

Bird Notes

RECORDS OF UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES FOR 1913.¹

- Green Heron. Camden, N. J. (*Potter*), Nov. 30.
Florida Gallinule. Bridesburg, Pa. (*R. F. Miller*), Feb. 12.
Wilson's Phalarope. Pocono, Pa. (*Carter*), Sept. 10.
Saw-whet Owl. Westtown, Pa. (*Carter*), Dec. 7.
Saw-whet Owl. Camden, N. J., (*Potter*), Nov. 27.
Arkansas Kingbird.² Rehoboth, Pa. (*Pennock and Trotter*),
Dec. 31, 1912.
Olive-sided Flycatcher. Marple, Pa. (*Culver*), Aug. 29.
Savannah Sparrow. Lester, Pa. (*Pearson*), Jan. 29.
Chewink. Melrose, Pa. (*Barker*), Jan. 1 and 3.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Nesting Pensauken, N. J. (*R. F. Miller*), July 7.
Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Nesting Beverly, N. J. (*Street*),
summer.
Cape May Warbler. Unusually common. Reported by
Abbott, Baily, Kuser, Mason, Palmer, Serrill, Stone and Styer.
See Migration Report.
Mourning Warbler. Paoli, Pa. (*Baily*), May 18.
Mourning Warbler. Aldan, Pa. (*Culver*), May 25.
Hooded Warbler. Swarthmore, Pa. (*Harrower*), May 5.
Hooded Warbler. Bustleton, Pa. (*R F Miller*) May 8.
Short-billed Marsh Wren. Breeding Haddonfield, N. J.
(*Rhoads*), July 1.
Gnatcatcher. Atlantic City, N. J. (*Cromie*), April 23.
Gnatcatcher. Fish House, N. J. (*Potter*), March 28.

BACK-YARD OBSERVATIONS IN PHILADELPHIA.

These are the birds observed by Mrs. Stone and myself in our 20x40 ft. garden, in a thickly built-up section of West Philadelphia. A series of similar yards runs along for the

¹ These records are unusual, either on account of locality or date. For details see Migration Report.

² Reported in *Auk*, 1913, p. 573.

whole block, backed by a similar series belonging to houses on the next street. Ours is protected from cats by a chicken-wire extension to the open iron fence:

Mar. 26. Flicker (on chimney).	Sept. 30. Cape May Warbler
April 20. Hermit Thrush.	(2 juv.).
May 11. Maryland Yellow-throat.	Brown Thrasher.
Nighthawk (flying over).	White-throated Sparrow.
May 13. Towhee (female).	Oct. 1. Junco.
May 15. Purple Martin (flying over).	Oct. 2. Catbird.
May 18, 27, 28. Maryland Yellow-throat.	Oct. 3. Myrtle Warbler (2).
Oct. 16. Maryland Yellow-throat.	Oct. 4. Brown Thrasher.
Aug. 31. Maryland Yellow-throat.	Catbird.
Least Flycatcher.	5. Hermit Thrush.
Sept. 8. Maryland Yellow-throat.	Oct. 17. House Wren.
Sept. 10. Blackpoll Warbler.	Oct. 18. Maryland Yellow-throat.
Sept. 12. Tennessee Warbler.	Oct. 19. House Wren.
Maryland Yellow-throat.	Ruby-crowned Kinglet.
Sept. 14. Oven-bird.	White-throated Sparrow.
Sept. 21. Cape May Warbler (1 ad 2 juv.).	Junco.
Sept. 22. Brown Thrasher.	Oct. 23. Ruby-crowned Kinglet.
Sept. 24. Black-poll Warbler.	Oct. 25, 27. White-throated Sparrow.
Black-throated Blue Warbler.	Oct. 29, 30. Ruby-crowned Kinglet.
Sept. 25. Hummingbird.	Oct. 30. Woodcock.
Sept. 28, 30. Maryland Yellow-throat.	

As all these birds were unquestionably migrating, the dates throw some interesting light on the length of time of the migration period for certain species, as for instance the Maryland Yellow-throat.

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