starlings on October 13, 1925, three being seen. It is perhaps a resident and breeding bird at that locality. I found them there during the months of July, October, and December on my few visits at that locality. The largest number seen at one time was a