

GENERAL NOTES

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The Pine Grosbeak in South Dakota.—During November of 1929, I saw a Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*) in company with three Robins in the vicinity of Lake Poinsett, Brookings County, South Dakota. This is a rare bird in this state in my experience.—ADRIAN LARSON, *Arlington, S. D.*

A Burrowing Owl Record for Hancock County, Illinois.—On April 9, 1930, Mr. Marvin Fenton of Hamilton, Illinois, brought to the writer a specimen of Burrowing Owl (*Speotyto cunicularia hypogaea*) to be mounted for the museum of Carthage College. Mr. Fenton secured this bird, a male, in the lowlands between Hamilton and Warsaw, Illinois. He did not succeed in locating the female, if one were present.—EARL L. LAMBERT, *Carthage, Ill.*

Lesser Snow Geese at Fox Lake, Wisconsin.—A flock of Lesser Snow Geese (*Chen hyperboreus hyperboreus*), conservatively estimated to number 500, spent about two weeks at Fox Lake (Dodge County) in November, 1929. They rested on the lake and fed on the Prison Farm about three miles distant. On November 14, Mr. G. L. Wedge, of Fox Lake, shot at the geese while they were feeding at the farm. Though none fell, he knew that some had been hit. The birds returned to the lake, where two that were afflicted with body wounds were taken by him. Another bird was killed on November 15, 1929.—A. W. SCHORGER, *Madison, Wis.*

The Starling in Northern Louisiana.—A flock of about 100 Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) appeared near Monroe, Louisiana, on January 23, 1930. A specimen was collected to verify the identification. This is the first occurrence in the state, as far as I can learn. The same flock was seen regularly for about two weeks. Smaller flocks were observed at widely distributed points throughout March, these dwindling in number until the last individual was seen, on April 6.—GEORGE LOWERY, JR., *West Monroe, La.*

Nesting of the Starling in Hancock County, Illinois.—What appear to be the first records of the nesting of the Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*) in this region, as far as the writer can ascertain, have recently been reported. The children of Rev. Paul Buelow, who lives one-fourth of a mile north of the city limits of Carthage, on Scofield Street, found a nest of Starlings in a hollow cross-beam in their barn, on May 7, 1930. At that time definitive feathers were appearing. I went to see the nest, which contained, as nearly as I could ascertain, four young Starlings. The adult birds were carrying food from an adjacent orchard. They were very shy and difficult to approach.

Mr. Charles Rice, whose home is located midway between Dallas City and LaHarpe, in the northern part of the County, reports a nest of Starlings in an old water storage tank on a windmill on their farm.—EARL L. LAMBERT, *Carthage, Ill.*

A Flicker Migration in Iowa.—On October 2, 1927, the writer witnessed a migration flight of the common Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus luteus*). The birds were first noticed about 4 p. m., and were flying in a general southeast direction. They flew well above the tree tops and at a very steady pace. One bird would not be out of sight before another one would come flying over. Once in a while a bird would seem to lose sight of his companions and circle