

A SNOWY OWL IN OTTAWA.—When passing along Wellington Street in the early morning of January 20th, 1928, my attention was directed to a large owl sitting in one of the trees below the West Block. Two city policemen had discovered it, and were trying to hit it with revolver shots, but I managed to scare it off, and it flew out over the river. I am quite sure it was a snowy owl (*Nyctea nivae*), with which species I am familiar from my visits to East Greenland and Arctic America.

As is well known, this high-arctic bird migrates southward in the winter, and there are a number of records of it also from southern Canada, including Ottawa. It is perhaps worth noting in this connection that the weather in Ottawa, January 18-21, 1928, was very cold, with a violent snowstorm the night of January 19-20.—FRITS JOHANSEN.

RECENT RECORDS OF THE EUROPEAN STARLING.—It is believed that records of observations of the European Starling, which show its spread into new territory, or its increase in territory already occupied should, when this can be done,

be placed on record so that the account of the development of this species in its North American environment will eventually be as complete as possible. It is for this reason that I desire to record briefly the observations stated below:—

On March 12, 1927, I observed 10 Starlings at Lindsay, Victoria County, Ontario.

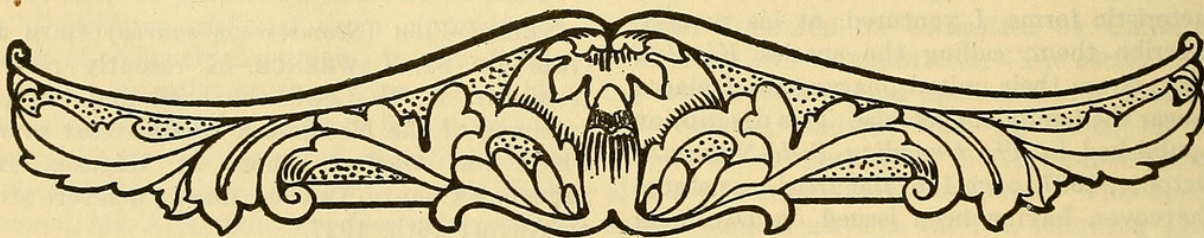
On March 17, 1927, I observed 2 Starlings at Bedell, Grenville County, Ontario.

On April 2, 1927, I observed 3 Starlings about a bird box at Yarker, Lennox and Addington County, Ontario.

On May 11, 1927, I observed 2 Starlings at Megantic, Frontenac County, Quebec, near the border of the State of Maine.

Mr. Edmund H. Fletcher, of Point Edward, Lambton County, Ontario, at the outlet of Lake Huron, states in a letter, dated June 6, 1927, "The European Starling was seen here on May 20th for the first time. I have a nest, but cannot get my hand into the hole (in a telegraph post)."

On January 31, 1928, I observed 24 Starlings at Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, and was told that as many as 100 had recently been seen there at one time.—HARRISON F. LEWIS.







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