

Hunt Road So. Arlington

and
Glen Carlyn Park "The woods" 1950

First Robins about Feb. 15 (1952)
following warmest January in all
Weather Bureau history. 79° top
temp., with about 5 successive
days in upper 70's.

Warm period followed by
cold February (latter half) +
early March. Down to about
16-18° once or twice.

March 12, 1950 - Several Robins
around - starting to sing a
little - whisper songs. Saw first
Myrtle Warblers (2) around woods
at W. & O. D. R.R. tracks, on walk
with Susan ^{on 3/4/50} yesterday (3/11) and
today several Myrtle Warblers
were around the yard, calling.
Killdeers flying overhead, calling.

March 18, Saturday.

First Purple Grackle calling on
top of electric pole back of Woolford's
house. Cold and very windy.

March 19. Sunday.

Several times today I thought I heard a Brown Thrasher near the woods, but am now convinced it was the Mocking Bird.

Robins singing - again mostly whisper style. Heard Grackles at intervals during the day - once saw four flying over low, heading North East. Dove cooing repeatedly - first time.

March 23. Friday Thursday

Frogs singing - Arietta says they have been singing for some time.

March 25 - ~~Sunday~~ Saturday. Phoebe calling at the W & O. D. R. R. tracks.

March 26 - Near Fairfax - 25

Robins in area 20 feet in diam., on Lee Blvd. - Dalton road - on yard of Cobb's house. Probably 100 or more about - many Song Sparrows on burnt-over ground. Mocking-birds. Frogs singing.

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March 28, Tuesday

Warm Sunday (also Sat.), 79° yesterday, 70° this A.M. at 7:00. Gently misty drizzle. Pair of Purple Martins off 2nd. Street S., just past old Glee Road, as Claire drove me in to work.

April 1 - Saturday

Cool the last few days - to 30° at night in 40's and 50's in afternoon. Frogs singing on milder nights. Star + *Soulangiana* magnolias beginning to bloom, Forsythia doing fine, some early spirea, etc. Many gulls up in parks last week.

To woods briefly in afternoon (12:15 - 1:15) with Susan - no birds. Phoebe, several Brown Creepers, Robins, one or two Myrtle Warblers, Downies, Jays, Grackles, Song Sparrows, etc. Houses nearly complete at our old parking place. New path cut through

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on hillside above "The little pond in the woods", bisecting the hillside between upper and lower paths, receiving (I imagine) one of favorite nesting places of Down Birds, ^{wood thrush} and choice migration haunts of Olive-backed and Gray-checked Thrushes.

April 6, 1950 - Thursday.

On leave today, celebrating our 10th. wedding anniversary. Fine day, somewhat cool. Susan and I went to the more "civilized" section of Lubber Run Park in the afternoon. Titmice were calling at the Western end, then we heard the sweet song of one or more Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, and from upon the Northwest hillside, the song of a Pine Warbler - quite a surprise for me here. He sang repeatedly for ten minutes or more. When we got home we looked out back, and saw

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a Brown Thrasher hopping up Stevens' back yard from the fence row, with that ever-alert, wary look.

April 8, Saturday.

Went to see Carl & family today. Got to pond with Lee about 11:00 A. M. First noted many white-throated sparrows about yard and in field, also juncos. At Pond saw Crows, one Red-tailed Hawk, and singing and calling happily up in swamp near Dark Earth, a pair of Louisiana Water Thrushes. They were very tame in actions, staying nearby, and one hopping about on a limb about 25 feet away for a while, in good light. A few Song Sparrows about. Back home saw Broad-Winged Hawk circling overhead calling.

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Lee said he killed one at house this morning. Purple Martin flew overhead. Titmice called nearby, Forsythia blooming wonderfully, but past peak. Spiraea blooming nicely - many longhairs. In woods, many anemones and a few bluebells. Red Winged Blackbirds high overhead.

April 9. Sunday.

In woods about noon. Heard song and scolding chatter of Ruby Crowned Kinglets. Saw one Golden-Crown above G. W. survey marker - appeared to be male. Several Brown Creepers, Titmice, Chickadees, Flicker, Downy, Cardinals, Carolina Wrens. One Winter Wren hunting along ravine up to Glen Carlyn. Many Robins. Found more fresh park-paths chopped thru woods. Phoebe.

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april 8 } As we returned home on First
● Road South, a Chewink called
at the end of the block.

Two or 3 Chewinks in woods
today (4/9)

April 13 - Thursday

Still rather chilly this morning,
as it has been for several
days - has been below freezing.

● Heard Yellow Warbler singing
cheerily on grounds of
Pan-American Union, by old
Annex building.

April 15 - Saturday

Duty officer for OEX today -
had to work half day - actually
in office 8:30 - 2:15.

● Before I left home 4 male
Lawberds appeared on the
back porch, then onto feed
shelf.

Down to 19° yesterday A.M. at
Fairfax - 24° in D.C. coldest April 14

on record.

In woods middle of afternoon.
Chewinks in woods - Brown
Creepers, Kinglets, Titmice &
Chickadees.

In undergrowth between Big
Maple Bend & R. R. track I
heard a Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
calling. Had Susan with me, so
couldn't locate him. Several Phoebes.
White Throated Sparrows.

April 16, Sunday

To Woods with Susan
again. At ~~just~~ Reinic area where
once the Jacks - in Pulps grew,
near the stream & R. R. track,
we found the Gnatcatcher,
feeding very tamely within
10 feet of us. Another called
nearby. Broadwinged Hawk.
Phoebes, Kinglets, Creepers,
Chewinks. 2 Hermit Thrushes
across stream from Gnatcatcher - one sat
quietly for 5 minutes while I watched.

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April 19. - Wed.

Male + Female Cowbird on feeding shelf this morning. Others nearby.

April 22, Saturday.

Should have been the first day of my 3 weeks vacation, but our "Bold, New Program" killed that. To woods at 6:30 a.m. Chipping Sparrow singing in Arlington Forest. Crossed Lee Blvd. bridge over R.R. tracks, turned down woods, up to Glen-Carlyn, then on down thru woods. Ruby Crowned Kinglets; Phoebe, Cardinals, White-Throated Sparrows, Crows, Jay, Many Robins, etc. Several Nettle Warblers. Going down gravel road from "Observatory Point" or "Lookout Point" to Jack-in-Pulpit Clearing, I came across a Blue-Headed Vireo, flitting about from 2-8 feet above ground. He soon

flew across the track in the direction taken by another bird which may have been a second Veio. Went up stream-side path toward Gravel-pit area, (now apartments) and found male Black-and-White Warbler singing gaily along ravine up to open fields. He stayed within 10 feet of ground, several times going on ground. A male Ruby-Crowned Kinglet was here also, and Titmice and Chickadees. Along the stream-side path an Oven-Bird hopped through the bushes and on the ground, and a Louisiana Water Thrush called and flitted about near the Black & White Warbler. All morning a Kingfisher rattled up and down Lubber Run. Twice a Broad-Winged Hawk flew over, once pursued by a Crow. Doubled back to Jack-in-pulpit area and up to tracks. A Gnatcatcher

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called, and Kinglets sang, also Goldfinches sang and called. On a hickory opposite the high clay banks along the track, a very pale female Sapsucker circled about 25-30 feet up, digging out an old row of sap holes almost completely circling the tree. The "scar-
lips" about the holes were perhaps ~~or~~ $\frac{3}{4}$ " high. When I returned later she was going from hole to hole, systematically probing for sap, then flew to another hickory nearby where the scar tissue above and below the ring of holes ~~was~~ was piled 1" to $\frac{1}{2}$ " high. These apparently had been renewed, as she probed quickly for sap, then went to a small 1" limb and probed a small, fresh hole, then on to other freshly-bored holes on the small limbs, occasionally calling. Forgot to mention one

Hermit Thrush up streamside path. Saw 6-8 more before going home, along tracks, near Beech Bend, etc. Chewinks called frequently; heard several Cowbirds. Red-bellied Woodpecker high in tree tops near Beech Bend, calling often. Purple Martins seen near home late in day. Field Sparrow near tracks, and back in marsh patch across from the path up to my old parking place calls attracted my attention to a male Swamp Sparrow about 10 feet from me, beside the tracks. Several Myrtle Warblers + Kinglets near the Sapsucker. Two Winter Wrens farther down track, opposite Dark Pool. In woods 6:30-9:00 - Cool, in low 40's at start. In 50's later. Light breeze, sunny.

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April 23, 1950 - Sunday

To woods about 6:00 a.m. - all usual birds, but of the new arrivals seen yesterday, only two were seen today - the Chipping Sparrows and the female Sapsucker, ~~being~~ probing the first row of holes I saw her at. Numbers of Hermit Thrushes. Field Sparrows. Had to come home about 8:00 a.m. Cool, cloudy^{at first}. On way back home, passing Beekingham, heard a Catbird. A few minutes after arriving home, a House Wren arrived in the back yard, singing happily on thru day.

April 25 - Tuesday

Worked until 11:50 P.M. last night on "Bold New Program" - so today, with the "Dream Budget" put to bed, I went home on time, riding with Bill Robery. Over New State Bldg. (21st. + Va. Ave., N.W.), a flight of Chimney Swifts suddenly flashed

by overhead.

April 27 - Thurs.

Claude Mahoney of WTOP reports Whip-poor-wills arrived at his farm near Fairfax last night.

April 28, Friday.

Left for woods at 6:00 A.M. Very slight breeze, sky overcast at first, light fog in woods at first, visibility very poor, because of poor light and glare overhead.

At first picnic area near Lee Blvd., heard what I first was sure was a Red-Eyed Vireo. However, after climbing up the very steep hillside to the Glen Carlyn houses, I could find only a solitary Vireo, although numbers of birds were in the high tree tops, and I couldn't identify them. Saw one bird 20-30 feet up that seemed to me must be a Yellow Palm Warbler, which

noted yellow underbody & "pumping" tail.

I haven't seen in years; It flew towards the brushy ravine near the pony field; I followed there, and in a few minutes saw a Yellow Palm Warbler flying about in the low undergrowth. I was able to approach within 30 feet or less, and get good view of the crown, underbody, and of course, the twitching tail. On two more occasions down through woods, saw ~~to~~ what may have been same bird close up. Just before identifying the bird, I heard the sharp calls of a Wood Thrush up the brushy ravine. High in the very tall trees in the Pony meadow, 12-20 Purple Finches sang softly. Cutting across on new hillside path, on to old one along top of park, saw Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, later saw more, and one Golden-Crown. Many Myrtle Warblers sang all thru the woods, everywhere - not in great numbers, but yet quite a few. Saw ~~a~~ Brown

Creepers, in course of walk,
heard 2 or 3 more Wood Thrushes.
Just past Jack-in-Pulpit clearing,
I heard the strident calls of a
Crested Flycatcher, and almost
immediately heard the repeated
song of a Hooded Warbler - took
me about 2 minutes to remember
name of the singer. Later saw
one male. Several times heard two
singing at once. Down near
lower picnic area ran into
another wave of migrants as I
saw on first entering woods, &
midway down. Many Myrtles, Kinglets,
several Solitary Vireos (saw
probably total of 20 or more for
day, several times 2 or 3 together)
the most I've ever seen in one day.
Several Barn-Swallows
flew by overhead, twittering.
Then heard and located one
Red-Eyed Vireo. Several
Black & White Warblers
here, & just before hearing

the ~~the~~ Red-Eye, I heard the
oft-repeated song of a Black-
Throated Green Warbler, but
couldn't locate it, even tho the
light was improving, seen
breaking through, and I thought
I had the tree located several times.
This happened repeatedly until
I finally located one male across
the "Dark Pool" beside the tracks.

Back to tracks, then down to
Dark Pool - birds everywhere -
members of Chewinks, Swifts,
Wood Thrushes singing (forgot
to mention near Beech Bend, a
pair of L. Water Thrushes, one
carrying large dead oak leaf for
nest - carried for several minutes,
acting very wary & nervous - lost
it in flight). Near two tall
columnar tulip trees a sudden
brilliant flashing in the air ^{stream} near the
turned out to be a male Redstart
down near the stream in a wonder-
ful display of insect catching.

He sang prettily several times.
Near Park Pool, a no. of White
Throated Sparrows fed near
the tracks. Doves cooed in the
distance - many swifts,
Phoebes and Flycatchers,
one Nuthatch. This seems like Parula
time - have a hunch tomorrow is it!

April 29, Saturday -

First new arrival was
up stream-side path, almost
to point where path turns up to
former gravel pit. A Veery hopped
along the path ahead of me, then up
hillside. On my return he left path,
flew across stream, and hopped
quietly up tiny rivulet, in & out
of water. Nearby a Yellow-
throated Warbler sang. Near
the S.W. survey marker a Parula
Warbler sang in the tree tops past
the island. Back at Jack-in-Pulpit
glade, a Scarlet Tanager sang
and called. Later heard another

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near Dark Pool. To right of track,
near twin Tulip Trees, a Yellow
Breasted Chat called and sang,
and flashed through undergrowth,
and a few yards farther on
a White-Eyed Vireo called and
sang, flitting about as I tried
"wren scolding" notes. A Kentucky
Warbler sang once in the distance
beyond the end of Dark Pool. Returning
along tracks, an Empidonax
Flycatcher flitted about in alders
and in willows & cottonwoods 15 feet
up, near G. W. marker - calling
vigorously "swip", "swip", with
vigorous tail-twitches. Quite
small; white eye-ring, faint
whitish wing bars, grayish
with suggestion of faint green tinge
on back, white on throat, whitish
grey underbody; distinctly dirty-
whitish edges to primaries, showing
as he sat. Must have been Alder or
Least - I'm inclined to say least.
A Maryland Yellowthroat sang

on the little hillside near path
up to former parking place. On
afternoon drive, we saw a Kingbird
near Fairfax Golf & Country Club.

In addition to 10 new arrivals,
saw these: several Red-Eyed Vireos,
Bl. Throated Green Warblers, Wood
Thrushes; 2 or 3 Crested Flycatchers,
2 Catbirds opposite Dark Pool,
2 Broad Winged Hawks in same
area, cruising tamely about and
alighting on trees beside tracks;
many White-throated Sparrows, many
Myrtle Warblers, several Black &
White Warblers (incl. 1 ♀); Flock of
Purple Finches opposite Lookout
Point; Barn Swallows, Swifts,
Kingfisher, Chipping Sparrows (seen in
great numbers on afternoon drive),
many Cowbirds in woods, several
Ruby-cr. Kinglets, many Goldfinches,
Juncos, many Towhees, no. of
Hooded Warblers, Gnatcatchers,
1 male Redstart; One male Black
throated Green Warbler with a

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totally different song - a weak soft warble or twitter. 6:05 a.m. to 8:15. Cool, clear after first hour
One Hairy Woodpecker - 2 Downies.

April 30 - Sunday

6:15 - 8:15 a.m. Cool (quite brisk at first), cloudy, then clearing briefly; brief, light drizzle twice, then heavily overcast.

Thought I heard a Worm-eating W. on hillside near first picnic area, but couldn't confirm it - heard only once.

Nothing new until coming back down stream side path, up on hillside to right as I came back, saw scattered wave of migrants in tree-tops - light drizzle at times (7:00 - 7:30) and had to work through light underbrush. Saw one Male Black-throated Blue Warbler, silent throughout the 10-15 minutes he was nearby. I

then saw one female. On hillside where I once saw a Brewster's W. on the Red-Letter Day (Golden Wing, Blue Wing, & Brewster) a Green Cheeked Thrush was busy eating the fruit of a Cat brier, about 15 feet above ground.

In addition saw these:
Many Myrtle Ws. singing, White-Thr. Sparrows, Goldfinches, several Juncos (saw 2 males), 2-3 Parulas singing, several Bl.-Thr. Green & Black & White Warblers, at least two Solitary Vireos, two Yellow-Throated, 2-3 Red-Eyed Vireos, one White-Eyed singing at same spot as yesterday, 8-10 Ovenbirds, 2-3 Louisiana Water Thrushes, one Maryland Yellowthroat singing, Kentucky Warbler sang lustily once down near tree that once held a long rope for swinging across stream, several Hooded Warblers, saw 2 Crested Flycatchers, number

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of Cowbirds; 2 Veerys along
Lubber Run near "Sitting Rock";
One Hermit Thrush up streamside
path, many Towhees, Mourning
Doves calling (saw two flying together),
Flickers, 1 Red-Bellied Woodpecker,
Downies, 2 Gnatcatchers,
Juncos, no. of Wood Thrushes.

May 1, 1950 - Monday 6:15 - 9:00

Rather chilly this A. M., overcast
at first, clearing & bright later.
Intermittent rains yesterday,
mostly drizzles of varying degrees,
and rain almost all night, harder
than during day, East wind
during night!

On path along top of hill,
near old Red House, at least
two Warbling Vireos. Makes me
wonder how often I've not even
looked there up, thinking I
was hearing a softened Red-eye

song - as these sounded.

~~At the edge of~~ here too I heard a brisk little song "sweet-d-d-d-33333," to me having the sound of rapidly clicking ball bearings together. It was a lovely Blue-Winged Warbler, in brilliant sunlight about 40 feet up.

At the edge of Jack-in-Pulpit clearing, a sweet, clear song led me to a male Chestnut-Sided Warbler, about 30-40ft. up. This was about 7:00 a.m.

With my glasses I followed a small bird up the giant tulip tree here (3-4 feet diam.), and saw what I took to be a black pigeon (or Rock Dove) sitting in a fork 100-120 feet up in the Tulip tree. The small bird flew near the larger just as I spotted the larger, and he gave a slight peck at the small bird (forgot his species now). I first noted the birds

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glossy dark breast, getting darker about the neck + head.

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Gallinule On watching him closely, I noted a red patch at first looking like a flat, wide comb from the bill up the forehead, though not looking to me as wide as it appears in the books.

The bill was yellow or whitish-yellow, appearing to extend less than inch in front of the red.

I circled up the steep hill in back of the tree (which is at the foot of the hill) and got 50-60 feet up hill where I could see he was standing in the fork with feet spread about 3 inches apart on opposite sides of fork; legs appeared green or greenish-yellow, although from back he was silhouetted against source of light; they seemed about 5 inches or so long. There was something on the rump giving appearance of lighter color, perhaps ruffled

feathers. Short stumpy tail turned down. He was standing on his toe-tips each time I was in a position to see his feet - toes were quite long. I went up on the R.R. tracks, ^{later} and out on the trestle, giving me perhaps 30 feet more elevation, and together with the long viewing angle gave me further good views of the bird, including being able to see daylight under the bird and observe its legs, etc. It was in the same spot when I came back by about 8:15, and watched him for a few minutes. Along the path about half-way from Jim-P clearing to S.W. Marker, I found two Olive-backed Thrushes, later saw a few more, perhaps half-dozen in all. Here too I heard a little song and found a Golden Winged Warbler, feeding very actively - but no more so

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than the Blue-Wing who was in constant motion.

Later, down the tracks in Dark Pool, I heard a splashing and saw a pair of Wood Ducks swimming across the Pool, now much enlarged by all the rain.

The male followed the female with his beautiful crest showing about 5:00 Susan and

~~we~~ I took a quick trip to see if we could find the Florida Gallinule. We didn't, but up ~~on the~~ overhead a pair of Rough Winged Swallows twittered and chased each other about with a great fluttering of wings and spread tails. Then we went up on the trestles and I spotted a small Warbler on the topmost twigs of the very tall oak nearest the trestle. Just as I got the glasses on him the rays of the low sun struck the fiery orange-red breast of the Blackburnian

Warbler. It flew on into the woods. In a few minutes we saw met a Mr. Fuller, a bird student (with his wife) of three months duration. A very nice chap (cont'd. on inserted page).

May 4, 1950 Thursday
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak
on Skyline Drive. Raven here
also. Grass-hopper Sparrow
along road on trip. Prairie
Warbler heard at Fairfax Theater
& several places from there on.
Golden-Winged W. at home.
1 Blue-Winged W. " " " "
singing. Another Rose-Breasted
Grosbeak at home (Park)
Saw Bl. Thr. Green, Black-
Throated Blue and Chestnut-
Sided on Skyline Drive.
2 Female Prairie Horned Larks
on Drive near Big Meadows.
Cliff Swallow at home.

Insert:

May 1, 1950 - continued.

3-4 Hermit Thrushes; 2-4
Veeries; half-dozen Black-
burnian Warblers singing
"wee-dle - wee-dle - zee-ee-ee" very
much like Black & White W.;
2 more Veeries (2-4 were in A.M.);
several Olive-backed Thrushes;
1 Blackpoll; 1 Empidonax
(Jack-in-pulpit clearing) - Acadian
singing "see - zee - up"; 6-8
Scarlet Tanagers in 2 trees,
including one female; Kentucky
Warbler within 10 feet (or less)
of me, calling very loud
chips; 1 White-eyed Vireo;
1 Solitary Vireo; what I
believe were 2-3 Tennessee
Warblers; 3-6 Blue-winged
Warblers, twice had two singing
at once, near each other;
half-dozen Black-throated Blue;
great numbers of Myrtle
singing; 2 male Chestnut-sided;

Female Redstart; Kingbird;
Purple Finches.

May 2, 1950 - Tuesday

Caught in rain at 8:15.

Number of Olive-backed
Thrushes (8-10); 2-3 Hermit
Thrushes; 2 Veeries; 2
Blue-winged Warblers; 4
Blackburnians; 1 Blackpoll,
~~1 Kentucky W.~~ on hillside
down from old Red House;
1 Kentucky W.; 1 Chestnut-sided;

May 3, 1950 - Wed.

Overcast. Saw 2-3
Blue-winged Warblers and most
of those seen yesterday.

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Bay-Breasted W. -

Blackb. ?

1 Golden Winged - M?

1 Blue Winged

1 male magnolia near twin tulip trees
& Dark Pool.

10-20 Bl. Thr. Blues

many Myrtles

8-10 Bl. Thr. Greens.

10-15 Ch. Sides (all male)

2-3

Blackpolls

(over)

Pool - 1 near old parking
same trees as yesterday.
male & female Indigo Bunting
in White Oak which had great
popul. yesterday.

Rose - Br. Grosbeak calling
Many White - Thr.
Met Mr. Hoover - said he saw
Pied-billed Grebe in Dark Pool 2-3 days
~~ago~~ ago - appeared to be caught by some-
thing.

Br. Winged H. calling from pine.
3 Peewees - near G. W. Survey
marker - near Buck Bend -
near Brewster W. area.

Rough Winged Swallow - ?
Gnatcatchers - 2-3

Verona:
Red-eyed
Wh. " "
1 Solitary

May 7, 1950

Near Lee Blvd. and Glen
Carlyn — Nashville Warbler
singing repeatedly "Sweedie,
sweedie, sweedie, chippie,
Chopper, chopper." Saw him
over a span of 20 minutes
in bright sunlight. Saw
8 to 10 Cape Mays (♂),
starting in this area.

One male Golden-Winged
Warbler here. Here also —
near Lee Blvd. & Hauss at
edge of park (top of hill) — one
Olive Backed Thrush was
singing softly and tentatively.
Many more were throughout
the woods. One Kentucky Warbler.
8-10 Blackpolls, 6-8 Chestnut-
sided Ws., countless Myrtles,
several Redstarts, 3 male
Yellowthroats together, a
Warbling Vireo 10 feet away
and 3 feet above the ground,

calling sharply. A Sapsucker,
noticeably darker than the
other, at the same place as
the first. Two male
Baltimore Orioles along
the track near Dark Pool.
One Solitary Vireo, two
White-eyed Vireos, one Red-
eyed, one Yellow-throated,
Many Parulas and
Black-throated Greens;
one Canada Warbler
near the G. W. Survey, in
the clearing. Pine Warbler
(at Pine Crest). Juncos
and White-throated
Sparrows in Park.

Biggest day (for us) ever
in these woods.



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May 8, 1950 - Monday.

Brilliant clear day - quite cool in A.M. in high 40's, but breeze made it seem cooler, also kept young leaves in constant motion.

Humidity down to 27° this A.M.

Didn't wake up until 6:15 - away to woods at 6:30-6:35. Entered from Lee Blvd. & went up path paralleling Lee Blvd. toward New Houses where I saw so many birds yesterday - incl. the Nashville W. Only a few birds in tree tops here today - bathed in bright golden early sunlight.

First located three Cape Mays high in tree tops - along with Myrtles. Olive-backed Thrushes all about - in fact abundant everywhere throughout the woods, calling "puk! puk!"

often, and again one singing softly.

Many Myrtle Warblers everywhere, also a no. of Wood Thrushes, etc. Kentucky Warbler called ^{up} ^{the} ravine at Glen Carlyn, later another up

trail-side stream-side path (to old gravel pit), another near Danks - Pool, and another near Beech Bend.

In tree above path near Lookout Point, a Male Paybreasted Warbler fed carefully and quietly through an oak tree in bright (and now slightly warmer) sunshine. For five minutes or so he fed about, and in that time gave two short slightly buzzy calls. One or two Black-Poll Warblers were near the pony field, also near Beech Bend, & later in oak tree I will speak of shortly.

Many White Throated Sparrows scattered all along tracks, & in underbrush along stream. No. of Cardinals - once two ~~saw~~ singing loudly at same time within 20 feet of each other. No. of Downys, 4-6 Scarlet Tanagers singing. Saw 2 males. Near Jack in Pulpit clearing I again heard a Rose-

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Breasted Grosbeak call - but couldn't locate it. Later, I heard one calling between Dark Pool & Jim P clearing, & finally located it - a beautiful male, calling occasionally and moving slowly about in a tulip tree (same type tree as previous calls).

Near Beech Bend a loud, ringing song led me to a male Canada Warbler. Acadian Flycatcher called here, Blue-Backed Thrushes flew everywhere, a Broad-Winged Hawk flew over, Hooded Warblers & Oven-Birds called and sang, Black & White Warblers sang, Wood Thrushes called, Phoebe flew about.

Went down track to Dark Pool & back, just west of Dark Pool a wide-spreading white oak perhaps 60 feet high grows near the track, with cleared ground (except for low underbrush) in front of it, and the mixed

hardwoods in back of it. The leaves on the tree averaged perhaps an inch long, and the blooms or catkins were all over the tree. In the tree, but about 80% concentrated in the ^{branches & twigs} one big spreading limb was a great congregation of birds, all feeding very busily, appearing to be picking at the oak blooms for insects or something on the bloom. All species named except the Blackburnian were seen within the first five minutes of viewing the tree. After that 5 minutes more birds began arriving, in some instances stirring up much darting and flitting about, some leaving, and causing so much restless shifting about the tree that I no longer counted numbers. The numbers shown were seen within

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first 5 minutes (except Blackb.)

1 Golden Winged W. (1)

Blackburnian Ws. (2) - later.

Red-Eyed Vireos (2)

Solitary Vireo (1)

Cape May Warblers (at least 3)

Myrtle Warblers (20 or more)

Magnolia Warblers (1 ♂, 1 ♀)

Black-Poll Warblers (2)

Canada Warbler (1 male)

Parula Warblers (2)

Black-Throated Blue Warblers (2)

Black-Throated Green Ws (2 or 3)

Chestnut-sided Warblers (2 ♂)

Redstart (1 ♂)

Purple Finches (3 or 4, ^{all I located were} females singing)

Farther up the track I saw another Blackburnian, and a Baltimore Oriole sang as he hunted about in the top of an oak near Dark Pool.

I later saw more Cape May Warblers, to total 8-10 for the day; total of 3-4 Black-burnians.

Near the new houses at my old parking spot, in a tree beside the tracks, a Blue-Winged Warbler sang repeatedly, and came down to limb-tips within 20 feet of me. Near him a Yellow Warbler hunted (within a few feet of him) and sang once. The first Yellow W. I can ever recall seeing in the Park.

At home in the afternoon an Orchard Oriole sang in the back yards, including Gannon's pear tree, then flew toward 3rd. Street.

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May 9 - Tuesday - 6:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Brilliant, chilly morning - in high 30's, I believe. Entered from Lee Blvd. Located male Bay-Breasted Warbler high in white oak up near new houses in Glen-Carlyn. Watched him for 5 minutes or so, in bright light, enjoying the fine view of this comparatively rare (for me) bird. Thought I heard a Blackburnian W. singing here, but could not locate to make identij. positive - thought same near Lookout Point, but again no luck. Found one Golden-Winged Warbler, apparently a male, from dark coloring; also I heard a Blue Winged Warbler singing repeatedly.

I saw 10-20 Black-Throated Blues (all but one, males), heard several more singing. ⁸⁻¹⁰ Several Black-Throated Greens, 10-15 Chestnut Sided Warblers, all males; many Myrtle Warblers throughout

woods. Saw + heard 2-3 Black-Poll Warblers. And everywhere there were Olive-backed Thrushes. Throughout the rectangular area of possibly two miles, ~~th~~ I was never out of sight of one or several of them, or out of hearing of the rich "puk-puk" calls. I checked every one I could, but saw only one which might possibly be a Gray-cheeked Thrush - finally, in shaft of bright light decided it was another Olive-back.

Heard two or three Kentucky Warblers; saw and heard 4-6 Hooded Warblers, 1 male Canada Warbler, 1 male Redstart, one male Magnolia Warbler near twin tulip trees, between them + Dark Pool. Here I met a Mr. Hoover, who said he saw a Pied-billed Grebe struggling violently in western end of Dark Pool a few days ago; thrashed + struggled length

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of pool, then appeared to break loose & disappeared. Hoover believed he was caught in a trap, or held by a turtle.

Saw one male Baltimore Oriole at Dark Pool, and one in same trees as yesterday, near old parking place. A male & female Indigo Bunting fed in the top of the white oak which had the great population yesterday. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak called here. Many White-throated Sparrows singing everywhere. On way down in woods, a Broad-winged Hawk sat in the top of a pine near S. W. Survey marker, about 50 feet up, calling repeatedly. Near this spot I saw the first local Peewee, another near Beech bend, another near Brewster W. area. Heard 2-3 Grackles. Saw what I believe was one of the Rough Winged Swallows near "Little Pond in Woods".

Saw perhaps ~~10~~ 10-12 Red-Eyed
Vireos today, 2-3 White-Eyes
calling; saw one Solitary.
Heard & saw perhaps a dozen
Parulas, 6-8 Black & White
Warblers, etc.

May 12, 1951 - Sat.

Copied later from notes
written up 5/12/51.

Six male Canada Warblers -
first one seen was flycatching -
2 or 3 more heard but not seen.
Song is a rather loud, rich,
"jingling" song - heard near
"Little Pond in the Woods",
seen at new house at edge
of park and several places
thereafter.

Chibic (see-whiff!) - two,
quite small. Two Solitary
Sandpipers. Three Rose-
Breasted Grosbeaks, one
near Lookout Point,

May 12, 1950.

In woods 6:35 - 9:00 A.M.
Overcast; temp 40-50's,
no breeze.

New arrivals:

1. Evening Grosbeak (1)
"screech-screech-clink"
over and over; very
nervous actions; rapid
flight about pony field,
up to old house with stained
glass windows, then over to
ravine. Watched it for several
minutes in good light,
as close as 35-40 feet.
First I've ever seen.

2. Yellow-billed Cuckoo - in
Jack-in-the-Pulpit clearing at 7:45
and 8:45, at tent caterpillar's
nest.

3. Wilson's Warbler - across
Tracks from Dark Pool, where
I sat with Hoover.

4. Black-Billed Cuckoo -
along tracks near bridge at
Fin P clearing - about 50
yards from yellow-billed cuckoo,
which I then took Hoover to see.

5. Hummingbird - near rough-
winged swallow area.

? 6. Least Flycatcher - quite
small, definite "se-bee" or
"she-tee" call - observed close
up by Hoover & me.

7. Veery -

Saw & heard:

Half-dozen Rose-Breasted
Grosbeaks (saw 2); 4-6
Kentucky Ws., 2 Bay-Breasted
Ws. (showed 1 to Hoover at
Sapsucker Trees); 2 Blue-
winged Ws; many Olive Backed
Thrushes; 1 Cape May W.;
several Magnolias (all males,
near Glen Carlyn and near
Dark Pool); 1 Blackburnian

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5/13 - Rain most of yesterday & most of last night - dark morning -
 towards 6:30 A.M. home at 9:50 A.M.
 sky heavily overcast until ~~at~~ about 8:00 A.M. Sun broke thru about 8:15, light very poor earlier - have recorded only birds positively identified -
 Bay-breasted - 1; Chestnut-sided, 30-40; Myrtle-nose; Cape May - 1; Parulae - 6 - in a row, many seen
 Packed Thrushes; 2 Veeries - one near Beech Bend, one up alongside R.R. track; half-dozen Magnolia Ws. all but one male; half-dozen Redstarts, several Hooded; saw one Golden-winged; two Blackburnians; Kingbird (2), several Bl. Th. Gnatcatcher, Bl. Th. Blue, 2-3 Bl. & White; heard Black-thr. Blue-winged singing; heard & saw several Blackpolls; one Yellow-br. Chat seen close up on way back by track tower, heard several Rose-br. Grosbeaks - saw one; 2 Canada Warblers - 2 ♂, 1 ♀; one female Baltimore Oriole; about 5:30 P.M. at home, as we sat in backyard, a male Orchard Oriole perched in tattered pecan tree & in Paul's Scarlet, 15 feet from us; female Hooded W. in yard again; 2 Hummingbirds; Broad-winged Hawk, many White Throats still here; several Red-eyed Vireos, 2 White-eyed; one Blue-billed Cuckoo; several Sc. Tanager; Kingfisher, Acadian, Pewee, Phoebe, & Crested; Downy (1 ♀), Flicker, Red-bellied - met Fuller, who says a Red-headed is nesting near his home.

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in tree with Bay-breasted near
sapsucker tree; 2 Black Throated
Greens in same tree - saw several
others; many Chestnut-sided;
several Black Polls; 1 Veery
in Pony field, rather tame; 1
male Canada W.; m. & f. Redstart;
Baltimore Oriole; number of
Myrtles; many White
Throated Spa;

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May 14, 1950 - Sunday - Mother's Day.

Got breakfast for Claire - being Mother's Day - so didn't get to woods until about 9:30 a. m. then had Susan with me, so didn't see much.

Many Olive-backed Thrushes - Parulas, Many White-throated Sparrows, Chestnut-sided Warblers, Magnolia W. (1) heard several Black-throated Green, also Black-throated Blue Warblers; one Cape May W., heard several (2-4) Black-Polls singing, no. of Oven-birds, 3-4 Kentucky Warblers; Hooded Warblers, Redstarts, Maryland Yellowthroats, Tanagers, etc. Saw Male Indigo Bunting at first picnic area, near fountain - showed him to Susan within 10-15 feet of us. For first time Susan was able to drink from fountain without being lifted up - growing up!

May 15, 1950 - Monday -

Didn't get to woods today - rain almost entire day, then spent much time checking Pine Ridge, Oakton school, etc.

At Pine Ridge house, Chipping Sparrow made many trips to & from nest in Pfeiffer Juniper outside door. Saw several Male Scarlet Tanagers on trip.

May 16, 1950 - Tuesday.

To woods - arriving about 6:25 a.m. - returning about 9:00. After rain almost all day yesterday & almost all night, there was still an almost imperceptible mist this morning. Heaviest overcast yet - for quite a while after entering woods - it seemed as dark as about 4:30 a.m. or so. Wood

Thrush sang with most unusual song near new houses in Glen Carlyn, near Lee Blvd. - sounded very slightly similar to Olive-backed Thrush, which was singing softly

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nearby. The Wood Thrush sang many times as I watched.

Located a Blackburnian singing here, also what I thought might be a Golden-Winged Warbler from song and appearance, but light so bad I couldn't be sure.

During trip saw these: Broad-Winged Hawk (2), Cuckoo (saw two, couldn't get glasses on either to identify. One near where Hoover and I saw Black-Billed, another flew from Brewster Warbler area to tops of tall trees above Jack. in-

Pulpit clearing. Saw him several times, but couldn't get in glasses); many Chimney Swifts, Hummingbirds (2), Red-Bellied Woodpecker (1), Phoebe; Acadian Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher (?), many Jays, Crows, Titmice, Carolina Wren (1 singing within 15 feet as I stood in dark woods at 6:30), Catbirds (several), Wood Thrushes, Many Olive-backed, small flock of Cedar Waxwings, several Red-eyed Vireos, Parula

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Warblers (several), Yellow Warbler (at
home), Black-throated Blue W.
(1 or 2 singing), No Myrtle, 2 or 3
Black-throated Green Warblers, 1
Blackburnian (as noted above), several
Chestnut-sided Warblers, 2-4 Black-
poll Warblers, no. of Oven-Birds,
Louisiana Water Thrush singing,
several Maryland Yellowthroats,
several Hooded Warblers, several
Redstarts, Cowbirds, Scarlet
Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak
(one calling), Indigo Bunting singing,
many Towhees, many White-throated
Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Gnatcatcher (2)

May 17, 1950 - Wednesday

To woods 6:30, back 9:00 P.M.
Light not too good at first -
better later.

Saw and/or heard these:
Two Blackburnian Warblers, one
Grey-checked Thrush (close
up - 15 ft. - in good light), 2 Humming
birds, 2 Peewees. Also:

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Broad Winged Hawk (2), Yellow-Billed Cuckoo (1), Crested Flycatcher, Swifts, Phoebe, Acadian Flycatcher, Peewees, White-Br. Nuthatch, Titmice & Chickadees, Catbirds 5-6, Wood Thrasher, many Olive-Backed Thrushes (although seemingly fewer than in recent days), Red-Eyed Vireos, 2-3 Black & White Warblers, several Parulas, 1 yellow (at home), 2 Magnolias, 3-4 Black-Throated Blues (all seen were males), 8-10 Chestnut-sided Warblers, 2-3 Black-Poll warblers singing, no. of Oven Birds, 3-4 Kentucky Warblers, Maryland Yellowthroats (2), several Hooded Warblers, 2 Canadas, 6-8 Redstarts, Baltimore Oriole (1), no. of Cowbirds about woods & at home; half-dozen Scarlet Tanagers, including two males flying at unhurried pace as one chased (?) the other across the woods, high across the tree tops; several Cardinals, Rose-Breasted Grosbeak calling, Indigo Bunting singing.

many Towhees, no. of White-throated Sparrows (but fewer, than recently). In fact, throughout the entire woods, there was much less bird life than usual. Met Hoover yesterday, who commented on same thing.

White-Eyed Vireo (1). Four Olive-Backed Thrushes singing during walk.

May 18, 1950 - Thursday.

Jessie and Susan leaving for Michigan late this afternoon, so didn't go to woods! Saw Cowbirds at home, and Hummingbird. Real "cloud-burst" on way home from station about 7:15 P.M.

May 19, 1950, Friday

Awake at 6:00 A.M. - dark, heavily overcast - decided no point in going out until later. Got up about 7:10 P.M. & got dressed - a drizzle had started. Had breakfast and got away about 8:20 A.M. Still heavily overcast, light very ~~bad~~ bad - birds in trees again were mere silhouettes.

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Will again list birds ~~as~~ seen and/or heard in check list order:

Broadwinged Hawk (1), Swifts (many), Hummingbird (2-3), Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe (2), Acadian (2-3), Peewee (1), Chickadees, Carolina Wren, Catbirds, Thrashers, Wood Thrushes, several Olive-Backed Thrushes (probably not over 4-6 at most), one Gray-Cheeked Thrush (close-up, in good light about 10:00 A.M.), heard one very calling in undergrowth by lookout point; one Yellow-Throated Vireo, several Red-Eyed; these warblers: Black + White (2), Yellow (1 at home), 3-4 Black-Throated Blue, one female Black-Throated Green, 2-3 Chestnut-sided, Black-poll (1), Oven-Bird (4-6), Kentucky (3-4, including one female up close, chipping loudly), Yellow-Throat (1), Hooded (3-4, incl. 2 females), Canada (3 - one male seen singing, other 2 heard), Redstart (4-6), Cowbirds, Indigo Bunting, Goldfinches (several, as every day), Towhees (4-6),

White-throated Sparrows (about a dozen), Song Sparrows.

Almost certain I heard the call and song of a Myrtle Warbler up ravine near Glen Caryln. If so, it would be first in several days - since I didn't see bird, won't say positively.

May 20, 1950 - Saturday

Rather dark again this morning. Didn't get away from home until after 6:30.

Nothing in area near Lee Blvd., except Wood Thrush. Followed usual route through woods ^{and} up to Glen Carylyn on first, 2nd, & 3rd gravel roads. Saw very few birds until nearly 10:00, back on track between Jack-in-Pulpit clearing and clearing where I once saw Brewster Warbler. Here I met a teen-age boy named Kerr, from Westover, also

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birding. seemed to know them rather well.

Going through woods (incl. 'way up to apartment buildings on old gravel pit area, plus side-trips in this area, up Honey-suckle stream, etc.) - saw and/or heard these:

Broadwinged Hawks (more active than ever, up near first picnic area, and all down thru woods. In fact, thought there might be two pairs), Swifts, Hummingbirds (near boggy area up towards old gravel pit),

Flicker (1), Red-Bellied (1), Downy (1), Crested Flycatcher (1), Phoebe (2), Acadian Flycatcher (2), Pewee (2), Chickadees, etc., Catbirds, Wood Thrushes, Olive-backed Thrushes (3-4),

Red-eyed Vireos (6-8), Bl. & white

Warblers (2), plus these warblers:

Parula (6-8), Black-throated Blue (2-3),

Black-throated Green (2-3 seen & heard),

Blackburnian (3-2 seen with Kerr,

one heard earlier on 1st. Glen Carlyn road)

Chestnut-sided (6-8), Black-jack (1),
Oven-bird (6-8), Kentucky Warbler (2)
Yellow-Throat (1), Hooded (4)
Canada W. (1), Redstarts (6-8),
Cowbirds (10-12), Scarlet Tanager (4-6),
Indigo Bunting (1), Towhee (several,
including one heard & observed for
10 min. way up Honeycreeper Stream,
with a very unusual song "yelp, yelp,
willa-willa-willa" - the last part the usual
ending, but the "yelp-yelp" very different.)
Couldn't stir up a single White-
Throated Sparrow despite my
usual imitation of their song all
along the track.

May 21, 1950 - Sunday

To 7:30 Mass - into woods
about 8:15 - left woods about
10:45. Brilliant sunshine,

slightly cool in A.M. - rather
warm in sun later. Glorious

day. Met Mr. & Mrs. Fuller and
two children, girl 7, and boy 2½,

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near Dark Pool.

~~Saw~~ Saw and/or heard
these today:

2 Broadwings, Swifts,
Hummingbirds (2), Flickers,
Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Hairy Kingbirds
(2), Crested Flycatcher (2), Acadian (3-4),
Pewee (2), Phoebe, Empidonax (3-4),
Barn Swallows (several), Jays,
Crows, Chickadees, etc., Catbirds,
Wood Thrush (several), Olive-Backed
Thrush (6-8, one singing), Grey-
checked (4-6), Yellow-Throated
Vireo (2), Red-Eyed V (8-10); these
warblers: Black & White (1-2), Parula
(6-8), Magnolia (1 ♂), Cape May (1 ♂)
Black-Throated Blue (3 or 4 singing &
seen), Myrtle (saw one, 2-3 others
singing), Black-Throated Green (1),
Blackburnian (6 - saw 2 ♀ near
Lookout Point, two above tracks while
with Fullers, heard two others
singing), Chestnut-sided (4-6),
Bay-Breasted (1 male near Lee Blvd,

above path, near white house on
hill in Glen Carlyn), Black-
polls (3-4 singing), Oven-birds (half-
dozen singing & seen), Louisiana
water Thrush (1 up Honeysuckle
Stream, 2 near Beech Bend),
Kentucky (3-4 - saw one male
singing repeatedly 25 feet up in
a tree as I walked up beneath
him, watched a while, and walked
away), Hooded (4-6), Canada
(1 ♂), Redstart (8-10 ♂ & ♀),
Cowbirds, Scarlet Tanager (8-10)
Indigo Bunting (1), Downys (10-12),
thought I heard White-Throats
call (not sing)

May 27, 1950 - Saturday.

Haven't been out since
Sunday, due to working early
and late. Another wonderful
day - cool enough to necessitate
my leather jacket earlier, quite
warm by time I completed shopping,

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business at bank, etc (10:30)

Wonderful atmosphere in woods, air clear, brilliant sunshine, very gentle breeze, fragrant air. Birds rather scarce, except for Blackpolls, which were heard all through woods at all times.

Saw and/or heard these:
Broadwing (heard 1), Swifts (few), Ruby Throated Hummingbirds (2 - one male near Dark Pool lit on a small bush about 18 in. above ground & 5 feet from me, facing me), ~~Two~~ Hairy Woodpecker (² ~~male~~ near Lookout Pt., very noisy), Red-Bellied atop very tall tulip tree with dead stub, near Dark Pool, Kingbirds (2), Crested Flycatcher (2), Empidonax (2 - acadian?), Pewee (1-2), Barn Swallows (few), Jays, Crows, Titmouse, Catbirds (4-6), Wood Thrushes (2-3), Olive Backed Thrush (one singing rather loudly near Lookout Point), Yellow-Throated Vireo (2 at Ice Shed. bridge, 2 near G. W. Survey

marker), Red-Eyed (3-4); these warblers: Black & White (3-4 saw one male), not a single parula, yellow (at home), thought I saw one Magnolia (not positive), Black poll (30-40 or more), Oven Bird (3-4), Hooded W. (2-3), Canada (1 ♀), Redstart (68 mostly female), Scarlet Tanager (heard 2), Indigo Bunting (1), Towhee (8-10), Song Sps.

Notably absent - Grackles, Parulas, Bl. Thr. Blue & Green, Chestnut-sided, Kentucky.

May 28, 1950 - Sunday

Went to 6:30 Mass, registered Susan for kindergarten, got to woods about 7:30. Beautiful morning, mild temperature, got cloudy by 10 or 11, & there was occasional mist until 8, then a drizzle.

Saw and/or heard these:

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Crows, Spotted Sandpiper (as on every day recently I have looked for this bird. Today one flew past me at survey marker, going down-stream. A little later I came out within 50 feet of it without startling it, near the "living tree", and watched it as it bobbed about, very noticeable bar of white down flanks - spots very obvious, bobbing motion & other marks also. When it first passed me the very shallow wing-beat - from the ends of the wings - was seen); Mourning Dove calling, Cuckoo flying by (probably Yellow-bill), Swifts, Hummingbird, Male Hairy (at same tree, again very noisy and nervous in action - couldn't locate a nest-hole), Kingbirds, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Acadian, Pewee, Jay, Titmouse, Nuthatch, Catbirds, Woodthrushes, Olive-backed Thrushes (one very close

up, one calling), Gray-checked
thrush (one, along path near
old red house, in good light. In
laurels, then hopping along path,
while an Oven-bird made
several furious "passes" at
it), Yellowthroated Vireo (2-4),
Red-eyed (6-8); Warblers:
Black & White (3-4), Yellow (1 in
Gannon's pear tree, then in my young
sycamore), Black-poll (no. -
about as yesterday, perhaps
fewer), oven-bird (4-6), Kentucky
(2), yellowthroat (2 ♂), yellow-
breasted Chat (1 on Honeysuckle
Creek, singing frequently), Hooded
Warbler (3-4, ♂ + ♀), Redstarts
(4-6, saw 2 ♀), Cowbirds (1 calling),
Tanager (1 calling, 1 singing), Towhees,
Song Sparrows.

~~May~~ May 28, 1950 - ^{cont'd} After coming home from woods, had breakfast - at 10:05 a.m. got call from Claire & Clyde in Battle Creek. Claire's mother died this morning - entirely unexpectedly. Apparently heart just stopped about 4:00 a.m. Must leave for B.C. tomorrow - will stay to Saturday.

June 7, 1950 -
First fireflies of season.

June 25, 1950
Bewick's Wren - first I've ever seen in this area, on wires over Lindy's back yard - with loud chipping song. Flew towards woods.

June 28, 1950
Heard song of Bewick's Wren out back in morning & evening
June 30 - Heard Wren again

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Sept. 30, 1950 - Saturday

To woods about 9:30 A.M. -
using only Susan's 3x glasses.
Number of Towhees; many
Robins, especially around
& on dogwood trees; several
Black-Poll Warblers; one
immature Black-Throated
Green Warbler; Titmice &
Chickadees; Tortoise's Mating. Rose-
Breasted Grosbeak heard in woods near
home & at Jack-in-Pulpit clearing.

October 7, Saturday:

Finally started vacation
one week late, after working
most nights last week, and
8:45 to 2:00 P.M. today.

October 9 - Monday.

First bird trip of
vacation - didn't get out
until about 9:00 A.M.

Towhees, Robins, Swifts,
Cardinals, Chickadees, Titmice,
Nuthatches, etc. Many Jays

found a number of White-
Throated Sparrows beside
the R.R. track near the path
I formerly used to come
down from the old parking
place. The little new houses
here are now occupied, and
a white picket house fence
extends across the yard under
the oaks where I always walked
from the car.

Oct. 10, 1950 - Tuesday.

About same as yesterday -
lovely day. Out 9:30 to 12:00
Saw same birds. Few
Black-Poll Warblers seen
close enough to identify.
Got a quick glimpse of a
Cape May Warbler, and at
what may have been a
Chestnut-sided. The latter
appeared to be the right
shade of green, but I
couldn't get any real

observation on it. Managed to
line up my old glasses so that ^{they} can
_{be used.}
October 11, 1950 - Wednesday.

Another fine day - cool
(mid-40's) in A.M., up to 60's
in afternoon. Quite warm
in sun in afternoons each
day. Heard Black-Poll -
saw several birds in tree tops
which probably were Black-Poll.
Many Goldfinches all along
tracks on seeds of
wild lettuce plants and
what I believe is Motherwort
(Leonurus Cardiacus - Reed's
Flower Guide) which grow
to 4 feet or more in great
numbers here. Towhees,
everywhere, many Robins,
Cardinals, etc. Ruby Crowned
Kinglets.

Oct. 12, 1950 - Thurs.

Susan has no kinder-
garden today, due to
Columbus Day. We went

to the Zoo.

Oct. 13, 1950 - Friday.

Beautiful day! Saw usual birds, no migrants - except, of course, that a large part of the Towhees and Robins here may be migrants. And - the White Throats are here.

Oct. 14, 1950 - Saturday.

Fine day - saw one Grey-Go Checked Thrush near Lookout Point in very good light; later saw at least 3, possibly 4 more a short way up Honeycuckle Creek, at bend where dead pine trunk juts out over stream. Saw one Black-Poll Warbler, Cardinals, many White Throats, many Jays, flock of Red Winged Black-birds flying over, calling, many Goldfinches; Sulphur

Cruising over.

Oct. 16, 1950 - Monday.

^{copying error.} ~~Very~~ foggy when I awoke about 6:20 A.M. Got away about 6:35. ~~Not too bad in~~ woods at average "bird-seeing" distances. Many Juncos calling and flitting about near the "Little Pond in the Woods," ^{near} where I formerly parked; House Wren seen later beside tracks near twin Tulip trees. I observed it closely for a few minutes at 15' feet distance to guard against error, since I have seen any luteous, color, length of tail, etc., made it definitely the House Wren. I saw briefly a Yellow Palm Warbler, twitching his tail and calling later in the day one appeared in

the back yard in the little
Cherry tree (at 3708 First
Road So.). Saw several
Myrtle Warblers along
the tracks, calling and
flitting along. Large flock
of Red-wings flew over,
calling. Half-dozen Cardinals,
many gold-finchies, as every
day. One Field Sparrow
flew up from the grass to
a young alder by the marshy
area near the "Little Pond".

Killdeers called overhead.

Chimney Swifts flew over,
two Red-Bellied Woodpeckers
called & flew about. Saw
2 or 3 Phoebe, number of Towhees,
one Catbird.

October 17, 1950 - Tuesday.

Fine day - as usual, rather
"brisk" - in 40's - warmed up during
day. Got away about 6:40 - 6:45.
Usual birds along way:

heard, and then saw, the first Winter Wren beside the tracks between the twin tulip trees and the other two tall tulips ~~near~~ opposite Dark Pool. He scolded here, with his little tail cocked over his back. Near the white oak that attracted so many birds last spring I heard the sleepy call of the Golden-Crowned Kinglets and found a number here with Ruby-Crowns, perhaps $\pm 10-20$ in all. Phoebe called & hunted near the stream & over Dark Pool. Red-Bellied Woodpeckers were noisy, as were many Jays, Titmice & Chickadees. Many Robins were around, again especially around dogwood trees. A Solitary Vireo softly scolded and sang between the R. R. track and a point on the stream opposite the G. W. Survey.

marker; a number of Myrtle Warblers were about. A large flock of Red-Wings flew over heading N.W., as every day. An immature Maryland Yellow-Throat appeared along the track-side near the nest-hickory, coming quite close at my imitation of a wren scolding. Saw many Juncos, many White-Throats, several Song Sparrows, many squirrels, many Goldfinches.

* In copying notes I made an error - the opening statements of 10/16/50 about fog belong to 10/18/50

October 18, 1950 - Wednesday

Awoke about 6:20, got away about 6:35, as I've been doing last few days. Quite foggy, but not too bad in woods at average "bird-seeing" distances. Didn't clear up entirely until after 9:00 a.m. Nothing but

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Jays, Chickadees, + Titmice
until Honeycuckle Creek. Then
found one Grey - Cheeked Thrush
100 yds. up the "creek". Along the
R. R. tracks from the high clay
bank where the kids play, to
Dark Pool, there were many
Kinglets of both types, Titmice
+ Chickadees, one Black-Poll
Warbler, one Winter Wren singing
and "chattering" along the stream
(had to hunt for him a while),
many White-Throats, Juncos,
Cardinals, Jays, Robins,
several Myrtle Warblers, flock
of Redwings, Towhees, Song
Sparrows, one Hairy Woodpecker,
two Downies; thought I saw
a Cape May Warbler, but not
sure.

October 19, 1950 - Thursday

Slightly foggy early - 6:30 on.
Became very foggy about time
I got home - 8:35 - caught up

with Claire & Susan going to bus, and waited at Third Street with them. Could barely see bus a block away - it was late - arrived 8:50. Fog was lighter in woods than it was yesterday. Many White-Throats, many Goldfinches, Towhees, Chickadees, etc. Heard very faint whisper song and scolding notes of a Solitary Vireo, and finally got a quick look at it alongside the track near the White Oak noted before. Ruby Crowned & Golden-Crowned Kinglets were here. Then heard the sleepy call of a Brown Creeper - after searching for several minutes, I saw it fly across the tracks at the bridge near the Jack-in-the-Pulpit clearing, to other side (near to Ad. Forest house), where it lit on a tree and

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hitched up a ways, then flew. Saw one Grey-Checked Thrush, and one other which appeared to be an Olive-backed, but the light was not good enough to be sure. Caught glimpses of 2 others. Saw Cardinals & Song Sparrows, and Killdeers called overhead.

October 20, Friday.

Went out with Susan about 3:45 - left woods again at about 5:00 P.M. Saw a Hermit Thrush, close up, at 4:30 P.M. Nothing else worthy of note today.

October 21, Saturday.

Saw one Yellow-Palm Warbler close up, twitching tail and calling, also both types, Kinglets, Brown Creeper (1), several Myrtle Warblers, many Red-Wings flying over.

a flock of Grackles, one
Winter Wren, Thrasher
(Grey-cheeked); many Goldfinches,
as well as Titmice & Chickadees
on seeds of Motherwort &
Wild Lettuce; saw many
Juncos, & White Throated Sparrows,
several Song Sparrows, many
Jays. One male & 1 female Cowbird
perched in the dead top of big Tulip tree between
Dark Pool & White Oak. Male Chirping & spreading
tail. Seen over 15 min. period.

Oct. 24, 1950 - Tues. Didn't
get out Sunday - nor Monday,
rain all day Mon.

Temp. this morning 59° -
not to go above 62° , per
weather report. Overcast.
Saw all usual birds, including
1 Brown Creeper & two Winter
Wrens together near twin Tulip
Trees. Cutting across from
stream near S. W. Survey
Marker to come out at R. R.
track, I came out about
20 feet from a solitary

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Vireo about 6 ft. from
ground in a young oak. He
chattered a bit, but sat rather
tamely for a few minutes.
Saw several Hermit Thrushes
together in Dogwood trees beside
tracks - they quickly flew
down toward G. W. Marker.

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Feb. 24, 1951 - Sat.

A few Jasmine flowers in the back yard. Raymond Stevens' yellow crocus (1 bunch of 4 or 5 blooms) blooming in back. Lovely warm day - in 60's.

Feb. 25, 1951 - Sunday.

Coming from 7:30 mass about 8:15, Claire, Susan and I saw a big male Robin on the front yard of the Rectory on Glebe Road. First I've seen - looking very chipper. At home there were several in sight and calling frequently in our back yards, especially towards the ditch.

Went to Woods 1:30 - 2:20.

Several Red-Bellied Woodpecker, Golden-Crowned Kinglets (near Geo. Survey marker), Titmouse,

Chickadees, White-Breasted
Nuthatches (several) Winter
Wren, Cardinals, ^{Song Sparrows, Juncos.} Wonderful
day, birds very active
and cheery. Hoped for
Shrikes or Fox Sparrows,
but no luck.

Feb. 26, 1951 - Mon.

As on week-end, birds
active. Steady concert from
Song Sparrows and Cardinals.
Killdeers calling overhead.

Feb. 27, 1951 - Tues.

Robin singing Spring
song.

March 3, 1951 - Saturday

While in Sears-Roebuck
parking lot off Wilson Blvd.
in Clarendon, a large flock
of 50-75 Red-Winged Blackbirds
flew overhead, flying North-East
at

March 4, 1951. Sunday.

Purple Grackle (1)
called near home in the morning
in the back yards. Susan and
~~John~~ I went to the woods in
the afternoon. ~~Saw~~ Heard
Phoebe calling near the
Lee Blvd. bridge over the
Old Dominion R.R. tracks.
Near the bridge, I heard
the call of a Cowbird.
A few seconds later, I
saw one flying high over-
head, heading due North
above Arlington Forest,
calling. Golden-Crowned
Kinglets, Nuthatches, etc.

March 11, 1951. Sun.

Grackles are now here
in small numbers. Went
to woods in afternoon, using
Susan's Glasses, since mine
are being collimated at Micro-
Mart. Saw and heard one

Myrtle Warble, above Glen
Carlyn raven, near pony
field.

March 18, 1967 - Sun.

Working regularly every
Saturday this year! Robins
singing often. Song Sparrows
every day. Weeping Willows
~~showed~~ turned green on March 5.
Forsythia blooming, + Jasmine.
Didn't get to woods!

March 24, 1951 - Sat.

Magnolias ^{Spiderspora} at Rawlins
Park blooming beautifully.
Jasmine blooming in back yard.
Thought I heard Brown Thrasher
last Sunday, but probably
was Mockingbird.

April 1, 1951 - Sunday.

Returned from Cincinnati this morning. Left here last Monday night, arriving there Tuesday 9. M.

Beautiful day in D.C. Didn't get to woods until early afternoon. Saw three P. lachesis, one Myrtle Warbler, 15 or 16 Cedar Waxwings, Winter Wren, Carolina Wrens (2), and several Towhees. Forgot to say that I heard the first one of the season singing loudly at the N.W. corner of Lee Blvd. & Glebe Road, as I got off the bus at 9:00 A.M. Star Magnolias in full bloom.

April 2, 1951 - Mon.

Staying home a few days to cure up head cold.

Saw one Myrtle Warbler up Glen Carlyn ravine, by little bridge, one White-Crowned Sparrow may have been here. Unusual amount of white & black in a White Throat. Couldn't be certain.

Several Brown Creepers, Titmice,
Chickadees, several Towhees,
many Robins. Bluebird flew from hole
in stub in stagnant pool. Saw Phoebe for first time.

April 3, 1951 - Tuesday.

Three Myrtle Warblers, Towhees,
Brown Creepers (3-4), Towhees,
Cardinals, etc. Noted yesterday
all trees cut for some distance from
W. & O. D. R. R. near stagnant pool,
& ~~the~~ all woods cut clear to ground
down over hill from Arlington Forest
to Pool, apparently for a street -
so there probably will soon be
a double row of houses in some
of ^{the best} big woods remaining. Several Phoebes

April 4, 1951 - Wed.

Two or 3 Myrtles, many
Robins, several Towhees, 2-3 Phoebes,
Brown Creepers, many White
Throated Sparrows. Cardinals.

April 8, 1951 - Sun.

Couldn't get out yesterday -
Dook freshly - collimated and
cleaned binoculars out late
Sunday afternoon, 4:00 to 5:00,
after a rain starting about 12:00.

At 2:00 P.M. I happened to
look out back door at the
drizzle, and saw a Fox Sparrow
fly up from S.E. corner of my
yard, nearest Gunnison's Pear tree.
He sat on the top Kuce rail for
several minutes while I studied
him, then flew to Fuller's fence,
or into Dickerson's hedge - not
sure which.

Parked at road at 3rd. &
Jefferson in Glen Carlyn, near
Ravine. Many Robins & White
Throats, also starlings. Going down
gravel road, just past little
bridge, I found an unusually
colorful Male Yellow Bellied
Sapsucker on a young tree.

He circled around the tree, about 25 feet up. Mourning Doves called, and later two flew over. Red Bellied Woodpecker called. Saw one Hairy + one Downy; Carolina Wrens, + later 1 Winter Wren. Several Phoebe. Many Juncos, as every day. First Brown Thrasher positively identified singing in top of tree on Jefferson Street in Glen Carlyn. Have thought several times in past 3 weeks that I heard one singing at Arlington Hall. Field Sparrows. Grackles.

April 5, 1951

Chipping Sparrow singing near bus stop on Second Street.

April 14, 1951 -

Chipping Sparrow song at dusk outside Elliott's apartment at Barcroft just before dinner. Claire, Susan + I visiting.

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April 15, Sunday

Beautiful day, but Susan and I didn't get away until 10:30. Usual birds along way. When we got to Lookout Point, we walked right up on a Hermit Thrush, within 15 feet. He hopped and fed about on the completely bare ground ahead of us for several minutes while Susan and I watched him thru our glasses. He then worked west along the edge of the tracks.

We saw a black-snake at the bend in the trail near Honeysuckle Stream - 3-4 feet long - not too active.

Here at stream, about 100 feet from G.W. Survey marker, I heard the "chips" of a warbler, above the sounds made by two big boys at the Falls shooting slingshots. I found a male Black and White Warbler feeding along about 10 feet about the

ground. He fed at times to within 3 inches
of the ground. Myrtle Warbler seen later.
Saw Towhees, Carolina Wren,
two Brown Thrashers, etc. At home
later I heard the calls of a Purple
Martin, and located a male flying
high above Highland Hall, at the
intersection of Glebe Road and Lee Blvd.

April 16 - Thought I heard song of Purple
Finches near bus stop - in maples
nearby. Brown Creepers.

April 21, 1951. Saturday

To woods about 2:50 P.M.

Lovely day - quite warm.

One Black & White Warbler (male)

near Glen Carlyn; ^{farther} later on, near

Lookout Point another ^{male} sang,
then I found a female joining him.

The two hunted along about
15-20 feet apart, singing

and scolding. Saw two

Broad Winged Hawks circling
low above the tree tops near

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spot where I saw the Summer Tanager a few years ago.

Winter Wren up Honeycushle Stream - Black & White Warbler sang nearby. Two Hermit Thrushes in laurels near G.W. Survey Marker. Myrtle Warbler in tall oaks. Chewinks (male) singing near stagnant pool.

* Coming back up tracks I met a young "birder" of one year's experience, Nick Kerr of the Washington Audubon Group. He knows Commander Fuller, Hoover, etc. He had been to the C & O canal in the morning for a bird count. Said he had seen a Blue-Headed Vireo today along W. & O. D. tracks and a Palm Warbler near the G.W. Survey Marker. He (Nick) had 3 younger members of family along.

We watched 4 (at least) Purple Finches in tops of big trees.

April 22, 1951 - Sunday.

Myrtle Warblers - 2 or 3, calling in woods. Brown Thrasher singing at Glen Carlyn - later saw two in back yard at home.

Saw and heard a total of 4 or 5 Black and White Warblers, calling and singing. Hermit Thrush. Phoebe. Many Robins - Jays, Crows, etc. Broad Winged Hawks. Winter Wren up Honeycreeper Stream. Red-Winged Blackbirds overhead. Juncos. White-Throated Sparrows.

Near Lee Blvd. Bridge an American Bittern flew low overhead, in a straight line, heading North-West.

4/23 - Swifts over DC.
4/22 - Buller's -

April 23, 1951 - Mon.

Chimney Swifts flew
low over the intersection
of 17th. & K Sts. N.W. as I
waited for a bus home
about 6:40 P.M.

April 28, 1951 - Sat.

17th. Annual ^{V. 50} Trip - Danville,
Virginia. Second term as President.
Fine trip, all went remarkably
well. Will fill in species
here soon - 92 species.

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April 28, 1951 - Sat.

At night, as I pulled up in yard at 9:08 P.M., I heard the call of a migrating warbler overhead, followed by the chirp of a thrush.

April 29, 1951 - Sunday.

Two House Wrens at home, at nesting box. Raymond Stevens left. Heard others in Glen Carlyn. Several Black and White Warblers in woods (did not get out until after 6:00 P.M. - E.D.T.). Several Hooded Warblers singing & calling - first heard scolding near new house, others toward Honeysuckle Stream. Heard Black-Throated Green warbler sing over near R.R. tracks beyond Beech Bend, while I was on the path toward Honeysuckle Stream ^{30 min} later located a fine male in the spot from

whence the song had come.
Shortly after ~~the~~ I heard the
song of the Black-throated
Green and was studying the
tree from a distance of
perhaps 200 feet, I spotted
a beautiful male Blackburnian
Warbler near the top of the
oak by the R. R. tracks,
brilliant in the setting sun's
ray.

A Wood Thrush sang
near Beech Bend - in course
of walk heard 2 or 3 - saw
one. When shortly past
Beech Bend, I heard the
wild song of the Louisiana
Water Thrush near the
G. W. Jarvey Marker. One
sang repeatedly near the
marker. Immediately
after I heard the song of
his Queen Bird (and another
later) - then immediately

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the song of a Prairie Warbler - two or three were heard.

Back up at the tracks, just across the first trestle on the way to Dark Pool, I heard the very low whisper song of a Scarlet Tanager. Finally located the adult male sitting close beside the track in an oak - later I located another (or the same one, probably) sitting very quietly in a thick spot in a pine further down the track, calling. Between these two views, two Tanagers flew overhead - silhouetted - recognized flight only. Just past the trestle I heard calling, and found a Prairie Warbler within 10 feet of me, at eye level, in the low growth beside the track, very pretty in bright light.

Near the double tulip tree

two Catbirds sang.
Noted that since last Sunday
the great ^{oak} limb (fully 12-15
inches thick) in which so
many warblers congregated
last year had snapped off
near the trunk, and lay
among the scrub growth -
buds quite large and
ready to open.

May 1, 1951 - Tuesday
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Three new arrivals:
Nashville Warbler - one
fairly good look, and song
I know from last year -
near Glen Carlyn parking spot.

Kentucky Warbler on
stream across track from
Dark Pool.

? Forgot this one.

2 Doves. Most of other birds

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seen on April 29.

May 3, 1951 - Thursday.

3-4 Red-Eyed Vireos;
at least 5 (seen) Olive-Backed
Thrushes - probably 8-10 here -
in Kentonlyn.

1 male Black-throated Blue
W. up Honeysuckle Stream.

~~1 male~~ Rose-breasted
Grosbeaks at Warbler Oak -
at least 4 males - and that
many or more females -
probably 10-12 in 3 big oaks
here.

1 male Indigo Bunting flew
from track to woods by
Dark Pool. Male Purple
Martin low over trees
near Black-throated Blue W. &
Olive Backed Thrushes.

1 Crested Flycatcher on
Honeysuckle Stream
(over

Male Blackburnian W. near
the houses nearest track -
near Jack-in-Pulpit clearing,
singing "sweet-sweet-sweet-
sweet-ee-ee-ee", somewhat
resembling Black & White W.-
30-40 feet up. Hundreds of
White-throated Sparrows.
1 Kingbird calling and
flying above our house on
Pst. Road So. 1 Blackpoll
Warbler - the unmistakable
song came from the trees
near the tracks, across from
Lookout Point. 5-12 Myrtle
Warblers.

May 5, 1951 - Saturday
Rain all after-noon,
stopping at 6:00 P.M. Susan
and I went to woods,
even tho there were little showers
while we were in the woods.
We saw all the usual-
Wood Thrushes, etc. Hearing

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Lookout Point we heard
a Yellow-throated Vireo
across the tracks, then within
space of 1 minute saw in
the tall trees there: 1 or 2
male Redstarts; 2 or 3
male Chestnut-sided Warblers,
1 male Blackburnian. Later,
near the G. W. Survey marker,
we heard the song and call of
the Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher.
12-20 Olive-backed Thrushes
were seen - they were all through
the woods. Saw Carolina
Wrens feeding their young.

May 6, 1951 - Sunday

Drizzling rain this morning, letting up about 11:00, when I went to woods.

Parked in Glen Carlyn at 3rd. St. and . . . Just as I left car and entered woods I heard a song I didn't identify at once - investigation led to a male Golden Winged Warbler, singing about 50 feet up in the big oaks at the edge of the clearing, right over the road. His song was something like "see-ee-e-zee-zee-zee", with something of the quality of a Redstart and something of the Black-throated Blue.

As I walked down part "Susan's Bridge", a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (♂) flew from one hickory to another, at spot where I recently saw one.

Went up path past old red house and new luxury house -

here saw several Olive-backed Thrushes, then a group of migrants in the trees including two Black-Poll Warblers singing, two more Golden-Winged Warblers, two Male Blackburnian Warblers, Yellow Throated Vireo, Red-Eyed Vireo (2) two Warbling Vireos, one Blue-Headed (Solitary) Vireo, one Blue Winged Warbler heard singing, Bl. + White Warbler (2 or 3), several Parulas, one Nashville Warbler (heard and seen - "swee-die-swee-die-swee-die-chipper, chipper, chipper") - another heard & seen at Lookout Point; 2 or 3 Myrtle Warblers, one Black Throated Green (singing at a little distance), 2 or 3 Chestnut Sided Warblers (♂), and a Rose-breasted Grosbeak called, then one sang softly

over the path toward Lookout
Point - a lovely male.

At the Point another
flight of 20-30 birds in 2 or 3
trees included several
Chestnut-Sides, ^{one Golden Winged} Red-Eyed Vireos,
one Nashville Warbler, Parula,
Bl. & Whites, ^{two more male} ~~another~~ Blackburnian,
etc., ^{One Empidonax - perhaps least? (Pep! Pep!)} Scarlet Tanagers called,
and saw one pair. Many
White-Throated Sparrows
still around. Olive Backed
Thrushes were all thru woods,
seen flying & heard calling.
Of 8-10 observed carefully,
all were Olive Backs. Wood Thrushes
were all about.

Above path just past
Beech Bend, another flock
of migrants included two
Blackburnians, one Blue Winged
Warbler heard singing, one
Golden-Winged Warbler, Parula,
Red-Eyes, etc. Chestnut Sided Ws.
(2 or 3)

Hooded Warblers called and sang all along way - observed one male. Saw + heard Flickers.

Crossed stream at G W Survey marker and went down track to Dark Pool. White throats here. Back on track near Beech Bend I heard the rolling "swee-e-e-e-e-d-3-3-3-3-3" song of the Blue Winged Warbler between the track and the stream. Turning downhill from tracks I saw him in the lower part of the undergrowth, about 3 feet from the ground - a beautiful male - his head glowing. He flew across the little path under the power lines, and sat near the stream, about 4 feet from the ground, within 15 feet of me and sang repeatedly.

Back at the picnic area near Lee Blvd, as I

turned down from the track, I heard a new song. I found a fine male Golden Winged Warbler singing a "different" song repeatedly for several minutes as he sat in a little tree in the clearing. He then shifted into the more usual "swee-e-e-e-e-zee-zee-zee". A very pretty bird.

Claude Mahoney says Whip-poor-wills arrived at his Fairfax farm on April 24.

May 7, 1951, Monday.

While dressing at 7:05 a. m. (E. D. T.) near the front window, I heard a warbler song in our elm out front. Saw a Cape May Warbler (♂) on the limb-tips nearest the house. I hurried down for the glasses and double-checked as he sat still singing. Ten minutes

later he was still hunting about in the elm.

As I went up to Buckingham to the bus, a Killdeer called loudly on the large expanse of gravel at the Lee - Glebe intersection, where the house was torn down and the hill bull-dozed down.

May 8, 1951 - Tuesday -

Left for woods at 6:45 P.M. Stopped in Glen Carlyn & entered woods from 3rd. St. Near little wooden bridge a small brown bird flew from near bridge, where two young girls had been noisily taking rocks at each other, across road to side of little ravine above stream. I walked up within 15 feet, and found the Warm Eating Warbler. It fed tame along the bank, then across

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the stream on the other bank, while a Wood Thrush bathed in a little pool, and an Olive-Backed Thrush flew to a sapling above the Warbler. Then a Swamp Sparrow hopped from under low-hanging undergrowth, and fed along near the Warbler. After ten minutes I went on my way, with both birds still there.

Myrtle Warblers (1 or 2) called, and as I got to stream near Beech Bend, where I planted Joryphytia, etc., three Thrushes flew up from ground, two going across stream into thicket. Noted that one remaining bird (only glimpsed) was redder than Olive-Backed, not nearly so much so as Wood Thrush. Located it where it had flown down again to stream-edge - a Weery or Wilson's Thrush.

believe the other two were the same. Near Beech Bend Oliver-Bachler flew up the hill-side, and suddenly came the short spiraling songs of 3 or 4 birds. Later they sang near Warbler Oak. A Kentucky Warbler sang loudly almost to G.W. Survey Marker, and an Empidonax called loudly. It seemed more the "che-ber!" of a Least Flycatcher than the "see-whiff!" of an Acadian, but can't be sure. Met Comdr. & Mrs. Fuller & Son, who went to find Worm-Eating W. Told me of a shore-bird they had flushed. As I left Dark Pool, it came back there, flushed from stream by them. Noted deep wing beats, then observed all markings

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for 5 minutes as it fed
on edge of Dark Pool. It later
flew, showing large amt.
of white in tail, and deep
stroke again, calling "peet-
wee". Noted it bowed or
nodded — Solitary
Sandpiper.

Heard Crested Flycatcher,
saw Phoebe, heard B. & W.
Warbler, one Black-Poll at
Glen Carlyn as I entered woods.
Catbirds, etc. many Olive-
Backed Thrushes, and great
concentration of White-Throated
Sparrows in laurels near
S.W. Survey Marker, & later
along track up ~~to~~ near Arb.
Forest Homes. Heard Chestnut-
Sided W. sing. Saw pair
of Oven Birds together on
ground, heard others. Heard
Water Thrush, Hooded W.,
Cowbird, Cardinals (seen also)
Dowhees, Song Sparrow.
White-Throats may leave tonight

May 9, 1951 - Wed.

Took 10-D bus at 2nd,
just off Glebe Road at 7:53 A.M.
As I waited, an Orchard Oriole
sang loudly and cheerily
in the tall trees at 2nd. + I
old Glebe Road, near the
Easo station.

Purple Martins over the
house in the evening.

May 12, 1951 - ~~Sat.~~ Copied later
from notes written up 5/12/51.

Six male Canada Warblers - first
one seen was flycatching, 2 or 3
more were heard but not seen.

Song is a rather loud, rich, "jingling"
song - heard near "Little Pond in the Woods".

Also seen at new house at edge of
park and several places there-

after. Chebec ("see-whiff!") -

two - quite small. Two
Solitary Sandpipers; 3 Rose-
breasted Grosbeaks, one
near Lookout Point,

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one male in "Warbler Oak";
one female back of it.

One male Magnolia Warbler
Two or three male Redstarts,
3 or 4 female. Ten or twelve
Olive-backed Thrushes.

Wood Thrushes; 6-10 male
and female Towhees; 5-6
Catbirds, one Crested Fly-
catcher at Dark Pool;

Carolina Wrens; one
Winter Wren; Cardinals;
several Hooded Warblers;
6-8 Myrtle Warblers;
2 female Black-throated
White Warblers; 2-3
male Chestnut-sided
Warblers; one Blue-
headed Vireo; 2 Red-eyed
Vireos; 4 male Black-
throated Blue Warblers;
1 Black-throated Green
Warbler singing; 6-10
Dove-birds; male and
female Maryland

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Yellowthroat at Dark
Pool; Kingfisher; 75-100
Bobolinks out on farm
near 30th. and Whitmore-
land Drive in Fairfax Co.
(where we were looking
for a Crestwood Parula);
Grasshopper Sparrow here.

May 13, 1951 - Sunday.

Glorious day, brilliant
sunshine, light wind,
pleasantly cool, warm in
sun, air fragrant after
the rain of Friday.

Killdeer; 2 or 3 Solitary
Sandpipers (at Dark Pool)

Dove, Swifts, 3-4 Flickers,
Downy Woodpecker, Kingbird,
Crested Flycatcher (2), Phoebe,
Acadian Flycatcher ("squeez-
gee-seeff!"), Least (?) -
calling "see whiff!" or "che. hee!" -

white underbody, faint eyering,
buffy wingbars, small; Wood
Peewee at Glen Carlyn and
at Dark Pool; Blue Jays;
20-30 Crows; chickadees;
titmice; White-breasted nuthatches (2); House Wrens;
Carolina Wrens; Mockingbird;
6-8 Catbirds; Thrashers,
many Robins; 6-10 Wood
Thrushes; Olive-backed
Thrushes (15-20); Gnatcatcher;
Starlings; 3-4 Yellow-throated
Vireos (2 together near men's
table), Red-Eyes (3-4);
Black and White Warbler (2);
Golden-winged (2-4, singing
"zee - zee - zee - zee", with a
great deal of buzz),
Tennessee (2 on hillside
between Beech Bend and S.W.
Marker, singing very loudly,
later located singing bird
in trees across track from
"Warbler Oak" - looked

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like Warbling Vireo or Red-eye in coloring); several Parulas; Yellow Warbler (first?) at home 6:50 A.M.; heard twice later in day; one male Cape May in tall trees above first picnic area; 10-15 Black-throated Blues, all males; 8-10 Myrtle Warblers; 2 Black-throated Green (one male seen); fairly sure I heard one Blackburnian, 15-20 Chestnut-sided (heard and/or seen); 4-6 Black-Polls (saw 2); 8-12 Oven Birds; 1 Louisiana Water Thrush; 1 Kentucky W.; 2 M. Yellowthroats singing, one in woods, one near home in A.M.; 8-10 Canadas - all seen were males; 8-12 Redstarts (male and female), Baltimore Orioles - one singing at

7 5/13/5,
home, and saw brilliant
male close up, singing
loudly in trees over Dark Pool,
not far above eye-level;
Grackles; Scarlet Tanager (6-8
males); Cardinals; Goldfinches;
Towhees; still many White-
throated Sparrows around;
Song Sparrows.

* Watch for song of Tennessee
Warbler - one of loudest
Warbler songs we heard.
Very sharp and emphatic.
Close up, it seems almost
as loud as the Oven Bird.
The Louisiana Water Thrush
and Hooded may perhaps
be louder. I probably puts
it about as I would -

"Twipiti, twipiti, twipiti,
twipiti, twipiwipiwipiwipi-
wipi, wipi"; the start is ringing
and the ending is a quick
twitter.

May 15, 1951 - Tuesday

About 7:00 P.M. (E. D. T.) I heard the repeated "peent" calls of a Nighthawk somewhere above 3rd. or 4th. street apparently. I could not locate the bird from my back yard, though unmistakable.

May 16, 1951 - Wed.

Left home 6:15 A.M. (on leave today & tomorrow) - to Glen Carlyn - arriving about 6:25. Heard and/or saw these during walk (6:25-8:35)
One solitary Sandpiper at Dark Pool (probably second one there also),
Swifts, Flickers (3-4), one Downy,
Kingbirds, Crested Flycatcher (2),
Acadian Flycatcher? (grayish underneath, eye ring faint - if at all - buffy wing bars, lower mandible horn color - call "squee-gree-seff" - almost snapping head off at each call), Pewee (3-4)
Purple Martins, Jays, Crows (15-20)
Chickadees (2-3), Titmice (2-3), Nuthatch (1)
House Wrens (3-4), Carolina Wren (2)

Mockingbird, Catbirds (6-8),
Thrasher, Robins, Wood
Thrushes (8-10), Olive-backed
Thrushes (6-8), Gray-cheeked
Thrush (2) - first one seen in
~~poor~~ poor light (semi-silhouette)
giving sharp "pee-unt" call by path
near new house; later heard call
way up Honeysuckle Stream and
saw the Gray-cheeked in perfect
light across stream, near where
path turns up to Apartment
houses. He flew tively down
to stream edge & hunted like
a water thrush (also here), then to
stamp 20 feet ahead of me, then
hopped along path ahead of me
for 25-30 yards, then off into brush
to right of path as I was coming
back down stream; Gnatcatcher
calling, Starlings, Yellow-throated
& Red-eyed Vireos, Black & White
W(3)*, Tennessee W., at same
point along path as two days
ago - singing loudly & somewhat

ventriloquially - could not find it¹
as I came back up trailer later,
it sang at near Beech Bend - no
luck; Parulas (3-4 - saw one);
Magnolia W. (one male beside
track near J-in-Pulpit clearing);
Black-Throated Blues (6-8, all
males - 2-3 heard singing but not seen),
Myrtles (4-6), Blackpolls (8-10,
heard & seen), oven-Birds (8-10);
Louisiana Water Thrush - one up
Honeysuckle Stream, one above Dark
Pool, then down beside Solitary -
repeatedly giving a song I'd never
have recognized as L.W.T. - nearer
an Indigo Bunting than anything else.
Watched it sing for several minutes;
Kentucky W. (3 - 1 near Glen Carlyn -
saw two up Honeysuckle Stream
at bend in path - they were in boggy
spot in heavy ferns & undergrowth);
Yellowthroat - 1 male in back yard
at home; Hooded W. (4-6 - incl.
female by Kentucky W.'s, busily
gathering a huge beak-full of

grape-vine bark for a nest;
Canada W. (2 males, ^{seen} one or
two more heard); Redstarts (10-12,
male & female); Balt. Oriole, Grackles,
Junco (several), Cardinals
White-Throated Sparrows (10-12)
still here; Song Sparrows.

Weather perfect - brisk in
A.M. - hot in afternoon. Almost
finished attic. 1 Cooper's Hawk.

May 17, 1951 - Thure.

- To woods 6:30 - 8:05 A.M.
Only new arrivals today were:
- 1) the Hummingbird - one up
Honeycuckles Stream at Boggy
area where path turns away.
Another later alongside tracks
near the houses where I
saw a Blue Winged W. a
few days ago.
 - 2) Cuckoo (species - ?) flushed
from worm-infested wild cherry
trees where houses are near
tracks.

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3. Northern Water Thrush -
at Dark Pool.

Saw no Solitary Sandpiper
today - a few White-Throated
sparrows.

Birds seen and/or heard:

Cuckoo; Swifts; Hummingbirds;
7 Flickers; Kingbird; Crested Flycatcher
1 Phoebe; Acadian (?) Flyc.; 4-6
Peewees; Martins; Jays;
Crows; Chickadees & Titmice;
1 Nuthatch; House & Carolina
Wrens; Mockingbirds & 6-8
Catbirds; Robins; 8-12 Wood
Thrushes; 8-12 Olive-Backed
Thrushes; Waxwings (heard);
Starlings; 2 Yellow-Throated
Vireos; 6-8 Red-Eyed Vireos;
2-3 Black & White Warblers,
1 Tennessee Warbler; 4-6 Parula;
6-8 Black-throated Blues (5
males seen); 12-15 Blackpolls;
6-8 Ovenbirds; 1 Louisiana
Water Thrush; and 1 Northern

Water Thrush (at Dark Pool);
1 Kentucky Warbler; 3-4 Hooded
Warblers; Canada Warblers
(saw 3-4 males, heard 1-2
others - or same - singing);
8-12 Redstarts; Baltimore
Oriole; Cowbird; Grackles;
Tanagers (4-6; 1 ♀); Cardinals;
1 Grosbeak calling near
Jack-in-Pulpit clearing;
Juncos; Song Sparrows.

May 19, 1951 - Sat.

To woods 2:15 to 4:00 P.M.
Rather quiet - comparatively few
birds - listed in order:

Swifts; 1 female R. T. Humming
bird flew overhead, sitting briefly
on a pine twig; Kingbirds (2);
1 Crested Flycatcher, 1 Phoebe;
3-4 Empidonax Flycatchers;
2 Peewees; Jays; Crows. House
Wren; Carolina Wren; 3-4 Catbirds;
Robins; Wood Thrushes (6-8);
2-3 Olive Backed Thrushes;

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thought I saw one Gray-checked
Thrush but could not be certain
because of light; Starlings;
2 Yellowthroated Vireos; 2-3 Red
Eyed Vireos; 1 Black and White
Warbler; 2 Parulas; 2-3
Black-throated Blues (saw 1 ♀);
4-6 Blackpolls (heard & seen);
4-6 Oven Birds; 1 Louisiana
Water Thrush; 1 Kentucky
Warbler; 2-4 Hooded Warblers;
1 Canada W.; 2-3 Redstarts;
2-3 Tanagers; Doves, Song
Sparrows.

May 20, 1951 - Sun.

To woods about 2:15 -
back 3:40 P.M. Same as
yesterday, but fewer
birds.

Sept. 8, 1951 - Sat.

To woods with Susan
10:30 - 12:30. Wonderful
weather. Saw only one
migrant, a Blackpoll
Warbler near the "Little
Pond in the Woods". Saw
and/or heard Cardinals,
3 Yellow-throated Vireos,
one Red-eyed Vireo,
Swifts, Carolina Wren, one
House Wren, Catbirds
many Robins all thru
woods, Crows, ~~one~~
~~bird~~, Grackles, one Junco
(called), Goldfinches, ~~one~~
~~and~~ Towhee, Song Sparrows,
two Peewees.

Sept. 9, 1951 - Sun.

Another wonderful day -
bush in morning.

To woods with Claire
and Susan, 11:00 - 12:30.
Saw and/or heard Swifts,
Hummingbird, Flicker,

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Peewees, Jays, Crows (3)
Chickadees, Nuthatches,
Titmouse, House Wren, Catbirds
Thrasher (singing very low whirper
song in big apple tree in back yard
at home - barely audible at 15 feet),
many Robins, two Wood
Thrushes, one Oven Bird,
at least 3 Yellow Throated
Vireos, two Red-Eyed Vireos
scolding, two Black Poll
Warblers (in back yard at
home), one male Hooded Warbler,
one female (or young male)
Redstart, Cardinals,
Goldfinches (in woods at home -
singing), one male Towhee
near G. W. Survey Marker,
Song Sparrows, Bl. & Wh. W.
singing ~~quietly~~ in woods.

Sept. 10, 1951 - Mon.

At home, looking after Claire,
who has badly infected tonsils,
requiring shot of penicillin

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and Empiric - Codeine from
Dr. Cape.

At home in afternoon,
three Black-poll Warblers
and two Magnolias showed
up in the back yard together.
In Sycamore, apple tree, mulberry,
etc. Magnolias showed
yellow under body, wing bars,
greenish-yellow rump, white
in tail, fairly heavy streaking
on body. Toward evening
a flight of perhaps 100
Grackles flew south-east,
dropping into tall trees at
foot of Second & Third Streets.
Another flock of about 20,
together with 30-40 Starlings
joined them a few minutes
later.

Sept. 11, 1951 - Tues.

Home with Claire again
today. Several Black Polls

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were in the back yard, and later in the front yard.

Now (1:50 P.M.) I hear their calls down toward the woods.

~~For~~ Sept. 12, 1951 - Wed.

Clairie still confined to bed.

Got to woods after taking Susar to school. Saw and/or heard:

Killdeers, Cuckoo (Yellow-Billed?), Swifts, Red-bellied Woodpecker, 7 Flicker, Downy (male), 3-4 Peewees, Crows, Jays, Chickadees, Titmice, Nuthatch, House Wren, 2 Carolina Wrens, 2-3 Catbirds, Mockingbird (at home), Robins, 6 Wood-Thrushes (incl. 4 eating fruit of black gum tree), 2 Yellow-Throated Vireos, 3-4 Red-eyed Vireos, 1 male Bl. & White Warbler, 1 female Black-Throated Green W., several Black-Colls., 2 Hooded Ws., male Redstart, 1 Tanager in "green" plumage, Cardinals,

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2 R Br. Gros.
1 Ch. Sid W.

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Goldfinches, 1 Towhee (♀), Song Sp.

Sept. 13, 1951 - Thursday.

Claire able to be up a bit today. Went to work at noon. Another fine day.

Saw every bird seen yesterday, plus one Chestnut-sided Warbler and two Rose Breasted Grosbeaks.

Heard one of the latter calling near the "Little Pond in the Woods", and another in Jack-in-the-Pulpit clearing. Saw this second bird, a male, as it flew from the tops of the tall oaks near the tracks, back into the woods.

Sept. 15, 1951 - Sat.

Peewee, Phoebe, Carolina Wren, Catbirds, few Robins, Wood-Thrushes, Red-eyed + Yellow-throated Vireos, Blackpolls

Hooded Warblers, female Redstart,
Towhee, Song Sparrows. 2 Parulas

Sept. 16, 1951 - Sun.

Same as yesterday, plus
one Magnolia Warbler across
tracks from Donk Pool; one
Blackpoll W. pecked away
at a ripe wildcherry in yard
at home. Several Parulas.

Sept. 22, 1951 - Saturday:

Usually, every-day birds,
plus these: Black & White Ws. (2),
Parulas (2), Magnolias (at least
5 in one spot just west of Donk
Pool, near warbler oak, eating in
giant weeds along tracks - which I
thought of as a giant ragweed, but
may be black snakeroot, altho it
runs up to 12 feet tall), 1

Black-throated Green, 1 Chestnut-sided,
2-3 Bay-breasted warblers, few
Blackpolls, 1 Oven bird, 2 Hooded

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warblers, 1 male Redstart,
yellow-throat, Grackles,
Goldfinches, Towhees.

Sept. 23, Sunday.

Same as yesterday -
2 or 3 Magnolias, 4-6 Bay-
breasted warblers, few Black-
polls, Wood Thrushes, etc.

Sept. 29, 1951 - Sat.

Glorious day - new
arrivals were: Ruby-crowned
Kinglet (1 near G. W. Sarvey marks),
Brown Creeper (2 in same
area), White-throated
Sparrows (several along tracks
near Warbler trees).

One Magnolia W., few
Blackpolls (have heard them and/or
seen them everyday since first
seen. Appear in yard at home
just about every day.

Sept. 30, 1951, Sun.

1 Tanager, pair cowbirds
(♂ + ♀ in top of tall, ^{only} tree above track
by small Brayhill houses), few
Blackpolls, 1 Black-Throated
Green W., 1 Magnolia, many
White-Throated Sparrows ~~and~~
~~_____~~

Oct. 5, 1951 - Fri.

Began vacation this
morning. Do last through
10/21 if lucky. Brilliant day,
wind perhaps 15-20 m.p.h. (?)
most of time, keeping tree
tops in vigorous motion.

At first bend in Honeysuckle
Stream, where path follows very
edge of bank, a Black & White
W. (♂) hunted about in a
pine, about 30 feet up. With
him were a Red-Breasted
Nuthatch (first I seen in
several years, I believe),

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and a Black-throated Green Warbler. The latter flew down near the stream, where I spotted a Northern Water Thrush sitting quietly on a horizontal limb 2 feet or less from the ground, across the stream, pumping his tail. He was very deep buff about the head and body. A little further up the stream I saw the Winter Wren, also three large tortoises along the stream. One was about to slide off the path, down a three foot bank. I set him away, but a few minutes later found him in the water at that point. It was shallow, and the other bank had a gradual slope, so I didn't worry about him. A few yards further down stream ~~to~~ a big one, still damp, was stymied part up the

steep bank. I lifted him to the path. A few yards farther on, the third was on the path by the stream edge, at the point where I cross, ~~I found~~ or rather ~~150~~ yards down toward G.W. Marker, I found a 2 ft. Garter Snake. Struck repeatedly at a small limb I pushed at it - picked it up a time or two.

Wild ageratum blooming beautifully here and there, as for the last two weeks. Catbirds along tracks near Dark Pool, 1 Myrtle Warbler there. Later on I saw one Olive-Backed Thrush in fine light on the path near the Little Pond in the Woods. A flock of Juncos called in the Pony Field.

94° today. Hottest day of year (June) was only 96°.

October 6, 1951 - Sat.

Beautiful day. Top today was 93°. Saw Garter Snake again today, at rocks where I cross Honeycuckle Stream. Turkey Vulture (1), Flickers (3-4), Downy (1), Phoebe (2), Jays, Crows (flock, apparently after an owl up on the hillside above Honeycuckle Stream), Chickadees, Nuthatches (2), Titmice, Brown Creepers (2); Ruby Crowned Kinglets (2), Carolina Wrens (3-4), Wood Thrush (2); Robins (several), Black & White Warbler (1); Myrtle W. (1); Black-Throated Green W. (2); Goldfinches, Towhees (2); Song Sparrows; many White-throated Sparrows. 3

Oct. 7, 1951 - Sunday.

Another wonderful, warm day, although cooling off in afternoon, becoming heavily overcast, ending in thunder-

storm with much thunder
& lightning & heavy rain
Sunday eve, just after we
hurried back from a visit
to Don & Mary's. Leaves had wonder-
ful fragrance, ^{newly-fallen to ground.}
In A.M. saw usual
birds. Many White Throated
Sparrows, and flock of Juncos
up steep path to Glen-Carlyn
homes near Lee Blvd. Myrtle
Warbler (1), Blackpolls (saw
2-3, heard several others)
Wood. Thrushes (2), Several
Flickers, 1 Hairy, 1 Downy,
& Phoebe.

One female Yellow
Bellied Sapsucker on
pine tree at eastern end
of group of birches &
oaks where I have seen
Sapsuckers several
times.

Oct. 8, 1951 - Monday.

Much cooler, but fine day, windy. Jays,
Crows, Nuthatches, etc., R-C. Kinglets (3-4); Br. Creepers
(2-3), Many White Throats, 2 Black Throated Greenlets.

Oct. 9, 1951 - Tuesday.

Very fine day - somewhat windy in tree tops, but clear and crisp. Everything fresh after good rain Sunday night. Not many birds in flying trip - 9:00 AM to 10:00 A.M.

Flickers (3-4); Hairy (1), Jays, Crows, Chickadees, Titmice, Nuthatch (1), Brown Creepers (2) Winter Wren (1 - about 15 away, very tame on open twig near Dark Pool), 3-4 Carolina Wrens, Mockingbirds at home; Catbird (2 at home, in Elm tree); Robins (several), Bluebirds at home; Blackpoll Warblers (several in woods and at home); Cardinals; Goldfinches (several at Dark Pool) Towhee (1); Song Sparrows (4-6 at Dark Pool);

In New home on 2/21/52 - at 3307
→ N. Juekaha St., Falls Church, Va.

March 12, 1952 - Wed.

Coming home from work, riding with Bill Robey and Lardine Hall, about 6:15, I saw the first Robin pitch down into the young pines at Le Blvd. and Pershing Drive, coming in from the south east. He was just a silhouette against the twilight, but was unmistakable. The weather has been milder for several days. Up to 50's and 60's. Heard Cowbird about 3/2/52

March 13, 1952 - Thurs.

~~Coming~~ ~~to~~ going to work, a Robin flew across in front of me on Williamsburg Blvd. at Trinidad, or rather in the next block toward Sycamore.

First Thunderstorm this afternoon. Lots of brilliant lightning, and moderate

Rain.

March 14, 1952, Friday

Five Robins on lawn
of Earl Hall's house on
Winchester Way, Falla Church-
across from Bill Robey's
house.

Going up Little Falls
Road, across the W. O. D.
R.R. tracks, I heard the
first Spring Peepers were
calling in the lowlands
to the West of Little Falls
Road. This is always about
the most delightful music
I know.

March 15, 1952. Saturday.

Many Robins every-
where. This afternoon a
small flock of Grackles
flew over calling, heading
due north - about 15-20.

March 16, 1952. Sunday.

On way back from St. James,
(my first mass there), saw
small flock of Grackles (about 6)
on a lawn, all puffed up. Very
windy today, most uncomfortable.

March 27, 1952. Thurs.

Redwings, Chipping Sparrow.

April 2, 1952

Brown Thrasher

April 3, 1952.

Tree Swallow at the Fidal
Basin while Clyde, Ann,
Clara Louise and Robert. We
were near the Jefferson
Memorial, looking at the
first few cherry trees almost
fully open.

April 5, 1952.

Purple Martins at Hedinger's
in Falls Church.

April 6, 1952.

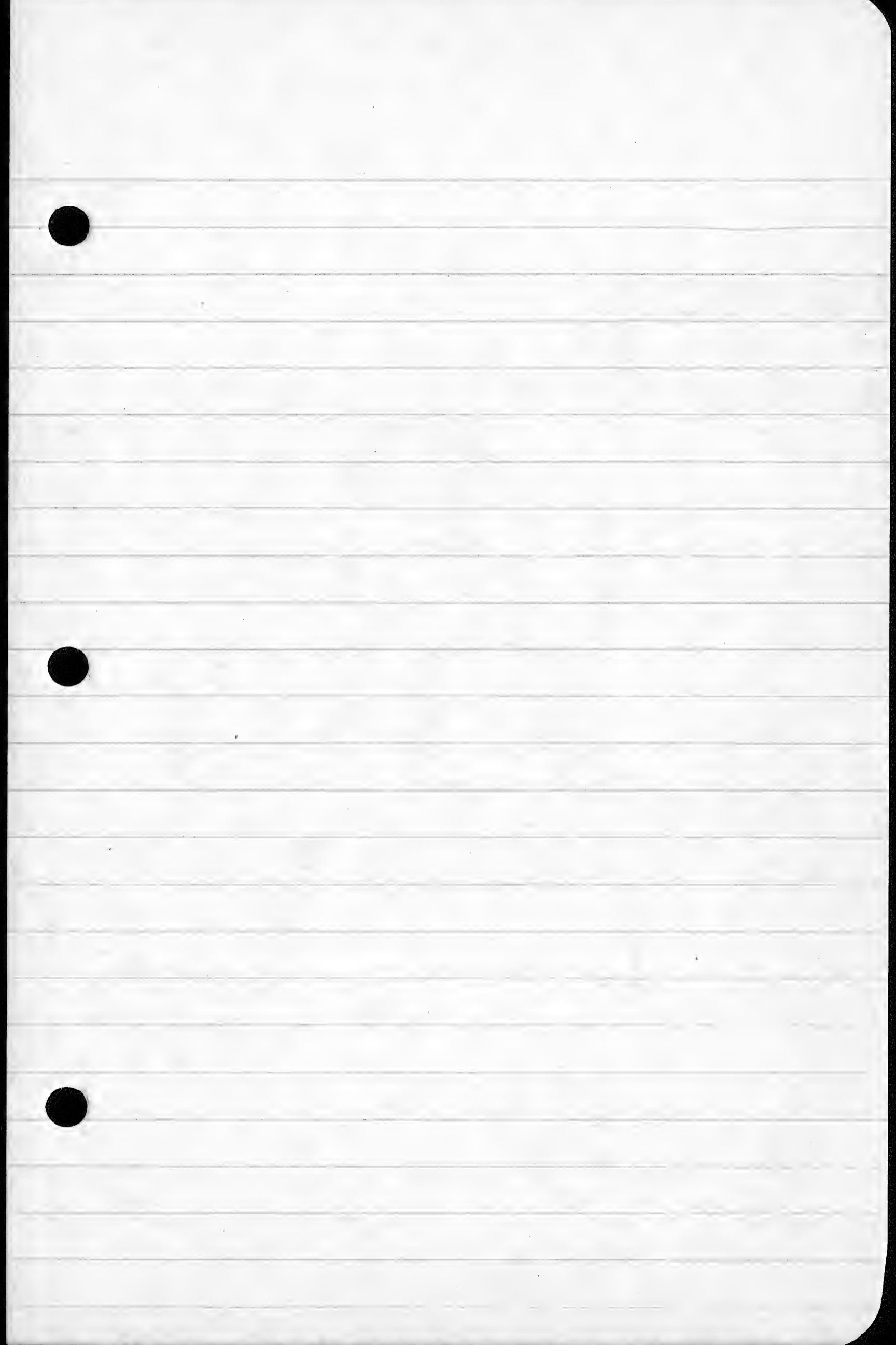
Four calling on my
way to St. James, off
Little Falls Road.

April 22, 1952. Redstart
singing on Little Falls
Road, near Broad Street as
I drove down to Bill Robey's.

April 23, ~~1952~~

Redstart singing. Scarlet
Tanager singing in woods
near Pershing Drive and
Lee Blvd. as Bill Robey,
Lorraine Hall and I drove
~~into~~^{in to} work about 8:00 a.m.

Maryland Yellowthroat
singing on Little Falls Road.



one male American Merganser
flying west above the W. & O. D. R. L.
track, unmistakable.

May 3, 1952 - Sat.

Arrived in old woods (Glen
Carlyn Park) at 6:45 A.M. Even with
cotton T-shirt & green wool shirt,
I felt rather cool while in the shade.
Light breeze, brilliant blue
sky with occasional wispy
white clouds, and the entire
woods filled with fragrance -
don't believe all the fragrance
could be from dogwood and
wild azalea - perhaps other
trees also. Oaks have been
blooming, but are now losing
their catkins.

As I parked in usual place,
again heard the little song of
the Cape May Warbler, sounding
somewhat like a Bl. & White
song in quality. One was in the
maple tree in the corner of the
garden of the old church-like home,
right above the car. It flew down
the street a few yards, where it
joined another Cape May in

the maples over the street. Here they sang repeatedly, and flitted rapidly about. Later I saw another down at the picnic area 100-150 yds. away.

As I walked into the woods a Louisiana Water Thrush sang loudly nearby - on the edge of the ravine, then up the hillside toward Lee Blvd.

I heard the song of the Black Throated Blue Warbler from several spots, and quickly ~~to see~~ saw three ^{males}. Then a Parula sang. The entire area bounded by the gravel road, the W. + O. Dominion tracks, Lee Blvd., and the homes in Glen Carlyn was see'ing with migrants, with a considerable overflow across the gravel road.

There were hundreds of Myrtle Warblers, many singing - one of those days when you felt you couldn't afford to pass up any movement, yet perhaps 95% were Myrtles. One could point the

W W

binoculars at random anywhere in the trees, and find one or more birds - as I did. Once, caught a flash of white, as lone male Rosebreasted Grosbeak flew into range. A slight move of the glasses picked up two more males.

Soon the song of a Blackthroated Green Warbler rang out, although I didn't see him, then the songs of two Yellow-throated Vireos near the tracks. A male Black and White Warbler hopped around an oak, while another sang up near the houses. Two Nuthatches made repeated trips in and out of a nest hole 50 feet up in an oak, where a limb had been. Heard the distinctive "Swee-ee-d-dd-d-zz-z" song of a Blue-winged Warbler repeated several times but could not locate it.

Then, high in top of an oak about 100 feet in from Red Blob, above the road leading from near the end of the bridge, I saw a lovely Female Blackburnian Warbler, just for a moment, in full sun. Breath-taking, as always. Two Oven-birds sang here, several Cowbirds, Wood Thrushes, one young scarlet Tanager (♂) with yellowish-red areas on lower body & sides; Towhees called and sang, Barn Swallows twittered overhead, two Phoebes flew about, and white-throated sparrows called and sang, Jays called. Two or 3 Hooded Wrens.

Going down through woods, I saw a Turkey Vulture overhead; many white-throats; several flickers along way. Chimney Swifts overhead. I forgot to mention Kingbirds over our new home when I left, and Purple Martins along way, one Crow; Chickadees and Titmice; another

mithatch; two House Wrens; Carolina Wrens singing; 4 Catbirds near Dark Pool; Cooper's Hawk being chased by a Starling near Warbler Oak; Mockers in Glen Carlyn; 1 Brown Thrasher; many Robins; perhaps a dozen Wood Thrushes; Bluebirds at home + Glen Carlyn; one Ruby-Crowned Kinglet singing loudly; many Starlings, several pairs nesting in woods, one pair feeding noisy young near rustic bridge.

Near Lookout Point a Red-Eyed Vireo sang steadily - did not see it. As I came down into Jack-in-the-Pulpit clearing, actively caught my eye, about 25 feet up in a Beech tree. A Worm-Eating Warbler hunted busily about the mass of brown leaves forming a squirrel's nest, hanging head down, and rummaging about, then went on two ~~two~~

other bunches of dead leaves in the same tree, one a nest, the other a wind-fall, I believe. Another Cape May near here. Several Hooded Warblers sang & called, L. W. T. scolded and darted into the underbrush near Beech Bend. Yellow throats called, & I saw one male along side the track. Several Cowbirds were near the G. W. Survey Marker, also Hooded Warblers, & Louisiana Water Thrushes, & Cowbirds.

Near Dark Pool the ringing song of the Kentucky Warbler could be heard far & wide, also the calls of a female Red-Bellied Woodpecker on a dead stub over the pool. Cardinals called; many White throats called & sang.

Then I had a thrill - to the right of the track, opposite the West end of the Pool, there



are two large Julip trees. About 45 feet up, but about 30 feet from where I stood atop the embankment, I saw a little

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* Hummingbird sitting on a dead twig. He was in brilliant sunlight, the sun coming in at a 90° angle from me, at 8:15 A.M., E.D.T.

I first noticed the lack of the flashing throat, so examined him closely for 5 minutes: ~~that~~ bird appeared appreciably smaller than a Ruby-Throat, tho' had no basis of comparison right there; chest & under-body sooty-gray, upper chest & base of throat lighter, almost white; gorget appeared black, altho once I thought I had an impression of ^{deep} maroon; bill was long, slender, and slightly de-curved; tail deeply forked, very noticeable when closed or spread; did not get good

See picture
two
pages
back.

look at back, but it appeared to be black or brownish black; sat still, turning head from side to side, spreading tail a few times, beady eyes flashing. He darted several feet away and furiously "buzzed" a Parula several times as it fed along a limb, then swinging in a beautiful pendulum arc of about 20 inch radius for perhaps ten or 15 flashing swings, before returning to same twig. After a moment or two, he flashed away north, across Duck Pool, disappearing in the woods. Bill slightly shorter than R.V.

Ten minutes later, going west on the track, toward Lee Blvd., almost to the trestle at Jackin Pulpit clearing, I heard the twittering of a Ruby Throated Hummingbird in back of me. He poised before wild

eyes, then flashed toward me and then turned toward Beech Bend. Even with the sun at his back, the blazing ruby throat picked up glints of fire — noticeably different, also larger. May Apples blooming.
Left woods at 8:35.
One or two Hermit Thrushes.

May 4, 1952 — Sun.

Woke up later. Got in woods at 6:55. Slightly cloudy at first, and cooler, but soon as wonderful as yesterday.

Not quite so many birds. Many Myrtles, but perhaps not the hundreds of yesterday. Will try to be busy!

Saw these: Swifts, Flickers, two Red-Bellied Woodpecker (near Little Pond in woods — male in nest hole high in an oak limb, head out, female outside, both battling Starlings. Fight went on

from 6:55 to 8:40 when I left
woods); 1 Downy; Kingbird⁺
Crested Flycatcher called near
second trestle from Lee Blvd.,
several Phoebes, many Barn
Swallows, Jays (some drifting
north-east, very high, as
yesterday), Chickadees & Titmice,
two House Wrens at track near
Beech Bend; Carolina Wren (2-4);
Mockingbird; several Catbirds;
Robins; 12-20 Wood Thrushes;
one Olive-backed Thrush with
a Wood Thrush & other birds
near one of the feed trays
at the house built a year or two
ago; Starlings; one White-eyed
Vireo singing in J-in-P Clearing
near Beech Bend - heard and seen;
One Solitary Vireo near the
Warbler Oak; Red-eyed & Yellow
throated singing; Black & White
W. singing; heard Blue-winged
Warbler sing in low second-
growth along track just West

→ Green brainstem - it was a Brewster's!
see next day -

of Lookout point - found a pretty male probing into a rolled up dead leaf on a young beech, singing as he hunted; several Parulas; Yellow-Warbler singing on way down to Broad Street, & in Glen Carlyn; 10-15 Black-Throated Blues singing - all seen were males. Many Myrtles; 8-10 Black-Throated Greens - two or three males seen; one lovely male Chestnut Sided Warbler singing his little jingling song a few feet from the Blue-Wing; 8-10 Oven Birds, one within a few feet of me; several Louisiana Water Thrushes, three in wild courtship chase; two Kentucky Warblers singing - saw one fly across tracks near Dark Pool; 1-2 yellow throats; 6-10 Hooded Warblers (♂); heard wild, ringing song of a Canada Warbler near Little

pond, but couldn't locate it; 2 male
Redstarts; Engl. Sparrows; Meadow-
larks at home; Cowbirds; 2-3
Sc. Tanagers; Cardinals; 3-4 Rosebreasted
Grosbeaks calling - one singing; Towhees
- one with unusual song; One Junco
near Sapsucker Hickory, but across
Tracks. Two Rough-Winged Swallows
chasing each other noisily above tracks
near Dark Pool.

May 5, 1957 - Monday.

On leave today. Light rain in
night, and brisk shower when I
awoke about 6:15, so went back
to bed. Got to woods about 12:55 P.M.,
to get in a trip before getting Susan
at St. Thomas More.

Will list birds in check list
order: Killdeer in N. Tuckahoe
cul-de-sac this afternoon, on gravel
yet to be black-topped. Spotted Sandpiper
at G. W. Survey Marker, flew downstream,
flashing white wingstripes; Doves;
1 Swifts; 1 Ruby-Throated Hummingbird

calling; one Belted Kingfisher near
Grey Rock at stepping stones; Flickers;
1 Red-Bellied Woodpecker; Kingbird at
home; one Crested Flycatcher calling
near lookout point, and two together
~~above~~ ^{above} 10-25 up in trees at bend in
Honeyuckle Stream, near fallen
birch (above honeyuckle from which
I named it), hopping and flying about
very tamely as tho' nest hunting;
3-4 Phoebe; an Empidonax
which must have been the
Least Flycatcher, near the Crested-
smaller than a Myrtle Warbler
sitting near it - it was very
quiet - no calls; Two Prairie
Horned Larks were on Evans' front
yard this eve, then flew to his
unsodded back yard, where one
sang from a clod; many Barn
Swallows, skimming lawns and
street at home, calling everywhere;
2-3 Martins; Jays; 1 Crow; 2-3
Titmice; 1 Nuthatch; 4-6 House
Wrens along tracks; 4-6 Catbirds;

8-10 Wood Thrushes; one Gray
Checked Thrush in good flight
along Honeycreek Stream, on
bank, & along sand & rocks of stream,
later this or another one called
its "pee-unt" with the nasal tone as
I watched a Veery along this
stream; It (the Veery) flew lazily
along to where I saw the flycatchers
(there also were Hooded Warblers,
Myrtles, Golden Winged Warblers,
Blue-winged, Bl. & White, Parula,
& Ovenbirds); Bluebirds at home;
two Ruby Crowned Kinglets at point
where I saw flycatchers, then nearer
Survey marker; Starlings (15-20 on
lawn ~~where I park car~~ at Williamsburg
& Westmoreland), 1 White-eyed Vireo
near Survey marker (where I
was caught in a brief shower after
earlier ominous & heavy thunder
had passed by. Took shelter against
a big white oak & remained dry);
one Red-eyed Vireo; one Solitary

Vireo near point where I cross
Honeysuckle stream; several Black
and White Warblers; one Golden
Winged Warbler by stream, in
low ironwood trees; 4-6 Blue-
Winged Warblers singing - saw 3 (2
were singing in laurels and
low trees between Honeysuckle
Stream Crossing & Tubbes Run - saw one;
saw another near ground
alongside tracks near Jack in-
Pulpit trestle; another on hillside
at White house above rustic bridge;
another near Beech bend); 2-3
Parulas; 8-12^{or more} Black-throated
Blue Warblers scattered along
way - all seen were males - 4 or 5
were at Honeys. Stream Crossing &
near Flycatchers; many Myrtles;
3-4 Black-throated Green Warblers
singing - saw one male; two male
Chestnut-sided Warblers; 6-8 Oven Birds;
3-4 Louisiana Water Thrushes - saw 2;
heard one Kentucky Warbler; saw
one male Yellowthroat; as I

hurried to the car to get Susan, I turned across the rustic bridge and up by the White house to check a Blue Winged Warbler's song to see if it might be a Brewster's since I realized that yesterday I had seen a Brewster's, but my mind registered Blue-Winged - because of the song! as I climbed the path, a Yellow-Breasted Chat began to sing and mimic loudly about 20 feet from me, beside the white house; probably 8-10 or more Hooded Warblers, including one female near the Grey Locks; Meadowlark at home; Grackles; 8-10 Cowbirds; 3-4 Tanagers; Cardinals; 4 Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks - one male between the house with bird feeders & Lookout Point, one female and another unseen bird above gravel road from Lookout Point up to Glen Carlyn and another farther on;

Goldfinches (3-4); Gowhees (8-10); several Chipping Sparrows at home & in Glen Carlyn; many White Throats; several Song Sparrows.

6:35 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

May 7, 1952 - Wednesday

Briskly cool this morning, with a strong wind keeping the tree-tops in continual motion. The only new arrival today was the Wood Pewee. Heard one calling across tracks from Lookout Point, and later another farther down the tracks. Black Vulture flew across Westmore Gardens today - flying almost due north - in a hurry.

Sparrow Hawk on top of the topmost lead stub in the tulip tree nearest Warbler Oak. Saw a Pigeon Hawk about

a week ago. Killdeers calling
at home; two Spotted
Sandpipers on the graveled
field between 31st & 32nd
streets across Underwood
from the Crestwood homes
(at 6:35 a.m.), flew about
on graveled patch, then bobbed
tails as they hunted about;
Doves; Swifts; Flickers;
Hairy Woodpecker near
see Blod. beetle, then at
Rustic Bridge; Kingbirds; 1 Crested
Flycatcher; Phoebe; Pewee;
Horned Larks eating grass
seed at home, and singing
from rooftops, etc.; many
Barn Swallows, down to ground;
Jays; 1 Crow; 1 Titmouse;
6-8 House Wrens; 1 Carolina
Wren; several Catbirds; two
Thrashers; Robins; many Wood
Thrushes; 4-6 thrushes, either
Olive Backed or Gray-checked,
never able to get adequate look;

Spotted
chests
very
notable

Bluebirds beginning nesting
in my box today; 1 Ruby Crowned
Kinglet; Starlings; two Yellow
Throated Vireos; two Red-Eyed
Vireos; 3-4 Black & White Ws.
singing, one seen; 2-3 Parula
Warblers singing; 4-6 Black-
throated Blues; 10-15 Myrtle
Warblers; 2 Black-Throated Greens;
1 Chestnut-side singing; 8-10
Oven Birds; 3-4 Louisiana
Water Thrushes; 2 Kentucky
Warblers, one singing tamely
on hillside at edge of J in P clearing-
hunting on ground, and flying
to perches foot off ground to
sing - the other sang on
Honeyuckle Stream; one
Chat sat 20 feet up in a tree
over Dark Pool, all windblown,
called a few times; 10-15 or more
Hooded Warblers, male & female,
all courting; Redstarts (2-3);
Grackles; Cowbirds (8-10);

2-3 Tanagers singing;
Cardinals (4-6); 2 Rose-
Breasted Grosbeaks calling,
and one singing softly;
Juncos; Chipping Sparrows;
many White-Throats; Song
Sparrows.

May 8, 1952 - Thursday.

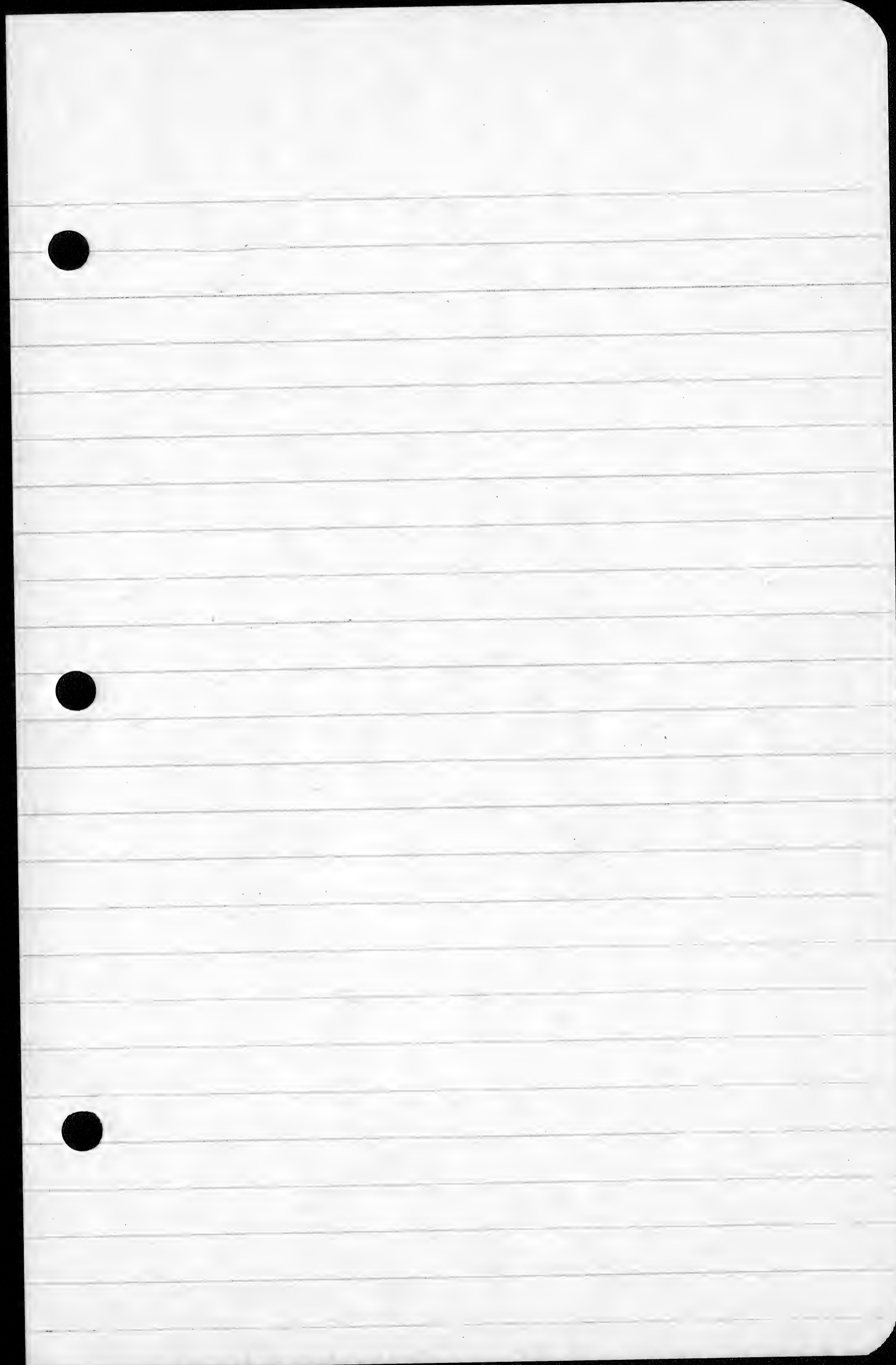
Tennessee Warbler

Tennessee Warbler "sweet-
sweet-chipper, chipper, chipper,
dizzle, dizzle" - above gravel
road near Lookout Point.

Two Male Cape May Warblers;
Female Baltimore Oriole above
new house which has 3 bird
feeders. 3 Blackburnians;
3-4 Olive Backed Thrushes;
1 Warbling Vireo singing for
10 min. at Jack-in-Culpit clearing.
2 Solitary Vireos; 1 Purple
Finch (♀); 1 Blue Winged Warbler;
1 Parula; 1 Magnolia Warbler (♀)
6-8 Black-Throated Blues,

1952

8-2-3 Black-Throated Greens,
1 Male Chestnut-sided W. at
Lookout Point; Ovenbird;
2 Louisiana Water Thrushes
Hooded Warbler; Redstart; several
Rose-breasted Grosbeaks (3 - one
male singing); 1 male Swamp
sparrow at Dark Pool; one
Hairy Woodpecker.



May 9, 1952 - Friday.

Left home about 6:25 A.M. Crisply cool, but somewhat milder than yesterday. Brilliantly clear sunlight, in contrast to the frustrating glare in the overcast yesterday.

Will note birds in order of Check-list:

Broadwinged Hawk calling near G. W. Survey marker; Bob White called near home; Killdeer flew near 32nd. & Underwood; one Solitary Sandpiper feeding on mud at Dark Pool, and across logs, very tame - did not fly at all - sooty breast in marked contrast to that of the Spotted seen a few days ago; two doves at 33rd. on wires near Eady's home; Swifts; Hummingbird heard twittering at 3 different places in woods; 4-6 Flickers; Kingbirds; * 2 Crested Flycatchers, calling all * morning; Phoebe; Least Flycatcher * at spot where I saw one the other *

day, very distinctly calling his
"che-bee; che-bee", in somewhat
different way than I had expected -
like "jee-bege; jee-bege". Later
one called over near tracks
across from G. W. Survey marker,
another farther west on the
tracks, and three were seen
calling near the trestle nearest
Lee Blvd. - certainly the best
day I ever had on the Coast -
and positive identification!
Peewee; Horned Larks at home;
many Barn Swallows; Jays,
flying N.E. at fairly high altitude,
as every day recently; Titmice (2);
6-8 House Wrens; Carolina Wren;
Mockingbird; 6-8 Catbirds; Robins;
many Wood Thrushes; probably
25 Olive backed Thrushes identified;
saw no Gray-checked, unless some
of those in distance were this species;
two (2) Veeries up on hillside
by gravel road above the gray
rock; another near that rock,

one up Honeysuckle Stream, and
two in undergrowth across
stream from Gray rock -
3 were calling their "churr"
call note; flock of Waxwings
near survey marker;
Starlings; 2 Blue-Headed (Solitary)
Vireos; 6-8 Red-Eyed; 1 Warbling
Vireo ^{at least} 3-4 Tennessee Warblers
(all light underneath, constantly
singing the ventriloquial "sweet-
sweet-chiffle-chipper-chipper-
dizzle-dizzle" song - very
restless, and most difficult
birds to locate that I've ever
seen. Song such as I wrote down
for Nashville last year, & as
Forbush says, but the markings
of these birds are those of the
Tennessee. Could get only one
worthwhile look today, although
the birds seemed everywhere
I went - consistently on move in
tops of trees, from end
to end of woods; ~~on~~ ~~the~~

4-6 Parulas singing; 10-15 Magnolia
Warblers, only two adult males, singing
as they hunted; two (2) male Cape
May Warblers; 8-12 Black-Throated
Blues (all seen were males); 30-50
or perhaps up to 100 Myrtle Warblers;
6-8 Black-Throated Green Warblers -
including one especially lovely male;
2 Bachmanians; 4-6 Chestnut-Sided
*
*
-all males; 4-6 Blackpolls Warblers -
heard first one on Westmoreland,
and song didn't sink into my
consciousness until I heard another
at parking spot at 3rd & Jefferson -
others near "bird feeder" house,
& Honeycuckle stream; 8-12 Oven
Birds; 3-4 Louisiana Water Thrushes,
2 Kentuckys; one male & one
female Yellowthroat - not together;
Chats - at white house on hill,
both going & coming to car; 2-3 Hooded
Warblers; 8-12 Redstarts, including
2 females; Engl. Sparrows; Meadow
Larks; 2 Baltimore Orioles, one
singing, one calling; Grackles

8-12 Cowbirds; 4-6 Scarlet Tanager -
thought I saw one female; Cardinals;
6-8 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks -
two males seen, others calling,
two singing; 10-15 Towhees;
* one Junco along tracks near
* Warbler Oak with many White-
throats; Chipping Sparrows;
hundreds of White-throats; 2
Swamp Sparrows, one near
Rastic Bridge, one at Dark
Pool by Spotted Sandpiper;
10-15 Song Sparrows. Two
Ruby Crowned Kinglets yesterday
& today.

May 10, 1952 - Saturday.

Susan went to woods with
me, so I didn't go nearly so
far, nor see so much. Went up
Honeyuckle Stream only to sandy
spot where I saw the Flycatcher,
and did not go on R.R. track
at all, so missed walk to
Dark Pool - did not leave paths.

Morning cool and clear -
tho' I got up at 6:10, did not
waken Susan to 6:25, & got
to woods about 6:55. When nearly
back to car - about 9:10 - met!

Kerr of D.C. Audubon Society,
who said that at Bluemont Junction
on Wash. & Old Dominion R.R.,
he saw 2 Lesser Yellowlegs, several
Wilson's Snipe, and 20 or so
Solitary & Spotted Sandpipers.
He was doing the "second Saturday
in May count" for the D.C. Club.

He goes, in check list order:
Broadwinged Hawk, Sparrow
Hawk calling, Killdeer (3-4);
3 Spotted Sandpipers (two on
the graveled area at 32nd &
Underwood, one alighting
beside a little pool in the
road at 31st. & Underwood,
about 30 yds. from others).
2-3 Mourning Doves (2 at home);
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (2) one
heard in distance in Glen Carlyn

after we parked, the other
about an hour later when we
were at S.W. Survey Marker;
Swifts (many); 2 Hummingbirds;
4-6 Flickers; one Downy;
2-3 Kingbirds; 2-4 Crested
Flycatchers; 2 Phoebe;
3 Least Flycatchers; 2 Pewees;
10-20 Horned Larks around
home; many Barn Swallows;
Martins; Jays (10-15); 2 Crows;
Titmice (2-3); Nuthatch (1);
4-6 House Wrens; Carolina
Wrens (2); Mockingbird (2);
Thrasher (1); Robins - many;
6-10 Wood Thrushes; 10-15
Olive-Backed Thrushes; 1 Veery;
Bluebirds (2); Ruby-Crowned
Kinglet (2); Starlings (many);
1 Solitary Vireo; Red-Eyed Vireo (6-8);
at least 4-6 Tennessee Warblers (along
path in woods and later one in
big oak across Rochester Street
in back of house. Twice had
good looks at the singing

birds while Susan waited patiently -
watched one for 10 minutes in bright
sunlight, about 50 feet up - for
5 minutes it sat in one spot and
sang repeatedly - its "sweet-sweet-
sweet-chipper-chipper-chipper" song,
with slight variations; 2-4
Parulas; 3-4 magnolias; 2 Cape
May^(s); 6-8 Black-throated Blues;
2-4 Black-throated Greens;
one Blackburnian; 3-4 Chestnut-
sided Ws.; 8-10 Blackpolls;
8-10 Oven-birds; 3-4 Louisiana
Water Thrushes; 2 Kentucky;
1 Yellow-throat; 1 Chat; 3-4
Hooded Warblers (incl. one female);
1 male Canada Warbler high in
an oak on the hillside directly
opposite Beech Bend, singing
frequently; 4-6 Redstarts (incl.
2 females); 1 Engl. Sparrow;
8-10 Meadowlarks at home; 2 Baltimore
 Orioles singing & calling (saw one male
at Survey Marker); Grackles; 3-4
Scarlet Tanagers; 3-4 Cardinals;

2 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks calling
(saw one male); Goldfinches;
6-10 Towhees; Chipping Sparrows;
many White-throats; Song Sp.

May 11, 1952 - Sun. - Mother's Day

Because we had expected to
have breakfast early I go to 9:00
Mass, to have time to get ready
for visit of the Elliotts, did
not get to woods. Very light
sprinkles of rain occasionally
during day.

During morning I was in
back yard, and became
conscious of repeated song
of an Indigo Bunting
across Rochester Street in
edge of woods. In afternoon
a Nighthawk called his
"peent" note, and circled above
our lot. other usual birds.

May 12, 1952 - Monday.

Did not get to woods - about 12:30 we all (Susan had holiday today - due to dedication of convent chapel) went out for ride - out Lee Highway to turn-off to Front Royal. Almost to Front Royal + B. back. Had picnic lunch at old stone bridge - here saw one Spotted Sandpiper on bank of Bull Run - one Gnatcatcher - 2 Red-Eyed Vireos, Titmouse. Also saw doves, turkey vulture, etc. on way - 4 Bob Whites (2 pairs)

May 13, 1952 - Tuesday

Took Susan to school, then on to woods, getting there about 9:00 (or 8:45). Wonderful day - clear, sunny, cool. 100 Broad-winged Hawks; Killdeers (at home); Doves (2-3);

one Cuckoo flew rapidly over-
head - East along the tracks - the
Yellow-bill, I believe; Swifts;
Hummingbird; several flickers
one female sat near a large
nest hole while a Starling went
in, brought out a bill-full of nest
material, and dropped it; 1 Red-
bellied Woodpecker; one Downy
and one Hairy, near Lookout
Point; 3-4 Kingbirds; 2 Crested
Flycatchers; 4-6 Phoebes;
Acadian Flycatcher seen
for first time today - two - the
first near Gray Rock, the other
near Jack-in-Pulpit clearing;
several Peewees; Horned
Larks at home, but very
little singing for last few
days; many Barn Swallows;
8-10 Jays; 2 Crows; 1 Chickadee;
2-3 Titmice; 3-4 House Wrens;
2-4 Carolina Wrens; Mockingbird;
4-6 Catbirds; 1 Brown Thrasher;

Robins; 10-15 Wood Thrushes;
10-15 Olive-backed Thrushes;
2 Bluebirds at nest stub up gravel
road from lookout point to
the parking lot (nutcracker popped
into hole + out); Starlings at
4-6 nest sites in woods;
2-4 Red-Eyed Vireos; 3-4 Parulas;
3-4 Cape Maya; ^(incl. 1 ♀) 4-6 Black-throated
Blues; perhaps 15-20 Myrtles;
2-3 Black-throated Greens;
6-8 Chestnut-sided ^(1 ♀); 10-15
Blackpolls; 6-8 Ovenbirds;
2-4 L. Water Thrushes; 2 Kentucky
Warblers; 1 Male Maryland Yellow-
throat; 3-4 Hooded Warblers;
saw 7 male Canada Warblers -
heard several more singing;
8-8 Redstarts (incl. 2 females);
English Sparrows near R. R. track
at J. in P. table; Meadowlark;
Grackles; 6-8 Cowbirds; 3-4
Scarlet Tanagers (incl. 2 females);
Cardinals; 2 Rose-breasted
Grosbeaks calling; Goldfinches;

12-15 Towhees; Chipping Sparrows;
15-20 White Throats; 3-4 Song
Sparrows.

May 14, 1952 - Wed.

Late - got to woods about 7:30
- out about 9:15. Another glorious
day. Met Mrs. Hoover at
Dark Pool - wife of the man we
met a no. of times here - they
plan to see as many birds as
possible here this morning, go to
Ocean City this afternoon & stay
tomorrow - to run up a list.

T. Vulture; 2 Broad-winged Hawks
whistling, then flew thru trees
near Beech Bend; Killdeer;
Solitary Sandpiper at Dark
Pool; 2 Doves, one at a
bird bath in Glen Carlyle; Swifts;
Hummingbird; Several Flickers;
1 Red-bellied & 1 Downy wood-
pecker; 2-3 Kingbirds; 2 Crested
Flycatchers; 3-4 Phoebes;

2 Acadian Flycatchers;
3-4 Peewees; Barn Swallows;
8-10 Jays; 3 Crows; Titmouse;
4-6 Wrens; 1 Mockingbird at home;
4-6 Catbirds; Robins; 8-10
Wood Thrushes; 10-15 Olive-
back Thrushes (one softly
singing whisper song on hill-
side beside gravel road to Glen-
Carlyn - toward Lee Blvd.;
Bluebirds; 1 Gnatcatcher;
Starlings; Red-eyed Vireo (8-10);
3-6 Parulas; one Yellow
Warbler above parking place;
3 Cape Maya; 2-3 Black-
throated Blues; 6-8 Myrtles;
1 Black-throated Green;
8-10 (or more) Chestnut-sided
Warblers (all males); 15-20
Blackpolls; 6-8 Oven Birds;
3-4 Water Thrushes; 2
Kentucky Warblers; 1 Yellow-
throat; 6-10 Hooded Warblers -
3 at one point beside track
near Sprucker Hickory;

6-7 male Canada Warblers -
several more singing; 6-8
Redstarts (2-3 ♀); Eng. Sparrows;
Meadowlark; Red-wings;
Grackles; 8-10 Cowbirds; 4-6
Tanagers (2 ♀); Cardinals;
2 Rose-breasted Grosbeaks -
one male singing long rich
warble going on for 10 minutes
in top of tall oak down hill
from Lookout Pt.; 1 male
Indigo Bunting near twin tulip
trees; Goldfinches; 8-10 Juncos;
Chipping Sparrows; few White
Throats; 3-4 Song Sparrows.

May 15, 1952 - Thursday.

Bright clear sunrise - as I
arrived at Glen Carlyn Park about
6:50 it had clouded over, and
a few scattered drops of rain
fell. In a few minutes it
cleared up into another glorious
day - bright & sunny, yet I

was not too warm in T-shirt, wool shirt & leather jacket. Left woods about 8:35.

Broadwinged Hawk whistled near survey marker; Kildeers flew over Westmore Gardens; 2-3 Doves; Screechers; 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird; 2 Flickers; 3-4 Kingbirds; 2 Crested Flycatchers - widely separated, 2 Phoebe's at the Park Rest House, where they have a nest atop one column and a partial nest atop another, and 2-3 others at other points; 3-4 Acadian Flycatchers; 3-4 Peewees; Horned Larks calling at home; many Barn Swallows; Jays; 1 Chickadee; 2 Titmice; 1 Nuthatch; 1 Carolina Wren; 4-6 Catbirds; Robins; 6-8 Wood Thrushes; 15-20 Olive Backs - perhaps more - sharp "puk" call came from many points - every dark-backed Thrush I saw was an Olive-back;

Bluebirds returned to nest box
this eve; 10 Cedar Waxwings
flew over near Dark Pool;
Starlings; 1 Yellow-Throated Vireo;
6-8 Red Eyed Vireo; 1 Tennessee
Warbler singing loudly near
Beck Bend as I hurried back
to the car; 3-4 Parulas; 1 male
Magnolia sing constantly at
Beck Bend; 2 Black-Throated
Blues; 1 Black-Throated Green;
1 male Blackburnian singing as
he hunted about in the extreme
top of the Giant White oaks at
the edge of the Pony pasture;
3-4 Chestnut-sided - all males;
10-15 Blackpolls; 8-10 Oven
Birds; 2 Water Thrushes;
2 Kentucky Warblers; 3-4 Hooded
Warblers; 3 Canada Warblers;
2-3 Redstarts; Engl. Sparrows;
Meadowlarks; 1 Baltimore
Oriole singing; Grackles;
6-8 Cowbirds; 2-3 Juncos;

Cardinals; 2 Rose-Breasted
Grosbeaks calling - one sang
also; Goldfinches; few
White-throated Sparrows;
4-6 Song Sparrows.

May 16, 1952, Friday

Very pleasant morning, but
light rather poor until it was
nearly time to leave the woods.
Occasional scattered rain
drops - very few and far
between. To woods about 6:50
(at parking place on 3rd. + Jefferson,
Glen Carlyle) - left them about
8:50 - stopping to have '41 Chevy
inspected on way home.

Cooper's Hawk circling (~~flapping~~
flapping vigorously) over Lubber
Run at Columbia Pike as
Claire, Susan and I left the big
Safeway there. Broadwinged Hawk
in Glen Carlyle Park; 2 Killdeers
on gravel at 2nd. + Underwood as

I went to woods; 1 Solitary Sandpiper at Dark Pool; Mourning Doves; 4 Yellow-billed Cuckoos (3 in Glen Carlyn Woods, 1 flying across Westmore Gardens); Swifts; 2 Hummingbirds; 2-3 Flickers; 2 Red-bellied Woodpeckers at nest hole in young oak (about 6" in diam. at level of nest - 35-40 feet up) on road from J.-in.-P. Clearing up to Parking lot - almost directly across road from nest stub. Bluebirds have been at, Male alighted beside hole, and female popped out & flew away. Guess they gave the other hole up to the Starlings; 1 Downy; 2 Kingbirds on two gate posts to east of our house as we pulled into yard about 4:15; 3-4 Crested Flycatchers - two in Park; 4-6 Phoebe - one sitting on nest on left column of Rest House; 2-3 Acadian

Flycatchers; 2-3 Peewees; Barn Swallows; Jays; Chickadee at nest tree at Dark Pool; 2 Titmice; 1 Nuthatch; 2 House Wrens; Carolina Wren; Mockingbirds; 6-8 Catbirds; Robins; 10-15 Wood Thrushes; probably 20-30 Olive-backed Thrushes; two singing soft whisper versions of their song; 1 Veery calling the sharp "churr, churr" call note; Bluebirds - our two busily nest building in the box; Starlings; 1 Yellow Throated Vireo calling in woods across Rochester Road; 8-10 Red-Eyed Vireos; 1 male Black + white W. on Honeycuckle Stream - first I've seen in several days - flew down to stream about 10 feet from me as I stood up on the bank - drank several swallows of water; 4 Tennessee Warblers - first one singing in big oak on 2nd. house from 31st. St., on Westmoreland Drive - toward Lee Highway, others in Park - one studied at some length in trees across stream from J-in-P

clearing, near tracks - elusive as
ever, continually changing trees &
returning frequently to same two
across stream - finally sat for
several minutes in good light, 50
feet up, singing while I observed it;
3-4 Parulas; 2 Magnolia Warblers
singing - both males; 1 Cape May (?) -
couldn't be sure; 2 Black-throated
Blues - one [♂] near bluebird stub
repeatedly sang a variation -
"sweet-sweet - sweet - zheeu-zheeu"
the final two buzzy notes the
usual ones, once or twice he
changed to usual song; 3-4 Myrtle
Warblers, calling but not singing;
1 Black-throated Green; 3
male Blackburnians, all
singing; 4-6 Chestnut-sided;
1 female Bay Breasted Warbler
20-40 Black-polls - everywhere
one went today one heard one
or two singing; 6-8 Oven-birds;
2-3 Water-Thrushes; 2 Kentucky

Warblers; 1 Yellowthroat; 3-4
Hooded; 3 Canadas - all males;
6-8 Redstarts, male + female;
Engl. Sparrows; meadowlark;
1 Baltimore Oriole; Grackles - one
at Dark Pool. 3-4 Cowbirds; 4-6
Tanagers (2 females); Cardinals;
1 Indigo Bunting; Goldfinches;
Towhees; Chipping Sparrow on
front lawn; 1 Field Sp. singing;
3-4 Song Sparrows.

Over Dark Pool one
Starling sang in a tree while
another a few feet away made
4 trips (as I watched) into a
hole in a limb, each time
bringing out a huge bill-full
of green leaves, scattering
it in the air from the same
spot each time on a limb a
few feet from the nest. As
I wondered whose nest it was
tearing up, it flew to a nearby
tulip tree, stripped off a

big beak - full of green leaf pieces, flew to the nest-hole - changed its mind and flew again to the "dumping spot", and shook the leaf particles from its bill into the air.

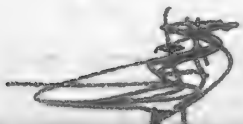
May 17, 1952 - Sat.

Beautiful morning, somewhat cool. Enough wind to keep tree tops in constant motion, although not violent. Met Nick Kern on trail. Said that his count last Saturday was 100 species.

1 Turkey Vulture; 2 Killdeers; 1 Spotted Sandpiper on gravel at 32nd. & Underwood; one Solitary at Dark Pool; 3-4 Doves; 3 Yellow-Billed Cuckoos and 1 Black-Billed - first saw the Black-Billed in a sapling oak beside R.R. tracks near Fustle nearst Lee Blvd. - at the picnic area. He caught

a large caterpillar (tent) - about
2 inches long & was striking it
on the limb, when a yellow-
billed suddenly burst through
the leaves from another part
of the little tree (20 ft. high), darting
at Black-billed, who moved about
2 feet quickly, then hunted up
through the tree. The Y-B soon
darted at him again, and he
moved a foot or so away,
then both went on hunting;
Swift; 3 Hummingbirds - 1 female
sitting on twig, two other birds
heard twittering; 3-4 Flickers;
2 Red-Bellied Woodpeckers; 1
Hairy; 1 male & 1 female Downy-
not together; 3-4 Kingbirds; 2
Crested Flycatchers; 3-4 Phoebe;
2-4 Peewees; (Kerr saw an
Olive-sided Flycatcher
just across the tracks from
Lookout Point - today); Horned Lark;
Barn Swallows;

Jays; 2 Crows; Chickadee at
nest hole in birch stub over
Dark Pool; 2 Titmice; 1 Nuthatch;
1 House Wren; 1 Mockingbird;
4-6 Catbirds; 1 Thrasher;
Robins; 8-10 Wood Thrushes;
20-30 or more Olive-Backs, 3
singing softly; one Veery
calling his "churr" call; and
* one Gray-checked Thrush calling
his "pee-~~unt~~" call, Bluebirds
at nest hole in woods & at
home; 16 Cedar Waxwings
flew into tall Tulip trees near
Warbler Oak; Starlings nesting
in almost every hole in the woods;
6-10 Red-eyed Vireos; at least
3 Tennessee Warblers ^{all}
singing lustily; 3-4 Parulas;
2 Yellow Warblers - one with
rather unusual song in oak at East
end of Dark Pool; 3 Magnolia Warblers;
2 Cape Mays; 2 Black-throated
Blues; 2-3 Myrtles; 2 Black-



throated Greens - one lovely
* male at Dark Pool; 2 Black-
burnians; at least 4-6 Chestnut-
sided; perhaps 30-40 Black-
polls - their songs were every-
where today; 8-10 Oven birds;
3-4 Water Thrushes; 2 Kentucky
Warblers; 1 Yellowthroat;
3-4 Hooded Warblers; 1 Wilson's
* Warbler, singing, ^{calling} and hunting
* for a long while at stream
beside J-in-P. clearing, at
point where Susan often throws
rocks; 4-6 Canada Warblers;
4-6 Redstarts; Trq. Sparrows;
Meadowlarks; Grackles;
4-6 Cowbirds; 4-6 Tanagers
(2 females); 24 Cardinals; 1 Rose-
breasted Grosbeak near Lookout
Point; male Indigo Bunting
near Dark Pool; Goldfinches;
8-10 Towhees; 2-3 Chipping
Sparrows; 1 Field Sparrow;
3-4 White Throats (Kerr

saep he saw some white
Crowns near Bluemont);
1 Lincoln's Sparrow - west
of Dark Pool & across tracks
(Kerr said he ~~saw~~ thought he
saw one at Dark Pool - a
few minutes before I arrived -
so I was alert for it, and
found it - watching it for
several minutes in perfect
light - first for me);
several Song Sparrows.

Aug. 2, 1952 - Office party at new home.

Aug. 17, 1952 - Sunday.

Atmosphere humid. Great numbers of Barn Swallows feeding at great speed right down to grass tops. across ^{all} the yards, and over the streets. Believe there were a few Cliff Swallows, too, but did not check them carefully. They were about the neighborhood all day, continually within a few feet of us - Brad, Claire, Susan and I. Half-dozen Night Hawks flying above the house toward late afternoon.

Aug. 23 - Saturday -

No Swallows since last week, but one Purple Martin (♂) flew over.

Aug. 31 - Sunday.

Several Purple Martins flying high above home area.

Sept. 5, 1952. Friday

Heard the call of a Migrant Warbler overhead, flying due south.

Sept. 14, 1952 - Sunday

As Claire, Susan and I relaxed in the back yard in afternoon, a warbler flew overhead calling, and alighted on the chain-link fence between Jack Swan's yard & his next door neighbor. Purely by chance, I had the binoculars with me, and picked up the bird at once - a mostly yellow bird, wagging its tail constantly - a yellow Palm Warbler. It then flew into a dead tree in Klare's yard, twitching its tail, and soon flew on.

This A.M. I noted sunrise - the sun coming up slightly to the left of the front gable (brown) of the house across Trinidad from Kennedy's. Last May during bird season it was slightly to right of point of water tower.

Sept. 27, 1952 - Sat.

Couldn't get to woods today - too much to do before Mary, Don, Peg & Bill arrived for my early Birthday dinner.

Probably 200 Cowbirds, about evenly divided between male & female, were out on the front lawns, all working around the cul-de-sac. Later two Starlings joined them.

For past several weeks we have had large mixed flocks of Cowbirds & Starlings 100-200 or so probing all lawns, inch by inch.

Wave of Yellow(?) Palm Ws. going through today - no wing bars - buffy stripe over eye, yellow under tail coverts & upper tail coverts, under-body grayish - faint yellow tinge.

Blue birds eating grain from feeder. Many goldfinches at bird feeder. Many Swifts.

* Number of Lincoln Sparrows
* in back yards. Noted crown, gray rumps, etc.

Sept. 28, 1952. 7:40 - 9:15. Perfect day.

To woods, arriving about 7:40 a.m. Delayed by Susan getting ready, and had snack before going. Saw what was either Blackpoll or Baybreast in oaks over old house where I parked car - against light so couldn't be sure. Cardinals + Robins. Red-bellied Woodpecker called. On hillside above grove of dogwood trees opposite fountain, I spotted a small warbler at some distance, high in oaks in fine light - blue back, white underbody, white wingbars - unquestionably a Cerulean Warbler, even though I forgot whether I noted chest-band. Later saw another along tracks beyond Jack in Pulpit clearing, flying furiously after a male cardinal for some distance, about 60 feet up.

Identified perhaps a dozen
Baybreasted Warblers, and
believe many more were
among migrants seen and/or
heard at a distance. One
female Sapsucker. Brown
Creeper calling near the new
house near pony lot. Female
Rosebreasted Grosbeak on fallen
log near ~~falling~~ limb of Warbler
oak, about 1½ feet off ground,
appearing to be eating seeds of
Orange Jewel Weed - perhaps
eating insects. Went on for five
minutes or more. Will record
other birds in ^{alphabet.} order: Red-winged
Blackbird (two small groups - hour
apart); Cardinals, 4-6; Catbirds -
4-6; Female Towhee; 2-4 Chickadees;
many Cowbirds at home; Crows;
one Yellow-billed Cuckoo (having
been calling in big oaks near home
all summer); 1 Flicker, flying
high above Westmore Gardens,

southwest; several Phoebe, at home & in park; many Goldfinches at home; Grackles - 10-20; many Jays; Killdeer at home; Mockingbird; White-breasted Nuthatch; 1 Redstart; Robins; Chipping & Song Sparrows; White Throated Sparrows; Starlings still nesting; many Swifts; female Sc. Tanager eating dogwood berries in little clearing across track from Jim P clearing; two Olive Backed Thrushes, one other uncertain, due to poor light in thicket; 1 Wood Thrush on ground after fallen dogwood berries; Titmouse 2-3; 1 Solitary Tress near Warbler Oak; 2 Turkey Vultures; no. of Bay-breasted Ws (see above); 1 male Black-throated Green near Wild Cherry trees opposite Jim P clearing, & to East - along with 3-4 Bay-breasted; 1 female Bl. & White; 3-4 Tennessee Warblers near Lookout Point. 1 Down Woodpecker; several Carolina Wrens, rather

quiet; 1 male Maryland Yellow-
throat.

Sept. 29, 1952 - Monday

My birthday started out with perfect weather - brisk (lower 50's) in A.M. - Warmed up nicely, but became overcast in afternoon, and rather cool near dusk. Susan has no school today or tomorrow - teacher's conference.

Left home 6:25 A.M. - arrived home about 8:50 A.M.

Broadwinged Hawk (1) near Dark Pool; Killdeers (over house in P.M.)
Mourning Doves (2); many Swifts;
1 Flicker near Dark Pool; Red-Bellied Woodpecker calling; Downy Woodpecker (1 ♀) with Brown Creeper hitching by within a few inches of her;
Phoebes (2); Jays (12-20); Crows (6-8); Chickadees (several); Titmice (3-4); Nuthatch (1); Brown Creeper (1);

House Wren (1) beside track;
2 Carolina Wrens; Mockingbird (2-3);
Catbird (4-6); Robin (several);
Wood Thrush (one called when I saw
the one yesterday - on hill above
Grey Rock - then two tore by calling
bird, one in mad pursuit of other);
2 Olive-backed Thrushes; Bluebirds
at home all day - 4 together; many
Starlings - especially around every
nest-hole in woods; 1 female Black
& White Warbler; Magnolia Warblers (4-
near Dark Pool); Chestnut-sided W. (2-3);
Bay-breasted Ws. (10-20); Blackpoll
Ws. (2); Oven-birds (2 scolding
furiously up hillside back of
new comfort house - could see
no cause for it; later two more
down stream); Maryland Yellow-
throat (1); Meadowlark (3 at home);
1 Grackle; Cowbirds (several
in woods, 10-20 at home - on
rooftop most of day); 1 female
Scarlet Tanager; 8-10 Cardinals;

Goldfinches (many at home & on tangle of weeds & poke bushes near little houses where I used to park car - eating various seeds); Towhees (1 calling); Vesper Sparrows (several at home); Chipping Sparrows (8-10 or more at home) Song Sparrows at home & in woods.

Sun now rising far to right (South) of Kennedy's house - over ~~Jurisdiction~~ ^{Willie's big blue Blvd} ~~where it~~ tops the hill.

Sept. 30, 1952 - Tuesday.

Absolutely perfect weather - cool enough to be comfortable in T-shirt & wool shirt in morning - warm enough for just shorts later.

Up at 6:00 A.M., but waited for Pioneer Laundry man, who usually is here at 6:30. He was late, so I got away about 6:55. We were planning to go to Zoo, so got back home

about 8:55 - being in woods 7:40 - 8:40.

Saw and/or heard these:

Many wild Black Vultures sitting
& flying about at zoo; Killdeers (2-3);
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (2) near
lookout point; many Swifts;
1 Flicker; Hairy Woodpecker (1 ♀), Phoebe
(1 at home); Jays (many); Crows (3-4);
Chickadees & Titmice (few);
Nuthatch (1); House Wren (1),
beside tracks near Wash Pool - now
dry; Carolina Wren (several);
Catbird (4-6); Robin (several); Wood
Thrush (3-4); Olive-backed
Thrasher (2-3, one other calling); Possible
Gray-checked Thr. - not sure; Bluebirds at
home; many Starlings; 1 female Bl. & White
W.; Magnolia Ws. (2-3); Cape May
Ws. (2 males - 1 half-way between J in
O clearing & Dark Pool, the other
spotted high in the air, pitching into
the very top of a tall sycamore over
Dark Pool, & working down - he came
in from due East); Chestnut-sided (1?)

Bay-breasted Ws (10-12); Black-Poll
(2-3); ~~Yellow-throat~~ (1); 1 Grackle,
this time flying south over
Dark Pool - reverse of yesterday;
Cowbirds (at home - 8-10); 1 female
Scarlet Tanager at home, flew
from phone wire to eaves above
front door, to catch some insect,
then back to wire for few minutes;
^{earlier} later saw one & heard another
in woods; several Cardinals;
many goldfinches; pair of Towhees
beside track near Dark Pool; many
Chipping Sparrows at home, a pair
even feeding on front step; Song
Sparrows.

↓ Realized this was not right -
on checking, this was a female

~~Connecticut Warbler~~ all-over olive
on back - rather yellowish - and all
over yellow below, slightly clouded.
Tiny eye-ring. It was in the thick
mass of briars, weeds &
cut brush beside tracks.
Flushed out at 10 feet, and

~~sat~~ ^{stood} very quietly for 2-3 minutes, only tipping its body up & down a little as it stood rather erect, then moved into undergrowth again. This was on hillside by tracks, approximately across from Sapsucker Hickories, nearer Dark Pool.

Oct. 1, 1952. Tues Wed.

Took Susan to school at 8:20, intending to go on to woods - however, Claire had a stiff shoulder & needed help on laundry, so returned home. Bluebirds & Chipping Sparrows about place all day, as always. Heard occasional calls of Palm (or yellow P.) Warblers - too busy to notice if they were about. Three meadowlarks flew across back yard.

Oct. 2, 1952 - Thurs.

Up at 6:05 A.M. - rather foggy and a light wind, so did not hurry about getting under way. Finally got away about

6:35. By the time I got to the woods, it was a lovely day, sun breaking through, and getting warm - even for T-shirt + light-weight blue sport shirt. Almost no activity until 8:15, then did better.

Mourning Dove (1) flying due north over "Little Pond in the Woods"; Swifts; Flicker (1); pair of Red-bellied Woodpeckers high atop the dead stub of a tulip tree at the west end of Dark Pool; thought I heard an Acadian Flycatcher call several times - probably mistaken. Jays (10-12); Crows (3-4); Chickadees (3-4); Titmice (2); Brown Creeper (2 calling); Carolina Wren (2); Mockingbird (2); Catbird (3) at Dark Pool; Robin (0-20) after dogwood berries, chiefly; Olive-backed Thrush (2); Grey-cheeked Thrush (2 in very good light, calling their soft "pee-ent" note at wild cherries across from sapsucker beehive); Bluebirds

at home all day - as many as 4 at
a time around nest box, as every
day lately; Starlings; White-
eyed Vireo (one - at wildcherries, at
point where Arlington Forest houses
are quite near tracks); Philadelphia
Vireo (1 - same place - not certain);
Tennessee Warbler (1 - close up, in
good light); Parula Warblers (at
least two in little clump of
Sycamore trees beside tracks at
East end of Dark Pool, working
from near ground to top of young trees,
8 feet up, eating aphids from under
leaves. Parulas were beautiful in
sparkling light at 15 ft.); Magnolia
Warbler (^{in Sycamore} ~~near Dark Pool~~); Black-throated
Green Warblers (2 immature males in
same Sycamores with Magnolia &
Parulas); Black-poll Warblers
(3-4) here at Dark Pool & up near
White-eyed Vireo; Palm Warblers -
many about yards & houses
all day, as on previous days;

may have seen Bay-breast or two -
not sure. Saw small bird
in same bushes where I saw
Connecticut 2 days ago, but
couldn't get good look; English
sparrows; Cowbirds (20-30 at
home); Cardinals (4-6); Goldfinches
(many - along tracks & at home);
Jowhee (4 together); many
Chipping sparrows at home;
Song Sparrows (1-2)

Oct. 3-4-5 - Friday - Sunday.

Did not get to woods these
days - although weather was
fine. Claire ill since Tuesday
with severe neck & shoulder
pains, accompanied by nausea
after taking medicine prescribed
on Friday by Dr. Curtin. Had
X-rays at Dr. Brooks also -
evidence of infection. Saturday
did go to meeting of S.S.O.

1 Black + 2 Turkey Vultures 18 miles
North of Richmond.

Executive Comm. at Hotel
Raleigh in Richmond.

Excellent meeting - 10:00 - 3:45 P.M.

Eleven present - Hostetter, Hague, Pryor,
Watson, Favour, Scott, McIlwaine -
(left after 10 min. for funeral in Ala.), Eike,
Steirly, Rountree, Perkins.

Gave Fred Scott my dead
Palm Warbler (caught on 9/28)
by "Orangey") - definitely
identified as Western Palm

W. White Front Sat. A.M. -

Discovered tender plants about
11:30 Fri. nite - but harmed
nothing, even uncovered.

Oct. 6, 1952 - Mon.

Took Susan to school -
got to woods about 9:10 A.M.

Wonderful day, warmed
up very fast - hit ~~about~~

77° at 4:00 P.M. - absolutely
perfect weather.

Birds identified -

Killdeer (saw one over Broad St.
& Lee Highway, heard 2-3 others);

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (at least 1-
pulled caterpillar off oak leaf &
ate it - believe another cuckoo
was right beside first when I
first saw it - however second
bird flashed out of sight); many
Swifts everywhere; this was
Woodpecker Day - 1 Flicker at
G.W. Marker; at least 4 Downys
here also; pair of Sapsuckers
on dead stub near G.W. Marker,
and in nearby trees, male always
following female closely; two
Hairy's nearby; two Red-bellied
Woodpeckers calling nearby,
later seen near Dark Pool
where I again saw several
Downies and a Hairy - believe
perhaps 20 of family seen
on trip; Phoebe calling; Jays
(8-10); Crows (2-3); Chickadees
(4-6); Titmice (3-4); Nuthatches
(3); Mockingbird (1-2);
many Robins (40-50) chiefly
about dogwood trees, & along

streams; Olive-backed Thrush
(1); Bluebirds (8-10 about home
at one time); Ruby-Crowned
Kinglets (2 at Western end of Dark
Pool - in Cohosh(?)) - heard them
calling before locating them; no
starlings seen in woods today;
Parula Warbler (2 feeding very
close to ground and in lower limbs);
Myrtle Warbler (1) at Western
end of Dark Pool; Black-throated
Green (2); Black-poll Ws. (20-40)
seen all along way, 10-20 at
Dark Pool & along tracks to west,
feeding in lower limbs &
in weeds along track-side;
Western Palm Warbler (perhaps 8-10
noted while working today, at
home); Cowbirds (pair on
Swans TV antenna, several
more on our back yard);
Scarlet Tanager (1 male high in a
tree top); Cardinals (4-6);
Goldfinches (10-20); ~~W~~ Chipping

Sparrows (10-20 at home);
White-throated Sparrows (3 at
West end of Dark Pool, showing
much excitement at my imitation
of their song - one replied softly);
several Song Sparrows.

Forgot to note above that one
Blackpoll Warbler sat beside a
pokeberry bunch and drove its
bill in a deliberate, spaced,
manner, a half-dozen times
to into one or more berries. At 20 feet
the juice could be clearly seen
two-thirds or more to the base
of the bill.

Oct. 7, 1952 - Tuesday.

Took Susan to school, &
got to woods about 9:25 A.M.
Temp. this morning 57° at 7:00
A.M. (official), but 20-30 mph
wind made it seem colder.
Wore leather jacket over
wool shirt, and felt quite

comfortable. Left woods about 11:00 - overcast entire day, except for a short time about 2:00 - 2:30, when the sun broke through. Temp. supposed not to go above ~~55°~~ 55°, but it was 57° at 7:00 tonight.

These birds were identified:

Screech (many); Red-Bellied Woodpecker (2 heard); Downy Woodpeckers (2-3); Least Flycatcher (1 - very small, noticeable white eyering, soft "pep" call, sitting in excellent light at eye-level about 25 feet from me, to south of tracks, west of dark pool, as I came back towards car - watched for 3-5 minutes as it sat, and darted after insects twice); Jaye (10-15);

Crows (2); Chickadees (3-4);
Titmouse (4-6); Nuthatches (2);
Brown Creeper (1); Carolina
Wren (2) across tracks from
Warbler Dale; Mockingbird
(1) at Jefferson St., where I
parked; Catbird (1) at Dark
Pool; Robins (3-4); Olive-
Backed Thrush (2); Bluebirds
(8-10) at home; Ruby-Crowned
Kinglet (4-6) along tracks
opposite Dark Pool, with
Warblers; no Starlings;
probably 6-8 Tennessee Ws.
along tracks to south of
Dark Pool, watched all along
way to Jack-in-Pulpit
clearing (noted coloring, white
under tail coverts, etc., also
10-20 Nashville Warblers,
white eye ring, entire yellow
under body, including ^{tail} coverts,
all feeding along in a mixed
group, chiefly below me,
along R.R. embankment,

along with Ruby-cr. Kinglets
& others as noted below;
Parula Warblers (at least 2,
with Nashville & Tennessee
Warblers; one Magnolia
Warbler with others;
Cape May W. (1) immature
male ~~over~~ in trees above
other warblers; Black-
throated Blue (male &
female hunting together
near site of ^{trapped} honeysuckle
Honeysuckle for which I
named stream ~~and~~
an hour or so later a male
over by Sapsucker Nickeridge,
above other warblers; Black-
poll Warblers (8-10) along
north of track by Dark
Pool in Black Chosh (?) and
at other places, as with
other warblers; Western
Palm Warblers (2-3) at
home; Connecticut Warbler,
(1) with other warblers -

noted eye-ring, brownish
hood (across chest), yellow
under tail coverts, olive green
back; Cowbirds (2-3) at home;
Cardinals (2) in woods, 1 at
home; Goldfinches (6-8) near
new houses where I used
to park, eating weed seeds -
3-4 at home; Dove (2);
Chipping Sparrow (many)
at home; ~~1~~ Song Sparrows
(2-3);

Oct. 8, 1952 - Wed.

Did not go to woods - took
Susan to school - did things
around home. Few Western
Palm Warblers around home.
Bluebirds and Chipping Sparrows
also, and few Cowbirds.

Oct. 9, 1952 - Thurs

No woods today - Susan

to school, did some more painting on back steps (put up yesterday), took Claire to Dr. Brooks for another set of X-rays, then to Kanna's for lunch and shopping - shirt & socks for me, shirts & sweaters for Claire. Very light rain at intervals.

While at breakfast this morning the Bluebirds were milling about the bird house as so often for past two weeks. ~~At~~ There were as many as 10 visible around the box several times - do not know total, as they shifted continually between the box, the mimosa and dwarf apple nearby, the roof of the house, and the fence - with one to three constantly hanging hovering in the air about the box - ala hummingbird.

birds. After a bit I counted
9 on the wires in front of
Eddy's house while about
6 still fluttered about the
box. Could not see how many
were on house, grounds,
etc.

Oct. 10, 1952 - Friday.

Awoke before 6:00, but it was
dark & heavily overcast that I stayed
in bed until 6:15, then did not hurry
at dressing - more or less killing time
to 6:35 - then on to woods. Sky
heavily overcast, but with quite
a bit of sky-glare at times. Later
it became rather bright when I
was up on the tracks from before 8:00
until a little after 9:00, but still
with glare, making identification
difficult unless the angle was
right. Other than hearing a Myrtle
Warbler at 3rd. & Jefferson as I

got out of the car, there was almost no bird life until I got to Honeycuckle Stream near G. W. Survey marker. Here I heard calls and located a female Black-throated Blue Warbler across the stream, about a foot above the ground, in the undergrowth. Another bird darted near her - perhaps the male - could not get a look at it. Went up to bend in stream - heard or saw nothing that way, so went ~~back~~ up to tracks. As I entered the woods this morning I thought this might be the day I'd see the first Juncos. Now, as I came up from Tubber Run at the Sapsucker Picnic, three Juncos burst up from the other side of the track, going into the bushes beside the track.

Birds identified:

Canada Geese / Flock crossed above

Dark Pool, headed due south,
calling steadily, shifting from
two V's to one with a long and short
arm - I first counted 51, then
53 on a second count - couldn't
be certain due to shifting. This was
at 8:00 a.m. At 2:00 a flock of 30-40
~~fly~~ flew from West to East, turning
South-East, above Arlington Hall,
as I stood at 3708 First Road
South, talking to ^{tenant} Mrs. Glenn Stevens;
one Turkey Vulture over Westmore
Gardens; 3 Mourning Doves -
two over Roosevelt St., near
Lee Highway, one at Park; two Red-
Bellied Woodpeckers flying over
Warbler Oak; Downy Woodpeckers (3);
Jays; Crows (saw part of flock
above trees at crest of Glen Carlyer
Park - 19 counted. Later saw
13 in part of flock farther West
over park. Each time milling and
cawing as tho after a hawk);
Chickadees (4-6); Titmice (3-4);

Green (3-4); Black-poll (20-30);
Connecticut Warbler (at least
2 males close up in good light);
number of other warblers,
Nashville or Connecticut, constantly
on move, and could never make
positive identification;
Cowbirds (6-8) at home; Cardinals
(6-10) including 2 young on
Great Ragweed; Goldfinches (6-8);
Juncos (10-12); Juncos -
(10-20); Song Sparrows (4-6);
Whitethroats (100-200)

Oct. 12, 1957 - Sunday.

Cool in A.M. - in 50's - scheduled
to go to 65° or so. We are at Mary
& Don's last evening, not getting to
bed until 1:30 A.M., so I did not get
up until 7:25 - arrived in
woods about 8:10 - left them about
10:30 A.M. Sky somewhat
overcast at first, later
good light. Saw scattering

of birds along way and near
S. W. Survey marker there
were a number. Along tracks
were many, and the Dark
Pool area literally seethed
with birds. Spent more than
an hour and a half here
checking birds repeatedly
and almost tearing out my
hair over these, especially;
Nashville, Connecticut,
Wilson's, Tennessee, and
Maryland Yellowthroats (the
latter no problem on a good
look, but on quick glimpses
much like Connecticut).

Turkey Vulture (1), Cooper's
Hawk (1) darting over Dark Pool
into woods, causing brief alarm
notes and momentary quiet.
Mourning Dove (1); Swifts (many);
Flicker (1); Red-bellied Woodpecker (at
least two) - one male being followed
up a limb of an oak in east

end of Dark Pool by a
female Sapsucker - when
he flew to west end of pool,
she followed a yard or two
behind him in flight, but
dropped into tree next to his;
Downy Woodpeckers (3-4) - one
starting ~~to~~ near the top of a
Great Ragweed which was lying
at an angle, the topmost part
a foot or two off ground - backing
down it, tapping at main stem
every few inches; Jays (4-6);
Crows (2) on top of trees beyond
falls - toward Columbia Pike;
Chickadees 8-12, mostly around
Dark Pool; Titmice (4-8); Brown
Creeper (1); Carolina Wren (2-3) -
repeatedly giving chattering notes;
Mockingbird (1); Catbird (1) in heavy
growth of dodder (?) on underbrush
near Warbler oak - perhaps saw
one in same spot on my return;
Robin (1); Veery (1) calling
near Dark Pool - toward Warbler

Oaks; Bluebirds - several at home; Gold-Crowned Kinglets (6-8) - first one near Sycamore Hickory, others at Dark Pool; Ruby-Crowns (10-20) along tracks and at Dark Pool, mostly quite low in weeds + underbrush, as were several Golden-crowns; Starling (1) at Dark Pool; Tennessee Warblers (at least 3-4) perhaps more at Dark Pool (now dry); Nashville Warblers (2 certain) - several more probable in and around Dark Pool; Magnolia Warblers (3-4); Myrtle Warblers (1 at Dark Pool) - 2-3 others heard calling; Black-throated Green (2 - 1 at Dark Pool); Black-poll (20-30 - mostly around Dark Pool); W. Palm Warbler (2-3 at home); Connecticut Warbler (6-8 positive) believe number more around Pool and up hillside ~~under~~ ^{over} electric wire right-of-way, now

heavily grown up in polk bushes,
Great Ragweed, other weeds,
and scrub growth; Yellow-
throats (3-4, at least); Wilson's
Warbler (1) bathing in little stream
now diverted from Dark Pool,
then preening busily for a few
minutes - front portion of
black crown somewhat obscured,
back part dark - several
females or immature
here also - olive green above -
almost "chestnut-side green",
all clear, unstriped yellow
below, no eye-ring, no wing
bars, very active; Redstart
(1) female over Dark Pool, in
the tops in center of Pool, fluttering
tail & wings; Red winged
Blackbirds (50-100) over Dark
Pool, flying from N.E. to
S.W.; Cardinals (8-10), mostly
at Dark Pool, including dark-
billed young; Goldfinches; Towhees
(8-10 - at Dark Pool); Juncos (1)

at west end of Pool; White-throated Sparrows (200 or so - heavily concentrated about Dark Pool & all over it); Song Sparrows (10-20 - mostly at Pool.

Oct. 13, 1952 - Mon.

Arrived at woods about 7:20 - left there about 9:30. Weather entirely perfect today. Breeze varying from light to medium starting about 10:30 a.m. Before that the air was still, crisp and cool in a.m. - probably low 50's warming up as I went along.

Supposed to be in 70's today.

Brilliant sunshine through - out my walk. At bend in road going down to Lookout Point I was noting the insistent calling of several Jays in the

woods towards the R. R. track -
could see them flying about,
then two crows (which had
not made a sound) flew
from the spot. Then a
Cooper's Hawk flew out
and down to Jack-in-Pulpit
Hollow, alighting about 70-80
feet up in a tree above the
new comfort station there. As
I walked a yard or two forward
to get a better look at this one
thru an opening in the trees,
a second Cooper's flew up
from the ground, bursting
through the laurels with a
great clatter of wings. Could
find no trace of what he
might have had on ground.

Later there were mild alarm
calls at Dark Pool, and
a Broad-winged Hawk flew
over. Ten Starlings circled
into sight over the trees, followed

him and made two passes at him before he disappeared over the hill to the south. Later perhaps the same Broadwing flew back north, flapping and sailing. One Turkey Vulture seen.

Other birds:

Mourning Dove (1); many Swifts; Red-Bellied Woodpecker (2); Red-Headed Woodpecker (1) immature bird atop atop farthest west of the 3 large tulip trees with dead tops at west end of Dark Pool (north side of tracks); Sapsucker (1) at sapsucker Hickory, probing what appeared to be new holes; Jays (10-20); Crows (2); Chickadees (5-10); Titmice (6-10); Nuthatch (2); Carolina Wren (5-6); Catbird (1); Robin (10-20); Bluebird (9 at one time at home); Golden-Crowned Kinglets (10-15); Ruby-Crowned Kinglets (15-20); Starlings (10 in one flock - later, 1 in tree over

Dark Pool; Solitary (Blue-headed Vireo (at least 4) - two by Sapsucker Hickory, one continually singing very low whisper song; at least two at Dark Pool, both singing and one scolding a few times); Tennessee Warblers (at least 3-4-2 adult males) at Dark Pool; Nashville Warbler (3-4-2 adult males, showing yellow throats & other markings); Parula Warblers (2); Magnolia Warblers (6-8); Myrtle (2-3 heard calling); Black-throated Green (4-6) - one female came up to within four feet of my face as I stood still beside the track viewing Dark Pool, studied me intently for 2-3 minutes as she moved up, then flew beneath my left elbow, her wingtip almost touching my jacket - at the same time a Ruby-crowned

Kinglet had moved up to within
5 feet of my face then down
to ground and to within
18 inches or so of my toe, before
flying; Black-poll Warbler (20-30);
Western Palm Warbler (two
among strawberries about
10:30 A.M.; two in Susan's
Weeping Willow Tree about 3:30
P.M. others about during
day. Connecticut Warbler
(at least 2) at Dark Pool;
Wilson's (Pileolated) Warblers
(2-3) at Dark Pool; Cowbird (1
female, caught by "Orangey",
injured but turned loose by
Claire; Cardinals (6-8);
Goldfinches (several); Towhee
(4-6); Chipping Sparrow (8-10)
at home; White-throated
Sparrow (50-60); Song
Sparrows (10-15).

The birds were not
present at Dark Pool in

numbers such as yesterday -
in fact there were very few
there until nearly 9:00 - they
began to appear at the East
End of Dark Pool about that
time, then the train came along -
driving almost all over
into heavy undergrowth on
the power line right-of-way.
By the time they were getting
over the tracks again, it
was nearly time for me to
leave.

Found lost or deserted
little gray tiger cat at first
~~park~~ picnic area near Lee
Blvd. Very friendly & affect-
ionate. I took up near house
and left her.

Oct. 14, 1952, Tuesday.

Weather perfect again today.
Up at 6:20, but things to do,

and didn't get to Woods until
7:30 - left there about 9:00.

Brilliant light, ~~also~~ pleasantly
cool. Temp. well up in 70's by
afternoon.

Had quick glimpse of
what I believe was a hawk
flashing through woods West of
Dark Pool. Several times after
that birds gave alarm
notes along track, but
saw nothing.

Killdeer (1) calling over house
at 8:00 P.M.; many Swifts;
Flicker (1); Red-bellied Woodpecker
(2); Red-headed Woodpecker (1)
calling; Sapsucker (1); Hairy
Woodpecker (2); Downys (3-4);
Phoebe (1) calling; Jays (15-25);
Crows (3-4); Chickadees (6-10);
Titmice (6-8); Nuthatch (2);
Brown Creeper (1) calling;
Carolina Wren (3-4); still no
Winter Wrens; Mockingbird (2);

Catbird (1) calling and huddling
low in the dodder again;
Robins - many, perhaps
100-200 along tracks, very
active everywhere, calling,
darting after each other,
continually shifting between
trees, undergrowth and ground,
several flying high overhead
at park; Bluebird (1) at
Park, near little houses at
old parking place, 10-15 at
home; Golden Crowned and
Ruby-Crowned Kinglets -
10-20 of each; Starlings -
perhaps 6-10 at Dark Pool and
near little houses; Blue-
headed Vireos (2) along tracks,
singing - across from Spruce
Hickory (where a squirrel is
building a nest 20 feet up, with
much rustling carrying of
leafy twigs) hunting busily;
Tennessee Warbler (2 adult
males at Dark Pool;

Nashville Warbler (1?);
Magnolia Wa (3-4); Myrtle
(2 calling); Black-Throated
Green (2); Black-goll - 15-20 or
more; Western Palm
Warbler - all over back
yard - during 20 minutes
or more. I took painting
west window of Susan's
room, from 6 to 9 at a
time were in a little space
about 10 x 30 - from gate to
strawberries - on fence,
tomatoes, all over ground,
very active; Yellow-throat
(1 female); Wilson's Warbler
(2-3); Redwings (58 flying
over Dark Pool - later several
flew over; Cardinals (6-10);
Goldfinches (10-20); Towhees
(6-10); Chipping Sparrows (10-20)
at home; White-Throats (50-100);
Song Sparrows (10-20)

Oct. 15, 1952. Wed.

Foggy but bright in early morning, but cleared up beautifully about 10:00 A.M. for another perfect Fall day. I started out for woods after delaying to have breakfast with Claire and Susan - so it was about 8:30. Felt there was too much to be done at home, so shopped at Westover & returned home, for painting, etc.

Western Palm Warblers about yard all day - all over ground, on fences, tomatoes, shrubs, roof-tops (occasionally), etc. Constantly on the move, calling often, very unafraid. Two let me walk within 10 feet in the back yard.

We picked Susan up at

12:00 o'clock, and we
went on to Great Falls
for a picnic and walk.
Had fine afternoon - Susan
wild about a big blue-gray
Tom Cat there - followed
us all along on walks.
Heard Kinglets here -
only bird life, despite
many Virginia Creeper
berries and other berries.

Chipping Sparrows and
Bluebirds at home.

Oct. 16, 1952 - Thurs

Another wonderful day.
Arrived in woods about 7:20,
left about 9:10.

Many Swifts; Flicker (1);
Red-Bellied Woodpecker (2 -
male & female - female on
dead stub over Dark Pool,
male pitched down from
a tall tree nearby to alight
gracefully within a few

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The International Chiropractors Assn. chose Barbara Osterman, 21, of Oakland, Calif., as "Miss Good Posture of 1953." It then hasten to announce that May 1-7 be considered Good Posture Week. Anyone object?

inches of her, where both
tapped lightly); Hairy
Woodpecker (1 ♂); Downy
(pair); Phoebe (1 at home);
Horned Larks calling at
home; Jays (20-30 in all);
Crows 2-3; Chickadees (8-10);
Titmouse 6-10; Nuthatch (2);
Carolina Wren (3-4); Mocking-
bird (4-6 in course of day - 3
chasing each other about on the
street as we took Susan &
Kathy to Kathy's house);
Catbird (2); Brown Thrasher
(1) flew hastily away
from foot of embankment at
West end of Dark Pool, down
embankment to East, first I've
seen in some time; Robins
(30-40); Bluebirds (2 at
dead stub in marsh at
"Little Pond in the Woods";
10-20 at home); both
Kinglets (10-15 of each);

Starlings (5-6 at Dark Pool);
Black and White Warbler
(1 female at Sapsucker Hickory);
Tennessee W. (2 immature
in weeds at Dark Pool);
Myrtle (2-3 calling); Black-
Pool (4-6 calling); W. Palm
Wablers about back yards
all day, several at a
time; Yellowthroat
(1 adult male at
Dark pool); Redwing -
several overhead at Dark
Pool; Cardinals (6-8 - mostly
around Dark Pool); Goldfinch
(10-15); Towhee (6-12); Juncos
(10-12); Chipping Sparrows
(10-20 at home); Field Sparrow
(at least one by small
houses where I used to
park car, feeding with
Goldfinches); White-throated
Sparrows (50-100).
Swamp Sparrow (1 immature

at Dark Pool - East end);
Song Sparrows (10-20).

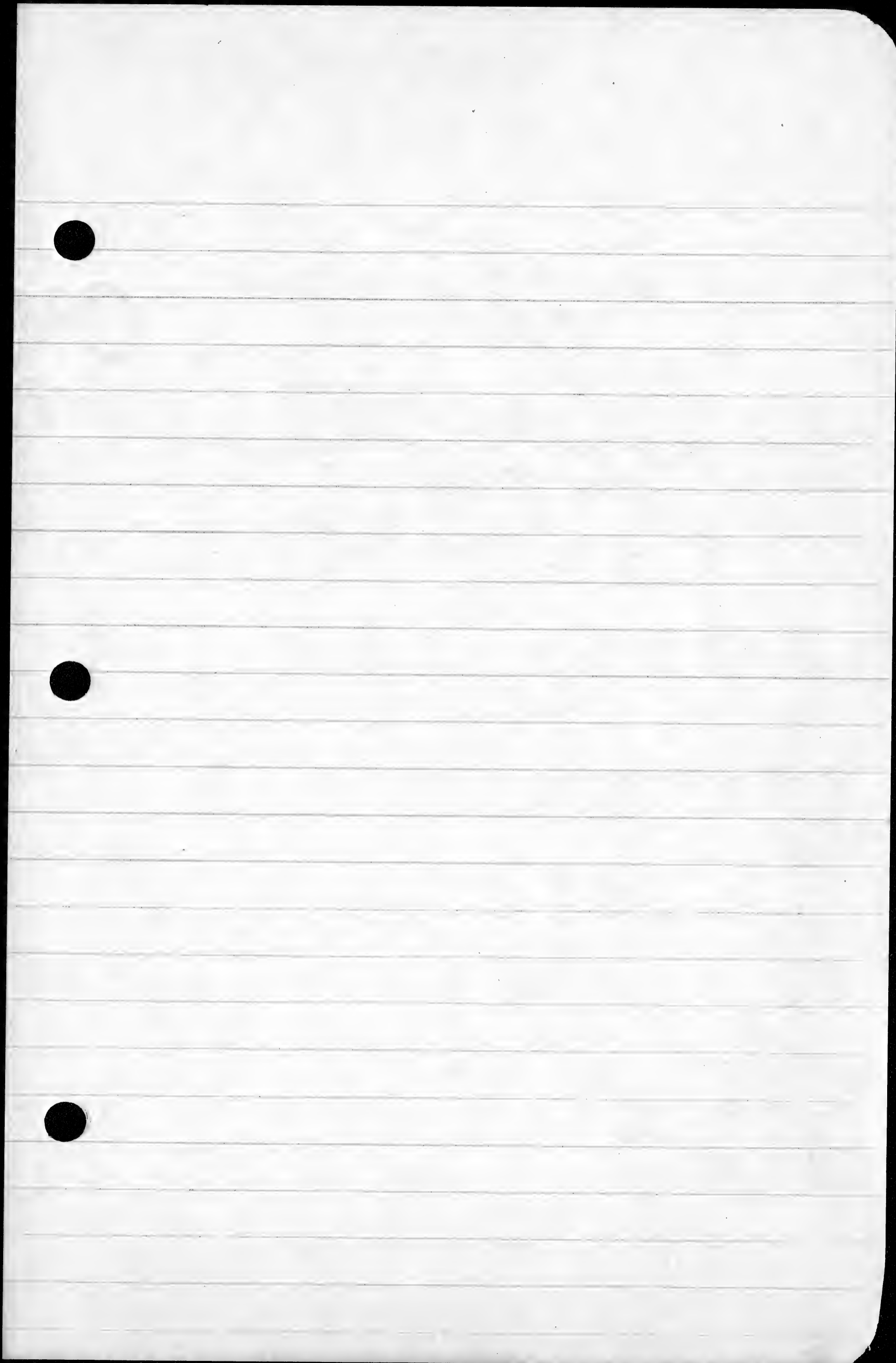
Oct. 17, 1952 - Friday.

Another perfect October day. Pleasantly cool in morning - probably 40° or so. Warmed up wonderfully during. Quick trip to woods, so as to get at painting. Arrived in woods 7:35 - home at 9:10 A.M. Cleaned windows until 1:30 or so. Had to go out at 3:30 for hair cut.

Turkey Vulture (1); Swifts;
Red-Bellied Woodpeckers (2);
Hairy (1 ♀); Downy (1 ♀); Phoebe (2);
Jays (20-30); Crows (2-3); Chickadees
(5-10); Titmouse (5-6); Nuthatch (2);
Brown Creeper (2 calling); Carolina
Wren (4-6); Mockingbird (2-3);
Robins (20-30); Hermit Thrush (2
in clearing near G.W. Survey
Marker, worked slowly up

to near the top of a red oak,
80 feet up. One came down
by easy stages to about 20
feet from the ground. The
other then dropped like
a rock in a straight line
to alight very close to the
other one). Bluebirds at home;
both kinglets (10-15 of each, at
most); Starlings (5-6) at Dark
Pool; Myrtle Warblers (2-3);
Blackpoll Warblers (3-4 calling);
Western Palm Warbler (few
calls around house - too busy
and in house too much to
check them; Cardinals (4-6);
Goldfinches (8-10); Towhee (4-6).
Junco (6-10); Chipping Sparrows
(10-15); White-throated Sparrow
(30-50); Song Sparrows (8-10).

Rather quiet morning -
and fast trip.



Dec. 20, 1952 - Sat.

Two Robins calling in "Thrush Grove", near Holly Trees at Pond. also one Hermit Thrush.

Dec. 21, 1952 - Sunday

Red-shouldered Hawk wheeling in the sun, over Westmore Gardens; chiefly above large white home on few acres, just off Rochester St.

Jan. 3, 1953 - Saturday.

Four Robins flew over our home at 3007 No. Zuckahoe St., heading S by SE, calling.

Jan. 4, 1953 - Sunday.

About 25 Juncos in back yard today, around feeder, after peanut hearts.

Feb. 9, 1953 - Monday.

Heard first Bluebird song of season today. Heard a

Song Sparrow sing one
day last week, with
temperature in upper 50's.

Feb. 12, 1953 - Thursday:

Have been at home since
Monday, when Dr. Amole
performed 3 minor operations.
Removed a mole from inside
left big toe, a thorn of
a Barberry Juliana from
my right forearm (in since
last November) and a
Black Locust Thorn from
right upper arm (in since
I was 8-10 yrs. old). To go
back Monday for removal
of stitches.

Heard first Cardinal
song of season back on
Rochester St., about across
from Gahley's house. Saw
a female on our back

fence yesterday. She did not get to sunflower seeds and peanut hearts in feeder, unfortunately.

Feb. 21, 1953 - Saturday

Should be first day of nice 3-day holiday, but a budget crisis had us in the office all day - Bill Robey & me from 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - R. Humphrey, Cindy and Ginny Navon for somewhat shorter time.

Temperature hit 75° today - broke record for this date Feb. set on Feb. 21, 1930.

Feb. 22, 1953 - Sun.

Cooler - only to about 53° or so. Horned Larks calling overhead.

Feb. 23, 1953 - Monday.

Nice day - cool, but pleasant! Two Robins called in the top of a tall tree across the road from 814 Great Falls Road, Falls Church, where we were getting clothes poles. Song Sparrows sang.

Feb. 24, 1953 - Tuesday.

Had to go to the Lundholms at 9404 Mintwood Drive, Silver Spring, to get a memorandum we needed (Ludy was ill). At the corner - a few houses toward Hamilton, several Purple Finches sang gaily in the tree tops. Cardinals sang, & Song Sparrows.

Feb. 25, 1953 - Wednesday.

Several Killdeers striding over the new Westmore Garden Homes at Westmoreland Drive, over the land on which they were still able to nest last year. Song Sparrows singing, also a Cardinal at 212 Winchester Way, Falls Church (Robey's house).

March 5, 1953 - Thurs.

Heard first spring song of a Robin on Geo. Washington Univ. Campus.

March 9, 1953 - Mon.

Heard song of Purple Grackles on G. W. Campus. Saw 9 atop building on side toward 20th St. - strutting about tin roof.

March 13, 1953 - Fri.

First "Spring Peepers"
at intersection of Fairfax
Drive and Westmoreland
Drive, in marshy ground at
edge of pine and pasture
land.

March 15, 1953 - Sunday

First thunderstorm of
season in early evening.

March 16, 1953 - Mon.

Clear this morning, after
1.23 inches of rain yesterday,
and total of 1.5 inches since
Saturday night. Chipping
Sparrow (first) on back
fence near bird feeder.

March 17, 1953 - Tues.

St. Patrick's Day.

Phoebe calling stridently across Roosevelt Road.

Heard song that seemed to be Thrasher, but may have been Mockingbird. Grackles along Lee Highway.

March 18, 1953 - Wed.

Magnolia soulangiana in full bloom everywhere. Also Redbud trees, plums, some flowering crabapples (single) about to bloom, also some flowering cherries.

March 19, 1953 - Thurs.

Great chorus of bird song out back and across Roosevelt at 6:30 a.m. No new ones identified.

March 21, 1953. Sat.

Chipping Sparrow
singing all day, around
home.

March 22, Sun.

Chipping Sparrow
singing, also meadow larks,
Robins, & Blue Birds, Killdeers
calling.

Visited ~~Arthur~~ Fast's
home at 4924 Rock Springs
Road, Arlington. He is a
trapper & bander. In the
traps at the feeding tray outside
the rear picture window were
one Pine Siskin and one
Goldfinch, while a number
of Siskins and Finches
were on the trays. A Blue-
bird came to eat peanut
hearts from a coconut
feed tray, while all about,
on trays & in traps were

White-throated Sparrows,
Juncos, Cardinals (none in
traps), Song Sparrows,
Bluebirds (none in traps),
Jays (same), two Doves in
Hemlock tree over house,
etc. Fine visit. Brown Creeper
here also.

March 23, 1953 - Mon.

Small flock of Red-winged
Blackbirds flew above
212 Winchester Way, Falls
Church, calling; at 7:50 a.m.

March 27, 1953 - Fri.

One Red-wing flew
over Westmore Gardens.

March 28, 1953 - Sat.

Lovely day, but little
shower from 3:30 or 4 to 5:30.

Cowbird sang at home today. Pair of Song Sparrows apparently intending to set up house - keeping in our white spruce. Today we bought a 12-15 ft. White Ash from Campbell's Nurseries beyond Annadale. Will be delivered week after next - \$16.00, planted and guaranteed. To shade West Gable of house.

Chipping Sparrows singing - Phoebe calling. Robins singing all about.

Temperature back up in 50's today, after quite chilly weather Thursday & Friday - dropping to 39° on Thursday morning.

April 1, 1953 - Wed.

As we drove in Lee Highway this morning, a Towhee called alongside the busy road.

April 2, 1953 - Thurs.

Home today - one day of leave. Towhee called in woods across Rochester. Bluebirds carrying nest material in box. Song Sparrows have been giving indications of nesting in the white spruce, and now I see they have been roosting in it. Chipping Sparrows singing all day - Cowbirds calling.

April 4, 1953 - Sat.

Fine day. Towhees singing all day long across Rochester. Cardinals, Cowbirds, Chipping & Field Sparrows, Killdeers.

April 5, 1953 - Sun.

Another beautiful day.
Six or eight cowbirds flew
over, going from roof-top
to roof-top, one pair alighting
in yard.

All birds quite active.
Phoebe calling.

April 7, 1953 - Sat. Tues.

About 8:15 A.M. as
we crossed Key Bridge
on way to work, a Brown
Thrasher crossed the
bridge, flying East, down
river - recognized in
silhouette by size, manner
of flight, and outline.

see April 10

April 11, 1953 - Sat.

Bird song all day -
temp. up in 60's in shade.
(78° official on Friday)

number of Cowbirds,
Song & Field Sparrows,
Meadow Larks, Robins
singing in great numbers,
Redwings calling,
Chipping Sparrows singing
all day, Cardinals
singing across Rochester
Road (rain song)

April 10, 1953 - Fri.

Forgot to ^{put} this in proper
order. Walking to car
in town, I heard Chimney
Swifts above 20th and
Penna. Ave., N.W.

As I came out of
Cavalier Trail (from
Bill Robery's house) onto
Lee Highway, I saw two
birds high in sky above
Hechinger's store. Guessed
Martens at quick glance -
as I pulled out on Lee

Highway, I was able to get a better look - two Purple Martins now dropping lower - then several more. As I pulled in at a little store the little shopping center just north of Neuhagers (Amoco station), about 20-30 Purple Martins flew low overhead, circling and twittering above two small, weatherbeaten Martin houses back of the little store. They were creating quite a stir. Fish trap.

April 12, 1953 - Sunday.

This morning I made the first Spring trip to the woods. In the cool 40's - wool shirt and

leather jacket felt quite comfortable during late portion of trip. Left home at 6:55 - in woods at 7:15 A.M. Back to car at 8:45 A.M.

Found a new autoroad cut the entire length of the Park (Gen Carlyn) along the route of my favorite paths - ruining some of best bird nesting areas, and fine groves of dogwood trees - also some of finest spots of underbrush manneured completely out.

Will list birds in order: one Turkey Vulture, one Mourning Dove (seen at same place on Roosevelt, between Lee Highway & Wash. Blvd., on each trip - to & from Park), 1 Belted Kingfisher near bridge for Allington Blvd (formerly Lee)

over W & O Dominion tracks -
flew twice along stream
to West, then later turned
back East (down stream)
past me; half-dozen
Flickers in Park - three
at one time; 1 Red-Bellied
Woodpecker; 1 Hairy;
not a single Phoebe;
several Jays; 1 Fish Crow;
Chickadees and Titmice;
1 Nuthatch; several
Mockingbirds in Glen Carlyn
and along way; 6 Brown
Threshers - first on wires
at corner of 33rd. & Trinidad,
two along Roosevelt,
two in Glen Carlyn, one
in Park; many Robins
everywhere; one Hermit
Thrush calling about
50 feet up in a tree over
South-East edge of Jack-in-
Pulpit clearing; Bluebirds

at home; one Gnatcatcher
singing and calling near
Dark Pool & Warbler Oak
(not seen); Cedar Waxwings,
small flocks calling; many
Starlings - especially at
nest holes all through
Woods; thought I heard
a Vireo song, but couldn't
be sure, ^{solitary, I believe,}; Black and White
Warbler singing faintly
far up hill to Southeast
of S. W. Survey Marker -
later two to left of
Traces ~~almost do~~ beyond
Dark Pool, about opposite
falls, but off in distance;
Myrtle Warblers (not
seen) calling and singing
across from Lookout Point;
Louisiana Water Thrush
singing first at Beech
Bend, later seen about
60 feet up in an oak near
S. W. Marker & ^{great} ~~big~~ Rock -

then about 40 feet up in
an oak nearer G. W.
Marker - later 60-75 feet
up in large oak beyond
Dark Pool, singing constantly;
Meadow larks (at home);
Red-wings; Grackles;
many Cowbirds - those
in Parks putting on court-
ship display twice; 8-10
Cardinals; 30-40 or more
Purple Finches - 15-20
in top of very tall beech across
from Lookout Point, and
about same number
near Lookout Point (just
off the point, to East) and
across Gravel Road, on
the ground, busily feeding
- including most brilliantly
colored male I've ever seen -
make other males look
dull - later several more
in trees up near big new

house close to entrance,
many Goldfinches -
perhaps 20-30 in Park,
and as many more in
tall tree tops at corner
of Washington Blvd +
Roosevelt Road; many
Juncos (15-20) - including
one female; many
Juncos, mostly singing;
several Chipping Sparrows;
several Field Sparrows
singing beautifully;
many White-throats
singing; ~~12~~ Song
Sparrows.

April 13 - Mon. Rain steadily since Sun - 11:00
A.M. / 10-15 Chipping Sparrows on Holloran's
Lawn.

April 15, 1953 - Wed.

House Wren singing this morning
on way to work. Thought I heard a
single burst of song from one last
Saturday, but was not sure.

April 16, 1953 - Thurs.

Cooper's hawk circling low over Lee Highway not far from Evans's Coffee Shop. Purple Martins over Falls Church in the evening.

April 17, 1953 - Friday.

Hermit Thrush in shrubbery border at 20th. & Virginia Ave., N.W. (around Parking lot - hopped in under a parked car.

April 18, 1953 - Sat.

Left house at 7:00 A.M., arriving woods at 7:15. Left woods about 8:50. Cloudy, with little light rain for a time - not enough to bother me, just dropped glasses inside leather jacket. Later in day it began intermittent drizzles & showers, then a real rain for a while around 6-8 P.M.

Everything coming out beautifully in woods - as on last week end, there were many kinds of violets, blueets, wild geraniums (buds just opening last week) and others. Found six young forsythia plants started from cuttings I put in last year.

Saw these birds:
Kildeer (heard one calling); one Mourning Dove; Chimney Swifts over the house; 4-6 Flickers; two Yellow-Bellied Sapsuckers (one up near house with many bird-boxes and feeders, other across tracks near little point where houses are fairly close); 2 Phoebe; Martins; Jays; 2 Crows; number of Chickadees and Titmice; 2 Nuthatches; 2-4 Brown Creepers; 2 House Wrens singing; one

Winter Wren called; several Mocking-
birds; 3-4 Thrashers singing;
many Robins (very active &
noisy); 6 Hermit Thrushes - 5 of
them along Honeysuckle Stream -
one singing very soft, tentative,
whisper song at marshy ground
well up stream; Bluebirds at
home; 2-6 Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers
(3 times saw a pair - may
have been same birds work-
ing along the R. R. tracks);
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet -
several singing - saw one;
several Cedar Waxwings near
dark pool; many Starlings; Two
Blue-Headed or Solitary Tereon -
heard song of last week, and
located first bird at G. W.
Survey marker - another seen
later. Black & White Warbler
(2 heard - one near G. W. marker,
other up Honeysuckle Stream,
near open field); several

Myrtle Warblers heard, and seen, flying over as well as in trees at their house in Glen Carlyn, at Survey Marker, Dark Pool, etc.; 2 Louisiana Water-Thrushes singing; 2-3 meadowlarks at home; 1 Redwing at home at-dark; several Cowbirds; several Cardinals; Goldfinches; many Towhees; many Juncos; many Chipping Sparrows; 2 Field Sparrows; many White-Throats; 10-15 Song Sparrows.

April 18, 1953 - Sun.

Because of church, etc., did not get to woods. Chilly today - to about freezing in A. M., and high in high 40's.
First Barn Swallow

crossed across front
yard in morning,
from East to West.

April 20, 1953 - Mon.

Had a day off today.
Delayed to get gas - didn't
get to woods until 7:20 -
out about 9:15 A.M.

Chilly morning, again
supposedly about freezing.
Bright sunshine.

Heard and/or saw these
birds:

Turkey Vulture (1);
Broad-winged Hawk (2) -
first near Art. Blvd., second
(or same) near G.W. Marker;
Killdeer (2); Mourning
Dove (3 together on lawn on
Roosevelt St.), Swifts (2-3);
Flickers (3-4); Downy
Woodpecker (1 ♀); Phoebe

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(3); Horned Larks calling overhead at home; Purple Martins (4-6); Jays (8-10); Crows (2); Chickadees (4-6), singing and calling constantly; Titmouse (4-6); Nuthatches (2-3); Brown Creepers (2 - one right at head level as he popped around a big oak beside me); House Wrens (3 - one just under my feet as I stood on a big log at overhanging edge of trail. He went in under the log, then burst out); Winter Wren (4 - 3 along Honeysuckle stream); Carolina Wren (2); Mockingbird (2-3); Thrasher (2-3); Robins (many); thought I saw one Wood Thrush - just a flash of rufous, with Thrush flight - on Honeysuckle stream;

Hermit Thrush (close to
20 - 5 along Honeysuckle
Stream, then 6-12 in
marshy ground and
hillside in back where
one sang Saturday, then
2 more later); Bluebirds
(2 at home); Gnatcatcher (2-3
or more, singing and calling);
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
(3-4 singing); Starlings
(many - especially at
every tree-hole); Solitary
Vireo (two on Honeysuckle
Stream, later 2 more along
track); Myrtle Warbler
(3-4); Ovenbird (first
one - singing one short
burst of song up on
honeysuckle-covered
hillside); Louisiana Water
Thrush (2 or 3 singing often -
one let me approach within
20 feet); English Sparrow (~~many~~)

Meadowlark (2); Red-winged
Blackbird (2-3); Grackle (15-20);
Cowbirds (8-10); Cardinals
(2-4); Purple Finch, ^{pygmy} (2);
Goldfinches (15-20); Towhees
(10-15); Juncos (many);
Chipping Sparrows (4-5);
Field Sparrows (3-4);
White-throated Sparrows
(15-25); Song Sparrows
(6-8).

April 25, 1953 - Sat.

Very warm day -
up in 80's in afternoon - 85° or
above. In 40's or 50's when I
went to woods at 7:00. Perfect
morning - bright sunshine
and very soft breeze. It
was only towards noon that
it stepped up to 30 m.p.h.
or so.

Many, many birds

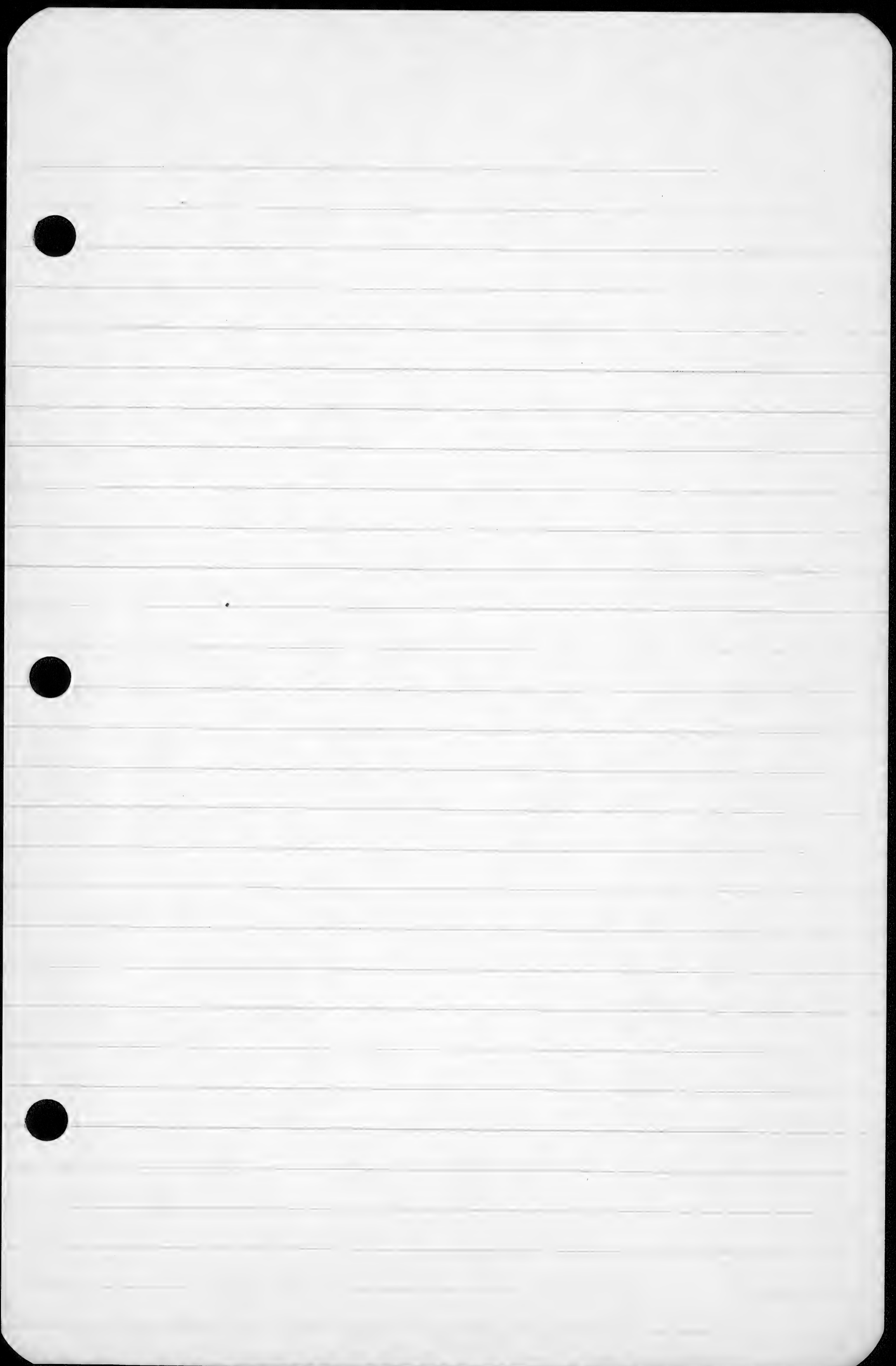
in woods - activity
everywhere. Will list them
~~in~~ check-list order:

Broad Winged Hawk (1),
circling near little Boyhill
houses - missing center
tail feather; Osprey (2),
heading about due north
across tracks near Boyhill
houses; Killdeer (2) at home;
Mourning Dove (4) - one
on Rosevelt ~~Sts~~, two in
Glen Carlyn, another in
woods; Swifts seen and
heard all day; several
Flickers; Phoebe (3-5);
Purple Martins - several
heard over woods at upper
end of trail along Honeysuckle
stream; Jay (20-30) very noisy;
Crows (2-3); Nuthatch (1);
House Wren (3-4 singing, ~~two~~ ^{two} seen
along R.R. track; Winter Wren (1);

Carolina Wren (1 calling); Mocking-
bird (3-4); Catbird (2) - first one
heard calling near falls on Tubbs
Run; one seen close up, by
"Little Pond in Woods"; Brown
Thrashers (4-6); Robins, many;
Wood Thrush (4 - first one
heard calling near Jack-in-
Pulpit clearing, two scolding
sharply at stream by
picnic area in hollow back
of Boyhill houses, one singing
in woods across Rochester
street in afternoon; Bluebirds
(2) at home; ~~Guatitakers~~
(3-4 along tracks); Ruby-
Crowned Kinglets (3-4).
Cedar Waxwings (9 flew over
home in afternoon). Starlings
- number seen; White-eyed
Vireo (1 - first one of season
heard singing at Roosevelt
St. & 19th St., on way home
about 9:30); Blue-headed

Vireo (4-6 - singing and all seen);
Black & White W. (4-5 - two
males seen); Parula Warbler
(3-5 - first one heard singing
as I entered woods, & seen
80-90 feet up in oak near
fountain - across path - others
along way, & one seen at eye-
level 20 feet away from
trestle near where I saw first);
Myrtle Warblers (perhaps
100 - scattered thinly
throughout entire woods,
singing); Black-throated
Green Warbler (3-4 - first
one, a beautiful male, located
singing near new home with
all bird feeders, etc. - several
others heard, & one other male
seen); Prairie Warbler (1) singing
near first Bl. Thr. Gr.); Oven-birds,
(3-4); Louis. Water Thrush (2-3) one
singing overhead on Honeycreek
Stream; M. Yellow-throat
(1 male across tracks from

Dark Paul); Hooded Warbler (3-4,
first one heard singing in
woods at Roosevelt St. and
Sycamore St. at 7:05; 2-3 more
in Park, one male seen close
up); Meadowlark (2 at home);
Grackles (several); Cowbirds (6-10);
* Cardinals (6-8); Pine Siskins -
(flock of 6-10 lit in top of tall
tulip tree near trestle nearest
Arl. Blvd, repeating "shree-e-e-e"
notes, flew after 5 minutes);
Goldfinches (several heard, one
male seen); Towhee (20-30,
mostly males); Chipping
sparrows (2-3); White-throated
Sparrows (30-50); Song sps. (3-4).



Duck Hawk 5/2/53

May 4, 1953 - Monday

Got Susan off to bus about 8:40 - dropped V.S.O. program to be printed, got to woods about 9:25.

Glorious morning - in mid-50's. Saw and/or heard these birds:

Turkey Vulture (2); Broad-Winged Hawk calling; Killdeer (3-4 at home, in gravelled street & cul-de-sac, in back yards, etc.) Dove (2-3); Screeper (many); Flicker (3-4); Downy (?) drumming; Kingbirds (4-6); Crested Flycatcher (2); Phoebe (2-3 - one on nest atop pillar of comfort station in park); Acadian (?) Flycatcher (2 - with "whit-chee-uff" call).

Wood Pewee - first at Jack in Pulpit clearing; Barn Swallow (many); Jays (8-10); Crows (2-3); Chickadees (2); Titmice (2-4); House Wren (2-3 - two in woods); Mockingbird (several); Catbird (4-6); Thrasher (1); Wood Thrush (8-10); Olive-backed Thrush (10-12 - one singing in lowland near

"Little Pond in the woods";

Bluebirds (4-6 - two nesting
at home); Gnatcatchers

(3-4); Starlings (many);

White-eyed Vireo (2 across
from Dark Pool); Yellow-

^{seen} - Throated Vireo (2 heard);

Red-eyed Vireo (2); Black
& White Warbler (2-3); Parula

^{seen} - (2-3); Yellow (1) at parking
spot in Glen Carlyn; Black

throated (2-3 - one male
heard & seen as soon

as I entered woods);

Myrtle (6-8); Black-throated
Green (1); Chestnut-sided (2);

Prairie W. (1 - along Route 7 in
afternoon); Oven-bird (3-6);

Louisiana Water Thrush;

Kentucky W. (1); Yellow-throat
(1); Hooded (2-3 - saw one

male); Redstart (1 singing
at parking spot); Engl.

Sp.; Meadow-lark (3-4);

Baltimore Oriole (one male

heard & seen in a wild cherry
near parking place); Grackles

(10-12); Cowbirds (6-10); Scarlet

Tanager (2-3); Cardinals (3-4);

2 shrews

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (2 heard - one male seen. This one was calling above parking place when I arrived, and was there 1 1/2 hrs. later when I got back); Goldfinches; Towhees (10-20); Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sp. (many); Song Sp.

May 12, 1953 - Mon.

Clear, beautiful day - no breeze in morning. Temp. up to 88 or 90° in afternoon.

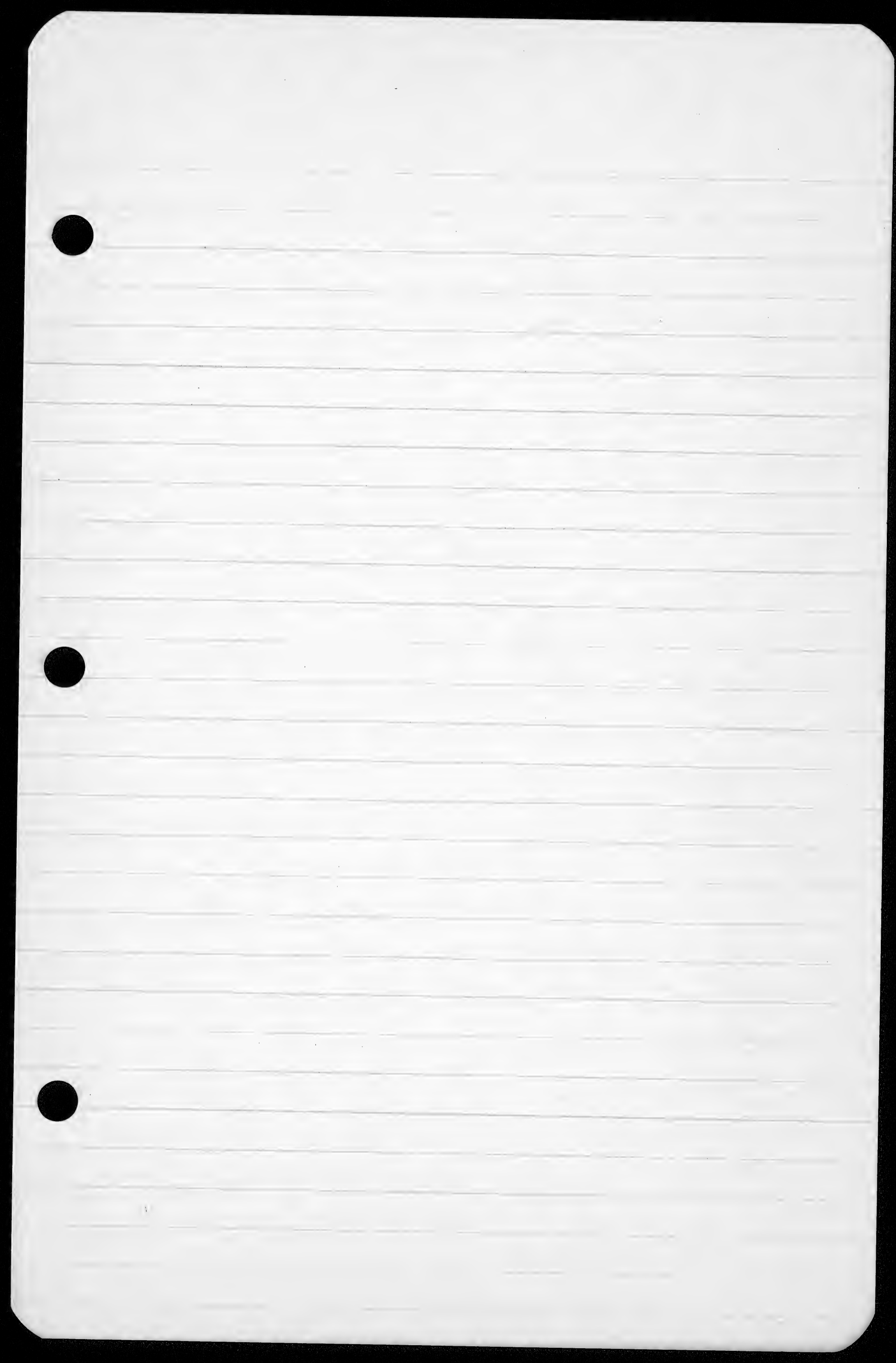
When I got to the woods I found the gravel road near the first little wooden bridge washed out in gullies more than two feet deep, leaving the large steel pipe under the road fully exposed. Later I found other evidences of terrific rainfall affecting the Glen Carlyn area. The place where I have crossed Honeysuckle Stream since 1941 had changed completely, stream diverted, and piled up gravel caused such a wide stream of

water to flow between
the crossing rocks that I could
no longer cross there. As
I went on up stream (after
crossing below usual spot),
I saw that the stream had
been up on the bank which
is normally 5 feet above the
stream.

Saw and/or heard these
birds:

Turkey Vulture (1); Killdeer
(2-3 at home); Swifts (small numbers
all day); Hummingbird (1);
Flicker (2-3) one female looking
out nest hole in dead tree across
tracks from Broyhill houses;
Downy (1); Kingbird (3-4);
Crested Flycatcher (2); Phoebe (2-
one near Comfort station where
she has her nest); Acadian
Flycatcher (3-4); Peewee (2);
Barn Swallows (many); Martins
(2-3 over house); Blue-jay
(5-6); Crows (1); Chickadee (1);
Titmouse (2); House Wren (2-3);
Carolina Wren (1); Mockingbird
(2-3); Catbird (4-6); Brown
Thrasher (2); Robins (many);

Wood Thrush (8-10); Olive-backed Thrush (30-50 - half-dozen or more singing); Veery (8-12 or more - several singing - one sat quietly 20 feet up over Jack-in-Pulpit clearing singing with bill parted slightly - perhaps $\frac{1}{4}$ inch - in contrast to Hermits who sang with ~~no~~ barely visible opening of bill); Bluebirds (3-4); Gnatcatcher (1-2); Waxwings (several calling); Starlings (10-20 during day - including first squalling young); Red-eyed Vireo (4-6); Black & White Warbler (2); * Thought I heard a Worm-eating in the usual place, but couldn't locate singer; Parula (1-2); Myrtle (2-3); Black-throated Green (1 singing); Chestnut-sided (2-3 singing, one male seen); Black-poll (20-30 or more singing - all high in tree-tops, none seen); Ovenbird (3-4); Louisiana Water Thrush (2); Kentucky (1); Hooded (2); Engl. Sp. (2-3); Meadowlark (2-3); Red-winged Blackbird (2); Orchard Oriole (1); Balt. Oriole (1 male); Mrs. Hoover commented on ^{scrat} 9/15.



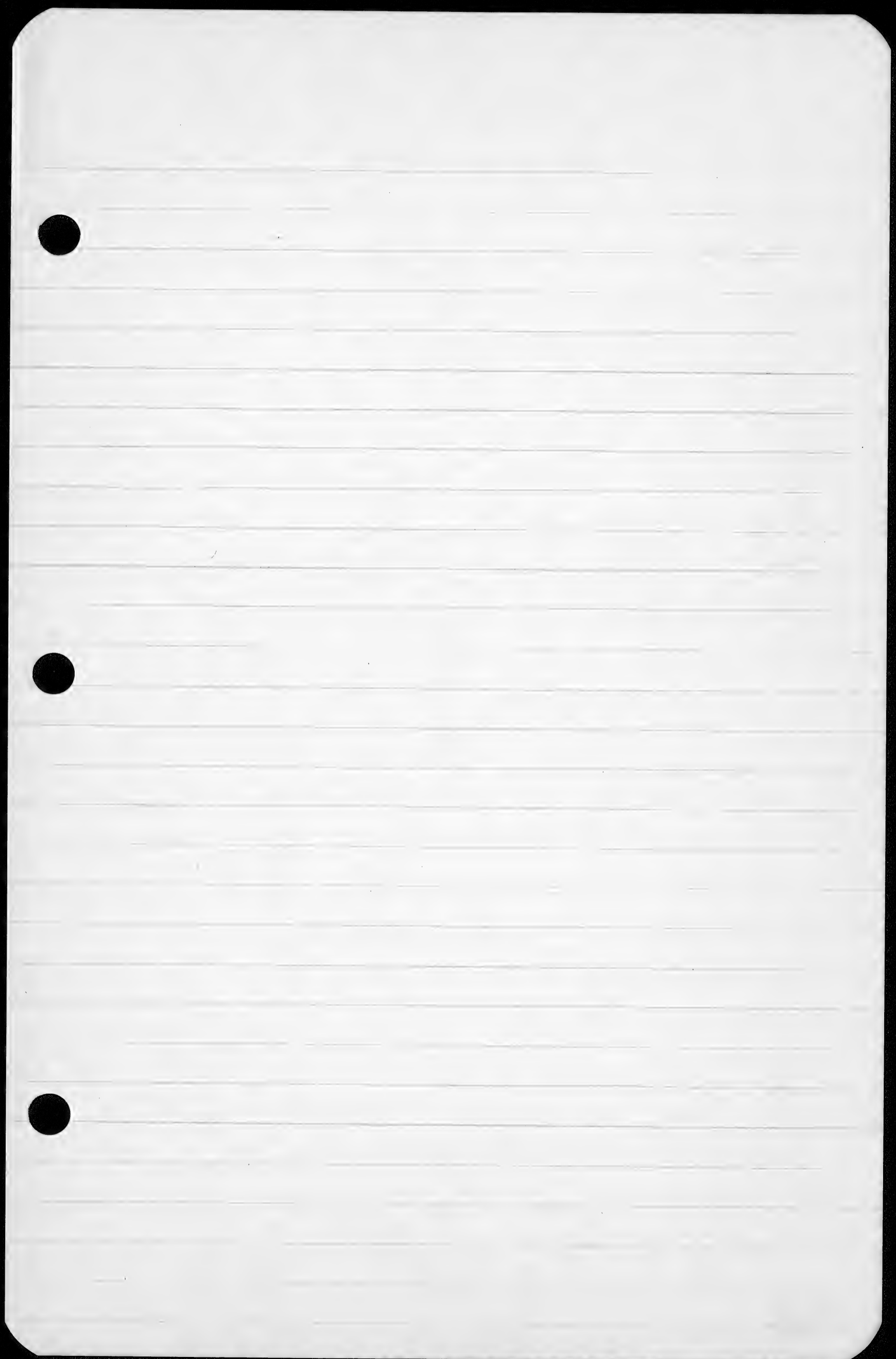
May 10, 1953 - Sun.

Did not get to woods today - went to the Kule's home in Pine Ridge, arriving there about 4:35 and leaving about 8:00 P.M. Beautiful day - temp. in mid-80s - very light or no breeze - fluffy white clouds.

Saw and/or heard these birds: Turkey Vulture; Killdeer (at home); Mourning Dove (1); Yellow-billed Cuckoo (1); Swifts (10-20); Downy Woodpecker (1); Kingbird (2-3); Crested Flycatcher (2); Phoebe (1); Pewee (2); Barn Swallows (20-30); Jays (8-10); Crow (1); Chickadee (2-3); Titmouse (2-3); Wh. Br. Nuthatch (1); House Wren (3-4); Carolina (1); Mockingbird (3-4); Catbird (3-4); Brown Thrasher (3-4); Robins (many); Wood Thrush (6-8); Olive-backed Thrush (20-30); Gray-checked (1) - on fence 15 feet away; Veery (2); Bluebird (4-6); Gnatcatcher (1); Waxwings (15-18); Starlings (8-10); Red-eyed Vireo (3-4); Black & White Warbler (1 singing); Parula (2); Black-throated Blue (female);

Chestnut-sided (1 ♂); Black-poll
(3-4 singing); Prairie (2 singing);
Oven-bird (2-3); Louisiana Water
Thrush (1); Kentucky Warbler (1 at
Prosperity Ave. + Arlington Blvd);
Yellowthroat (1); Yellow-breasted
Chat (1); Hooded Warbler (1);
Meadowlark (2-3); Orchard
Oriole (1); Grackle (1); Cowbird (2-3);
Scarlet Tanager (3-4, one female);
Cardinals (2-3); Rose-breasted
Grosbeak (2-1 female); Indigo
Bunting (2); Goldfinch (2-3);
Towhee (2); Chipping (2-3);
White-throated Sparrow;
Song Sparrow (3-4) ♀.

May 12, 1953 - Mon.



May 13, 1953 - Tues.

arrived woods about
6:55 - left about 8:45. Brilliant
sunlight - warm.

One Cooper's Hawk, Killdeer
(2-3), Dove (3), Chimney Swift
(many), Humming Bird (2-
near S. W. Survey marker);
Flicker (4-6), Kingbird (3-4);
Crested Flycatcher (2); Phoebe (2);
Acadian Flycatcher (2-4);
Pewee (2-3); Barn Swallow
(many); Jay (4-6); Crow (3);
Fish Crow (1 - flying over
house); Chickadee (2-3);

Titmouse (2); House Wren (2-3);
Mocking Bird (3-4); Catbird (4-6);
Brown Thrasher (1); Robins
(8-10); Wood Thrush (8-10);
Olive-backed (20-30; 6-8 singing);
Veery (two singing, one I watched
for 375 minutes). Bluebirds (3-4);
Gnatcatcher (1); Starlings (20-30);
Yellow-throated Vireo (2 heard);
Red-eyed (6-8 heard & seen);
in woods across Roosevelt
either a Nashville or a
Tennessee sang a number
of times - I believe it was
Nashville - "swee-die-swee-die-
swee-die" - chipper - chipper -
chipper" - quite loud; Parula
W. (2); Magnolia W. (1 male
near art. Forest houses
nearest track). Baybreasted
(1 male near survey marker);
Black-poll (20-30 singing -
finally saw first one -
four of them, near Bay-
breasted); Ovenbird (3-4);
Louisiana Water Thrush (1);
Hooded W. (1); Kentucky W. (1);
Redstart (2 ♀); Grackles (2

bathing at first picnic area;
Cowbirds (2-3); Scarlet
Tanager (3-4; saw one male
and one female); Cardinals (2);
Goldfinches (3-4); Towhees (4-5);
Chipping Sparrow (2); White-
throated Sparrows (many);
Song Sparrows (2-3).

As yesterday, a very
shrimpy day for birds.

May 13, 1953 - Wed.

Another brilliantly clear
day - temp. 88-90°. Thunder
shower in evening.

Got to woods about 10:00 a.m.
- out about 12:15. These birds seen
and/or heard; Turkey Vulture (1);
Broad-winged Hawk (1) calling;
Kildeer (1-2); Doves (3-4); Yellow-
billed Cuckoo (1 calling); Nighthawk
(2 calling over Westmore Gardens) about
6:00 p.m.; Chimney Swifts (many);
Hummingbird (2); Flicker (3-4);
Kingbird (4-6); Crested
Flycatcher (3-4 - in Park and in
woods across Rochester St.);

Phoebe (2-3; one near nest at
Comfort station, and one baby
head showing in nest);
Acadian (2-3); Peewees (2-3);
Barn Swallows (many); Jays
(6-8); Crows (2); Chickadees
(2-3); House Wren (2-3); Mocking
Bird (3-4); Catbird (4-6); Robins
(20-30); Wood Thrush (8-10);
Olive-backed (30-50; 8-10
singing - or more - one singing
across Rochester); thought I
saw one Gray-cheeked; Veery
(probably 8-10; heard 4 singing -
watched two); Bluebirds (3-4);
Gnatcatcher (2); Waxwings (several
alive); Starlings (many); Yellow-
throated Vireo (2); Red-eyed
(6-10); Black & white (1); Tenn-
essee (1 - at first parking area
first one unless that very loud,
frequently repeated song yesterday
I see Peterson - was Tennessee);
Nashville (at least 1 male - perhaps
two. Just seen where I saw
Magnolias yesterday, then
watched for 10 minutes or more
along track - in sight almost all
the time, mostly at or

below eye level - as close
as 20 feet). Parula (2-3);
Magnolia (4-6; two males where
I saw pair yesterday);
Black-throated Blues (3 males,
one female); Blackburnian (at
least one male at first
picnic area. First seen
singing at eye level 10-15
feet from where I sat on the
table near the fountain -
one here two hours later -
perhaps same one); Chestnut-
side (1 male); Prairie W.
(1 singing); Ovenbird (4-6);
Louisiana Water Thrush (2
singing - one seen); Kentucky
W. (2); Yellowthroat (1 male
ten feet up in tree); Hooded
(2-3 including one across
Rochester); Canada (2 males,
seen singing); Redstart
(3-4; two females seen);
Engl. Sparrow (6-8 bathing
at bend of stream with Scarlet
Tanager); Grackle (1 bathing);
Cowbirds (4-6); Scarlet Tanager (4-6) -
one male bathing at bend in stream
at second (Arl. Forest) picnic area;

Cardinals (3-4), Indigo Bunting
(2 - 1 lovely male by two Magnolia
Warblers; another singing at home);
Goldfinch (4-6); Towhee (6-10);
Chipping Sparrow (2-3); White-
throated Sparrow (many - 30-50);
Song Sparrows (6-8);

May 14, 1953 - Thursday.

Didn't go to woods today.
Almost got away in afternoon,
but decided too much to do.

Prepared about half of space
Claire wants for flower border
out front.

These birds today:

Bob-white; Killdeer (1-2); Doves (2);
Cuckoo (1); Swifts (many);
Kingbirds (3-4); Barn Swallows
(many); Mocking Bird (1-2);
Robins (8-10); Wood Thrush
(in woods across Rochester - 2-3
singing); Olive-backed Thrush
(1-2 singing across Rochester);
Bluebirds (pair at our nest box);
Starlings (few); Red-eyed
Vireo (1-2 singing across

Rochester); Black-throated
Blue W. singing across
Rochester; Black-poll
warblers (2-3 across Rochester);
Ovenbird (same place);
Meadowlark (2-3); Cowbirds (1-2);
Chipping sparrows (1-2); Song Sp. (1-2);

May 15, 1953 - Friday.

Fine morning, warm day,
but rain in late afternoon.

Had long walk in Glen Carlyn
Park, arriving there about 7:00
and leaving about 10:15 or so.

These birds heard and/or seen:
Bob-white (1) calling in large vacant
lot bordered by trees & underbrush
on Fairfax Drive; Solitary
Sandpiper calling over house
about 9:00 P.M. "peet-weet-weet"
repeated several times as it
circled in darkness; Mourning
Dove (3-4); Yellow-billed Cuckoo
(2 calling) - 1 near home, one in Park;
Night-hawk (1 calling over home);
Chimney Swifts (many);
Hummingbird (3); Flickers
(3-4; one drumming loudly);

one Thrasher singing in very topmost twig of
great tulip tree at Jack-in-the-Box clearing
where I saw Florida Gallinule

one Downy Woodpecker;
Kingbirds (4-6); Crested Fly-
catcher (3-4; two came from
woods across Rochester, into
the back yards, on Eady's fence,
in his weeping willow, then
upon wires in front of his
house, calling); Phoebe (2 adults,
4 downy young showing heads
in nest atop column at
Comfort station); Acadian
Flycatcher (3-4); Pewees (2-3);
Barn Swallows (many);
Jays (8-10); Crow (1);
Chickadees (1-2); Titmice (1-2);
House Wren (1-2); Carolina
Wren (1); Mocking Bird (2-3);
Catbird (3-4); Brown Thrasher (1-2);
Robins (many); Wood Thrush
(8-10); Olive-backed Thrush
(75-100; many singing and
calling);

Aug. 22, 1953 - have seen no swallows since Aug. 20 - Thursday.

Aug. 23 - 1953 - Sun. - Two Martins calling above house, flying high.

Sept. 1, 1953 - Tuesday.

Heard Olive-backed Thrushes calling as they flew over at night, about 10:00 P.M.

Sept. 6, 1953 - Sun.

Heard Olive-backed calling again about 9:00 - 10:00 P.M.

Sept. 7, 1953 - Mon. - Labor Day.

Heard Olive-backed and then the "churr" of a Veery, in evening.

Sept. 8, 1953. Tuesday.

Heard the call of a Western Palm Warbler, then saw one in the back yard.

Sept. 10, 1953 - Thursday.

Saw Western Palm W. in back yard again.

Tonight Mrs. Peacock of Pine Ridge called me to say that she had been getting numbers of migrants in her nets. At one

(9/8/53)
time, in one net, she had the following:

1 Tennessee Warbler,
1 Magnolia W., 1 Yellow-
throat, 1 Baybreasted,
2 Song Sparrows, 2
Indigo Buntings, 1 Red-
eyed Vireo, and several
Goldfinches.

Called Jim Watson
and invited him out
for Friday nite & Saturday
A.M., and arranged
to see Mrs. Peacock
and the Rules.

Sept. 12, 1953 - Sat.

Up at 5:45 E.D.T. Began
to rain just as I got up.

Plugged in coffee, then woke
Jim. Had coffee, soft-

boiled eggs and toast. Arrived
at Peacocks a few minutes
after 7:00 A.M. Intermittent
showers from then on
until we arrive back
home about 11:00 A.M.

9/12/53

Sat out one shower on the Peacock's screened porch, having coffee and fried ham on rye, while watching robins, Towhees and others in dogwood trees, and listened to a Least Flycatcher beside house.

Temp. was 65°-70° throughout. Saw these birds:

Osprey (1), Mourning Dove (1), Hummingbird (2) near old orchard beyond Rule's. Flicker; Red-bellied Woodpecker in bird bath at elder Mrs. Rule's; Downy Woodpecker; Least Flycatcher (1, calling beside Peacock's); Blue Jays (number); Crows (several); Chickadees, Titmouse, House Wren (1); Carolina Wren; Mocking Bird (several) Catbirds (2); Brown Thrashers everywhere about field grown in tall weeds, next to Mrs. Rule's (elder) - 6 were

in sight at one time in a
fallen tree top - the most
Brown Thrashers I've
ever seen in one place;
Robins (many, especially at
the Dogwood trees); Bluebirds
(6-8 at home, several at Pine
Ridge); Starling; Yellow-
throated Vireo (immature
caught in net and banded);
Tennessee Warblers (4
beside road in low saplings
and bushes, then flew on
into tall pines); Western
Palm Warbler at home;
Black-throated Green
Warblers at Pine Ridge; Bay-
breasted Warblers (2);
Maryland Yellowthroats (2);
Yellow-breasted Chat (1;
beautiful adult in net
with Vireo - banded);
Redstart (1 male); Grackle (~~several~~)
(several); Cardinals (several);
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1
female near net, then
near house); Indigo
Bunting (1); Goldfinch
(1 immature bird in net);

Junco (1 in net - young -
several after dogwood fruit);
Veery Sparrow (1 in weed-
grown field); Field Sparrows
(several); Song Sparrows
(several).

Sept. 19, 1953 - Sat.

Saw Western Palm
Warblers 2-3 times in
past week - 1 or 2 at a time.

Arrived in Glen Canyon
Park about 7:25 a.m. Heavy
overcast with a glare
which made identification
in the tree tops almost
impossible. The temperature
at the start was about
60° - warmer when I left
the woods about 9:30.

Saw these birds;

Turkey Vulture (1 over
old Dominion Drive later in day);
Cooper's Hawk (1 flying by
in afternoon); Mourning
Dove (2-3); Chimney Swifts
(number); Red-bellied Wood-
pecker (3); Downy Woodpecker;

Found "Dark Pool" completely filled in & leveled out with bulldozers.

Wood Pewee (2); Blue Jays (many); Crows (6-8); Chickadee (2-3); Titmouse (2-3); Brown Creeper? - heard what I believe was a creeper call - couldn't be certain; House Wren (1); Carolina Wren (4); Mocking Birds (4-6, here & at home); Catbirds (4-6 near Dark Pool); Robins (small number); Wood Thrush (2-3); had a brief look at one thrush which appeared to be an Olive-back; Bluebirds (6-8 at home); Starlings (10-15); Black-throated Green Warbler (believe I saw one); Chestnut-sided Warbler (1); Black-poll (several calling, and seen high in tree tops); Maryland Yellow-throat (2); Red-winged Blackbirds (50-75); Cowbirds (probably 200 on our lawn and others in the neighborhood); Cardinals (3-4); Goldfinches (15-20 in weeds near little Brayhall homes, and at home);

Downies (several); Chipping Sparrows (4-6 at home); Song Sparrows (6-8 - at home & in Park).

Sept. 21, 1953 - Monday

Did not go to woods yesterday. Left for woods about 7:00 - out of woods about 9:30. Temperature at start 68° - heavy overcast, light rather bad in upper levels.

One Turkey Vulture;
Broadwinged Hawks (500-1000).
Came out of house about 5:15 - washing windows - saw three broadwings down low over back yard, then looked up, counting 31 before I gave up, seeing the sky was dotted with them at all levels from tree tops to great altitudes where they were mere specks to the unaided eye. For about 30 minutes or more they came by.

(Every bird was Broad-wing!)

from North-East to Southwest into the teeth of a wind of perhaps 240 m.p.h. They soared, flew in very crow-like manner, and performed wonderful maneuvers in the strong wind, sometimes "stooping" great distances, almost into the tree tops, then up and away. Susan, Claire and I marveled at them as I hurried with the window washing (and tying up west morning glories) before the rain broke. They made a glorious picture among the heavy, tumbling black clouds. Mourning Doves (4); Chimney Swifts (few); Red-bellied Woodpecker (1); Downy (1); Wood Pewee (1); Blue Jays (several); Crows (2); Chickadees (2-3); Titmice (2-3); Carolina Wren (2); Mocking Bird (5-7; two in Park, others at home); Catbirds (2); Robins (many); Wood Thrush (2); Bluebirds

(several at home); Starlings
(several at Dark Pool, several
at home); Red-eyed Vireos (2);
Black and white Warbler (1 male,
one female); Parula Warbler
(2); Magnolia Warbler (1);
Chestnut-sided Warbler (1 adult
male with quite a bit of
chestnut on flanks); Bay-
breasted Warbler (2-3);
Hooded Warbler (1 singing);
Cowbirds (about 200 at home);
Scarlet Tanager (2-4, in
complete winter plumage);
Cardinals (4-6, including
immature birds); Goldfinches
(many, along trails and at
home); Towhee (1); Chipping
Sparrow (6-8); Song
Sparrow (4-6), (on leave
today and tomorrow).

Sept. 22, 1953 - Tuesday.

To Glen Carlyn Park,
arriving about 7:35. out of
park about 10:30. Clear, bright
day, chilly at start, 56°, with
15-20 m.p.h. wind.

N-N.E. or N- to South

Turkey Vulture (1).
Broad Winged Hawk (flight
of 42 from N-N.E., over
Little Brayhill houses,
across park & Glen Carlyn,
some flying very low - none
at all high one circled
repeatedly low above tracks,
with tail spread like a
fan, displaying stripes);
Killdeers (2 calling at home
in early morning); Mourning
Dove (1-2); Chimney Swifts;
Humming Bird (1 flying
above tracks); Flicker (1
calling); Red-Bellied Wood-
pecker (2); Hairy Woodpecker
(pair); Phoebe (1 at Jack-in-
Pulpit clearing); 1 Empidonax
Flycatcher - looked quite greenish,
perhaps Acadian; Wood
Peewee (2); Blue Jays (many);
Crows (4-6); Chickadee (2-4);
Titmouse (2-4); Nuthatches (2);
House wren (1); Carolina Wren
(2); Mockingbird (2 over Park,
one flying far above trees from
Dark Pool to Glen Carlyn near
Blvd.; 4-6 at home); Catbirds

(2-4 near Dark Pool); Brown Thrasher (2-3); Robins; Wood Thrush (2 - one calling in Park; one at home, calling across Roosevelt Road); again saw what appeared to be an Olive-backed Thrush, but view was too fleeting; Veery (Wilson's Thrush) - 1 alongside gravel road just after I parked car and started into woods; Bluebirds (4-6 at home); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1); Starlings (6-10); Red-eyed Vireos (2-4); Tennessee Warbler (at least one, probably 2); Nashville Warbler (1, in good plumage in Great Ragweed, near Tennessees and Red-eyed Vireos); Parula Warbler (1 at Great Ragweed); Magnolia Warbler (1 above Dark Pool near Ragweed); Cape May Warbler (1 at Dark Pool, in birches near Ragweed - in good plumage); Black-throated Greens (2-3, at Dark Pool and at last trestle near art.

Blud); Chestnut-sided
Warbler (1 between Ragweed
and Warbler Oak); Bay-
breasted Warbler (3-4, at
Dark Pool & near Survey
Marker); Black-Poll
Warblers (several seen
and heard along path,
and near Dark Pool);
Western Palm Warbler (at
least 2 at home); Oven-bird
(one, walking along log, then
flying up into undergrowth);
Connecticut Warbler
(1 in good light on bushes
near Great Ragweed. Pale
hood clearly visible, and
appeared to have complete
eyering; believe I noted
long under-tail coverts);
Maryland Yellowthroat
(2); Canada Warbler (2)
down beside track, near
last trestle at point of land
between track & stream);
Redstart (1, male); English
Sparrows (4 at home, with
1 Cowbird pecking in saw-
dust around White Ash

at west end of house);
Red-winged Blackbirds (20-30)
flying from East to West
above tracks - heard others
from time to time while I was
in woods & could not see
them above tree-tops); Cowbirds
(40-50 at home, bathing in
bird bath at Gable's & under
Holloran's sprinkler);
Scarlet Tanager (1 ^{female} male);
Cardinals (4-6); Goldfinches (10-20);
Juncos (2-4); Chipping Sparrows
(4-6 at home); Song Sparrows
(4-6 - home & woods).

Sept. 26, 1953 - Saturday
Clear and warm - temp.
in morning probably 68°. Arrived
woods about 7:35 - left
woods 10:15 a.m. (Glen
Carlyn Park).

Killdeers (2-3 calling at
home); Yellow-billed Cuckoo
(4 - three in trees over-
hanging stream just west of
G. D. Hurvey marker, heading
west on stream as they
fed along; and a fourth

at west end of Dark
Pool; Chimney Swifts
(many) milling around
over the corner of
Rochester + Trinidad
Streets, making many
fluttering "passes" at
the Kennedy's chimney,
and a few at the chimney
of the adjoining house on
Rochester; Red-bellied
woodpecker (1 calling in
woods across Rochester);
pair of Downies at east
end of Dark Pool; Blue
jays (many); Crows (6-10);
Chickadee (several); Titmouse
(several); Nuthatch (3); House
Wren (1, along tracks); Carolina
Wren (2); Mockingbird (several-
4-6 at home, two at little Bray-
hill homes); Catbirds (2);
Brown Thrashers (2 - at
Dark Pool, near Catbirds);
Robins (many); Bluebirds (4-6,
at home); Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1);
Sterlings (several at Dark Pool
& Brayhill homes); Red-eyed
Vireos (4) one had yellowish under-

tail coverts); Black and White Warbler (1 male, one or two females, probably two); Tennessee Warbler (1 in good light at Great Ragweed - excellent view of all markings). Magnolia Warblers (3 females or imm. birds in bright color); Chestnut-sided Warbler (1); Bay-breasted Warbler (2); Black-poll Warbler (2); Western Palm Warblers (1 or 2 birds about house all day long, on ground, fences, swinging, etc. - calls could be heard at all times - birds quite unwarry); Hooded Warbler (1); Redstart (2 females); English Sparrows (small flock at home, 10-20); Red-winged Blackbird (probably 300 or more flying west along tracks and over nearby woods, in several small flocks of 8-10, and other flocks of 20 to 50 or more, all during time I was in Park); Cowbirds (40-50 at home);

Cardinals (6-10 at home & in Park); Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1 calling near Dark Pool); Scarlet Tanager (1 at east end of Dark Pool); Goldfinches (3-4 near Broyhill home); Towhees (2-3); Chipping Sparrows (2-3 at home); Song Sparrows (4-6, at home & in woods).

Sept. 27, 1953 - Sunday
Overcast during trip -
temp. in low 70's - warm.
Arrived woods about
7:15 EST (first day of
Daylight Saving), & left
about 9:15.

Cooper's Hawk (1);
Mourning Dove (3 together at
3rd. & Jefferson, where I
parked); Chimney Swifts
(many); Flicker (1); Downy
Woodpecker (3 - saw a pair,
heard one other call); Peewee (2 at
Dark Pool & Warbler Oak); Blue Jays
(many); Crows (12 together flying West
over Survey marker; later 4 flying

east over Dark Pool);
Chickadees (8-12); Titmouse
(8-12); Nuthatch (1); Carolina
Wren (3); Mockingbird (6-8,
at home & Park); Catbirds
(2-3); Brown Thrashers (2);
Robins (many); Bluebirds (68,
at home); Ruby-crowned
Kinglet (2); Starling (10-15);
Red-eyed Vireos (3-4); Black &
White Warblers (3 females);
Tennessee Warblers (2 near
Warbler Oak - near B + Whites);
Parula W. (1); Magnolia
Warbler (at least 3); Black-
throated Green W. (1);
Chestnut-sided W. (2-3 near Dark
Pool & W. oak); Bay-breasted
Warblers (6-8, near Dark Pool
& West along tracks); Black-poll
Warblers (6-8, same locations
as Baybreasted); Western Palm
Warblers (4-6 at home); Maryland
Yellow-throats (one ^{adult} male, two females
or immature); Hooded W. (1 calling);
Canada W. (2); Redstart (3 - female
or immature); Engl. Sparrows
(10-15 at home); Red-winged
Blackbirds (100 or more flying
west in small flocks);

Cowbirds (50 or so at home),
Cardinals (6-10, home + at
Great Ragweed); Rose-breasted
Grasbeaks (2 calling near Dark
Pool); Goldfinch (6-10);
Jowhees (3-4); Song Sparrows
(4-6 - home + woods).

Sept. 28, 1953 - Monday.
Awaked at 5:30 (EST)
by squeals of young rabbit
gerbil had caught. As I
went to the back porch to
look at the lovely rosey
pre-sunrise blush in the
sky, many calls of
olive-backed Thrushes
came from low and
nearby - apparently
over ~~3000~~ Trinidad +
Rochester. While the flight
calls continued, I took a
quick look with my old
binoculars, but could not
pick up any birds. At the
same time, a Wood Thrush
called in the woods across
Rochester.
I walked to the front

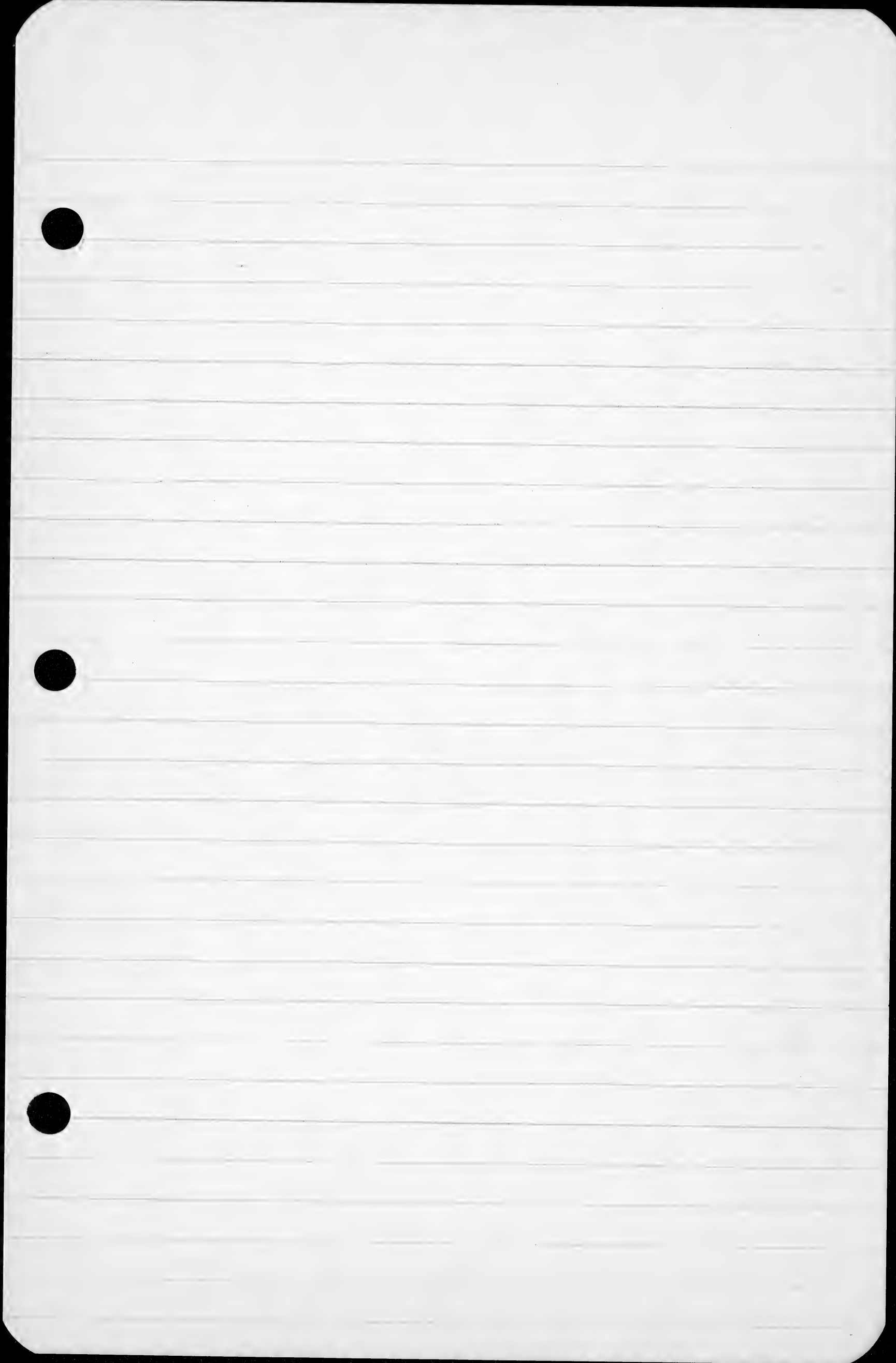
door in time to hear the call
of one Blackpoll Warbler,
flying above the front yard.
In the afternoon, two
Western Palm Warblers
were in the yard.

Sept. 29, 1953. - ~~at~~ Tuesday.
My birthday. Several
weeks ago received a vintage
Cooper Cyclo - no rotary
lawn mower, from Claire.
Today received from Susan
a large "Father" coffee cup -
hand-painted - ~~the~~ holding
about 3 regular cups. Nice
cards from Claire, Susan,
Mary, Peggy, Jess, Lottie,
Helen Garba.

Western Palm Warblers
in yard. Choebe on clothes
pole. Temp. today 89° - still
very dry.

Sept. 30, 1953 - Wed.

Olive-back Thrushes. Western
Palm Warblers. Temp. 92° - hottest
Sept. 30 on record. Swifts.



Jan. 24, 1954 - Sun.

Many birds came to bird feed in back yard, Starlings, Juncos, English Sparrows, several Song Sparrows, and one Tree Sparrow, first seen in Susan's Weeping Willow.

Feb. 15, 1954 - Mon.

Temp. up to 61° yesterday, after being down to as low as 19° a few days ago. Top temp. today was 76° , 1 degree short of record set for this date in 1949!

Saw a Robin in a tree over Little Falls Road (heard one call just two days before last 6.5 inch snow, after a few mild days). Saw a bat flying about above G St, N.W., between 18th & 19th, as I headed for the car, about 5:55 P.M.

Feb. 16, 1954 - Tuesday.

Up to 78° today.
Lowest was 57° this morning. Heard a Purple Grackle call near Little Falls Road, between Ohio St. & Lexington Street, and another along Old Dominion Drive almost to Lee Highway. Killdeers calling tonight. Listened for Spring Peepers, but heard none, perhaps due to some (or so) wind blowing. They should be singing, but the nearest spot is at Fairfax & Westmoreland Drives, a mile away - and can barely hear them at best.

Feb. ~~March~~ 21, 1954 - Sunday

Nice mild day. Heard first Spring Peepers across Roosevelt Road; apparently there is a low damp spot at the edge of

"Spring is Coming Early this Year".
Johnny Johnson Capitol
Records.

the woods.

Feb. 28, 1954 - Sunday.

Claire reported a small gray bird in the mimosa on the front yard, which flew into the back yard. I hurried there, and saw the first Phoebe on the back fence, pumping his tail. Later in the day, I heard him calling from the woods across Roosevelt Road. Susan says that two or three days ago, near St James, she heard one calling his name "Fee-be!", "Fee-be!".

March 2, 1954 - Tuesday.

As Bill Robey and I came up Bolling Road about 8:00 a.m., at the turn of the road near the Motel fence, a Fox Sparrow

flew up with several Juncos.

This afternoon, as we came along the Memorial Highway, approaching Key Bridge, about 200 Red-winged Blackbirds flew over from West to East. This was about 6:00 P.M. Spring Peepers in evening.

March 6, 1954 - Sat.

Quite chilly this morning - down to about 26° at airport. Got only up to 42° today.

About mid-morning I saw the first Chipping Sparrow on the terrace near the Blue-bird box, hopping about among the roses, then out on the lawn.

About noon, I heard the calls of a Myrtle Warbler out front, and saw it on the wires, calling repeatedly. It

Then flew slowly off to the West, across George Evans yard.

About 6:15 P.M., a Robin called sharply from the woods across Roosevelt Ad., while a Mockingbird sang in the distance.

Today a Bluebird flew from the nest box to the fence and ate some of the nightshade berries, now, ^{mostly} quite dried up. Song Sparrows are at my feeding spots frequently, also are Junco, English Sparrows and Starlings. The male Cardinal came twice to feed.

March 7, 1954 - Sun.

38° this morning - up to 52° by afternoon - only a light breeze, in contrast to chilly 20-30 mph. of yesterday.

Heard Spring peepers

during day, on drive to the
Blows, near Annapolis.

Bluebirds quite active,
Juncos, Song Sparrows,
House Sparrows, and Starlings
Male Cardinal at feeder twice
today & once yesterday - no female
seen for about ten days.

One Purple Grackle flew by
~~to~~ fairly high overhead, headed
northeast. In afternoon two
Robins also flew over our
lot, headed northeast, about
60-80 feet up, calling, and
dropping low, circling
Swan's house & flying toward
32nd & Inchausti. Heard a
Cowbird call along Roosevelt
Road. Cardinal sang several
times today, as he has for
several weeks.

March 8, 1954 - Monday.

Low 38 today - high in low
50's. Male Cardinal under
Weeping Willow, feeding with
Juncos & Song Sparrows. Blue
birds at box.

As Bill and I came home,
I again saw about 100 or
more Red-winged Blackbirds
flying N.E. (about 6:00 P.M.) —
the sexes being easily disting-
uished in the bright light of
the setting sun — just dis-
appearing behind the Arlington
hills.

Many Herring Ring-
billed Gulls along the River.

Mrs. Peacock has been
banding a number of Fox
sparrows and Myrtle
Warblers. Mrs. Rule says
many Myrtles have been
coming to feed tray for suet
and peanut butter.

March 13, 1954 - Sat.

Had preliminary get-together
to plan a Northern Virginia
Chapter of V.S.O. Present were:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Rule, Mrs.
M. Brantley Peacock, Mr. Arthur
H. Fast, and Jim Watson — all
at our house. Mr. Fast brought
a pair of banded Purple Finches
in a trap, and Mrs. Peacock

brought a Fox Sparrow. After a while, we turned them loose from the back porch ^{about 3:00}. The Finches flew to Susan's Weeping Willow, and stayed there until after 5:00 P.M. The female went to the ground for bird feed several times as I took occasional looks out the window. The male moved about, occasionally picking at the band on his leg. Neither bird seemed to note the bird-cake (mixed seed in suet), altho they sat near it.

The Fox Sparrow, when released flew with legs dangling directly over Halloran's house, and dropped out of sight beyond - either alighting in the thick broom-grass or flying on to the woods.

Rain most of night.

March 16, 1954 - Tues.

First Spring Song of the Robin - rich & clear. Number of Robins about. Saw several Grackles. Many Juncos singing in yard, & Song Sparrows.

Cowbird called nearby.
Bluebirds busy at bird house.
Phoebe calling in woods.
Dick Kloeber has put up a
number of bird houses and
a feed-tray.

March 20, 1954 - Sat.

Temp. got up to 63° in early
afternoon, then got very windy
and colder as I planted new
shrubs and trees, using
sawdust I got this a. m. at
Samuel I heard Nuthatch,
Chickadees, Titmouse.

Grackles about, also

3/22
Robins, Song Sparrows,
many Juncos, Bluebirds.
Jays calling in woods across
Roosevelt Road. Spring came in
10:54 P.M. Many Hylas singing last
nite.

March 21, 1954 - Sun.

Very windy, cold, especially
unpleasant in afternoon,
altho temperature got to low
40's. Went to Pine Ridge, got
Mock Oranges and two
Dogwood trees (gave Rules &
half-logan nightshade vines).

Saw 1 Titmouse & 1 Chickadee at
feed tray on window, also Song
sparrow. Mocking-bird in
rose against chimney, then
on roof, & all about.

Finished planting in afternoons
plus some other chores.

Magnolias (Soulangiana
& Star) are now blooming,
also Flowering Peach, many
Plum trees, etc.

March 22, Mon.

Ice in water along hi-
way today - official temp. at
airport 33°. Supposed to get
only to about 40° today, but
got much milder, to about
60°. Robins singing.

Susan had last perform-
ance of her operetta,
"Kathleen", yesterday.

Forgot to note that on March 20,
as I drove along Old Dominion
Drive to get sawdust and passed
the big home "Sanbercal", I saw
the flash of a bird in leaves &
shrubby on the grounds of a
home just across the road from

"Sambertal" & a little beyond.
As a second bird flew I
saw the flash of colors of
a male Towhee. Believe both
birds were Towhees.

March 26, 1954 - Saturday.

First Spring bird "outing". Went to
Glen Carlyn Park. There was a heavy
overcast, and it was rather cool - in
low 40s, probably. I was shocked to
see the "manicuring" that had
taken place during the winter.
The entire area along the north
bank of Lubber^{Run}, from the bridge at
Jack-in-Pulpit clearing all the
way to the Falls near the apartment
houses at Columbia Ridge, has
been cleaned of all undergrowth,
all young trees, shrubs (such as
spice bush & other moisture-loving
bushes), vines & plants - all
out, together with lower limbs of
trees. This is the area where I
usually see the Blue-winged
Warbler, the White-eyed Vireo,
occasionally Chats & Kentucky
Warblers, and always the

Towhees, Wood Thrushes, Maryland Yellowthroats, White-throated Sparrows, etc., etc.

The area on the right bank of Honeysuckle Stream - once a wonderful damp thicket of honeysuckle, cat-briars and other undergrowth, interspersed with small trees and May Apples, is all destroyed. Even the beautiful Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginica*) with the Coral Honeysuckle climbing through it, is gone - just bare ground and the larger trees. Now I could always find (in season) Winter Wrens, Hermit Thrushes, Wood Thrushes, Oven Birds, Louisiana Water Thrushes, White-throated Sparrows, Kentucky Warblers, and so on. The Dark Pool - where I saw the Sandpipers (Solitary & Spotted) often, rarely the Wood Ducks, and always found many birds near the stand of Great Ragweed, has all been filled in with fill dirt & even the undergrowth

10-12'

in the area of the G. W. Survey
marker (now placed upright &
fenced in) has been largely
removed.

Saw these birds:

one Duck Hawk flashed
by low overhead, heading
North East, shortly after I passed
the "Little Pond in the Woods," got
a good look at shape, flight,
size, etc.; 1 Bob-white calling;
several Mourning Doves; 1-2
 Flickers; 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker;
2 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers flew
from north side of tracks as I
came back toward car, going
across toward Beech Bend;
2 Downies; 2 Phoebe; Blue
Jays; 2-3 Crows; several
Chickadees; several Titmice, 1-2
White Breasted Nuthatches; at car,
as I entered woods, I heard a
delightful little song I couldn't plu-
rally located Brown Creeper,
singing repeatedly; 1 Winter Wren
near R. R. tracks; 1 Carolina Wren;
Mockingbirds; many Robins;
2-3 Golden-Crowned Kinglets

near G. W. Marker; also 2-3
Ruby-Crowned Kinglets; Starlings;
1 Myrtle Warbler, I believe;
House Sparrows; Many Grackles;
several Cardinals; many Juncos,
singing; many White-throated
Sparrows, some singing; Song
Sparrow singing.

April 3, 1954 - Saturday:

To Glen-Carlyn Park about 7:00
A.M., Clear, windy, mild at
first, but getting rather chilly
about 7:15.

1 Killdeer at home; 6-10 Mourning
Doves; 1 Belted Kingfisher above
stream at Beech Bend, fly west, close
to me - "rattling"; 2 Flickers;
3 Red-bellied Woodpeckers; 5
Downies; 2-3 Phoebes; many Jays;
Crows (4-6); Fish Crow (2) near
Beech Bend; Chickadees; Titmice;
at least 2 Brown Creepers
singing & flitting about over
area where Fringe tree & cord
honeysuckle were cut out; 1 Winter
Wren on stream here; 1 Carolina

Wren calling and frisking about;
Mocking-birds; many Robins;
3-4 Bluebirds at home; two
* Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers hunting
about in tops of birches and young
locust tree near the stand of
White Ashes opposite Dark Pool, ²/₃
only called once or twice; two
Golden-crowned Kinglets with
the Brown Creepers & Titmice &
chickadees; Starlings; House
Sparrows; 4-6 meadow Larks;
many Grackles; several Cowbirds;
4-5 Cardinals; Purple Finches
singing over Jack-in-Pulpit
Clearing - could not locate
them, as I was in a hurry;
Star-c. Juncos (many); 3-4
Chipping Sparrows; Field
Sparrows (several); many
White Throated Sparrows;
Song Sparrows.

April 4, 1954 - Sun.

Fine morning - rather mild
until mid-afternoon, when
it got cooler.

When Susan and I
arrived home from Church

about 9:00 a. m., I saw birds fly from near the front of the house, across to the edge of our yard, and some on Edly's lawn, across the Barberry Juliaena. Caught the flash of white tail feathers. * There were 6-10 vesper sparrow, quite tame. In a few minutes I spotted several Northern Horned Larks with them - the yellow eye-stripe quite noticeable.

Later saw a half-dozen Chipping Sparrows and many Juncos ~~on~~ Holloran's back lawn; also Song Sparrows about; Bluebirds ~~singing~~, pair of Cardinals; Starlings, many Cowbirds; many Grackles & Red-winged Blackbirds during day; ~~etc.~~ Doves, meadow larks, etc.

nest building

Mrs. Rule told me she heard the Louisiana Water Thrush sing today at the Manassas God & Run Club, then located it teetering on a log. Also many Purple

Martens circling over the lake there.

April 7, 1954 - Fri. Wed.

Temp. 80° yesterday, after cold-snap ~~Thursday~~ Thursday & Friday: 87° today - nice gentle rain last night.

Cherry blossoms past their peak, also Forsythia to some extent (blooming for 3 weeks); Daffodils beautiful everywhere, as they have been for two weeks; many red tulips for past week; Japonica somewhat past peak after several weeks of bloom; also Magnolia Soulangeana past peak & fading fast.

Great increase in numbers of birds about.

Steady breeze from South all day today.

April 8, 1954 - Thursday

Temp. 65° at 6:00 a.m. Hit 83° at 11:10 a.m., but then a brief thunder-storm & winds

dropped the temp. Two of
our tulips were partly open
this afternoon when I came home.

When I looked out the front
door at 6:40 a.m., a beautiful
Yellow & Palm Warbler was walking
about on the grass by the little pink
dogwood, feeding along & wagging
its ~~tail~~ tail. Caught several insects as
I watched, then flew into back yard.
Very brightly colored. There were
about a half dozen Chipping Sparrows
in back yard - also pair of
Cardinals, Juncos, Song & House
Sparrows. Saw Grackles &
Red-winged Blackbirds during day.

April 10, 1954 - Saturday.

Had first get-together of
a Northern Virginia Chapter
of V.S.O., at Pine Ridge this a.m.
Met at 7:00 a.m. at Rules, &
broke up at about 2:00 p.m.

Those present: Mr. & Mrs.

Rule, Mrs. Peacock, Mr.

Stevens, Mr. Sawyer & Mr.

Gallagher, Mrs. Scott, Danny

Peacock, Claire, Susan J.,

and Jim Watson.

Had a fine clear day, rather cool at first, but warmed up to fine day. Saw 40 species: Turkey Vultures (4); Cooper's Hawk (1); Red-shouldered Hawk (1 screaming); Killdeer (several in open field); Mourning Dove - 6-10 in course of day - several in open field, where recently plowed & disked; Flicker (several seen & heard); Red-bellied woodpecker (2); Downy (2-3); Phoebe - (several); Prairie Horned Lark (several on freshly-turned earth, calling & singing quite close to us; one singing flight song as it "sky-larked" directly overhead); Blue Jays (several); Crows (several); Chickadees (10-12); Titmice (4-6); Brown Creepers (2-3, singing high in trees along Accotink Creek, where countless dogtooth violets were in bloom, also other violets. House Wren (heard one sing in Pine Ridge as we were heading home); Winter Wren (1 on Accotink Creek); Mocking Bird (several);

Brown Thrasher (several, at Rules & later); Robins (many); Bluebirds (many); Grackles (1 calling at Accotink Creek); Golden-crowned Kinglets (3-4); Starlings (many); Myrtle Warblers (3); Louisiana Water Thrush (2 - 1 on Accotink Creek, one on Rules' stream); English Sps (many); Meadowlarks (6-10 in fields); Redwinged Blackbirds (several flocks); Grackles (many during day - dozen or so with Cowbirds in field); Cowbirds (many - perhaps 200 in flock on freshly-turned ground, with Grackles in flock - all maneuvered as one bird. Other Cowbirds heard & seen all day); Cardinals (4-6); Purple Finches (many - Mrs. Peacock banded several while we were there. Others sang all about us, all around Peacocks & Rules houses & feeders, etc). Towhee (1 male on Scott's yard with White-throats); Savannah Sparrows (6-10, a new,

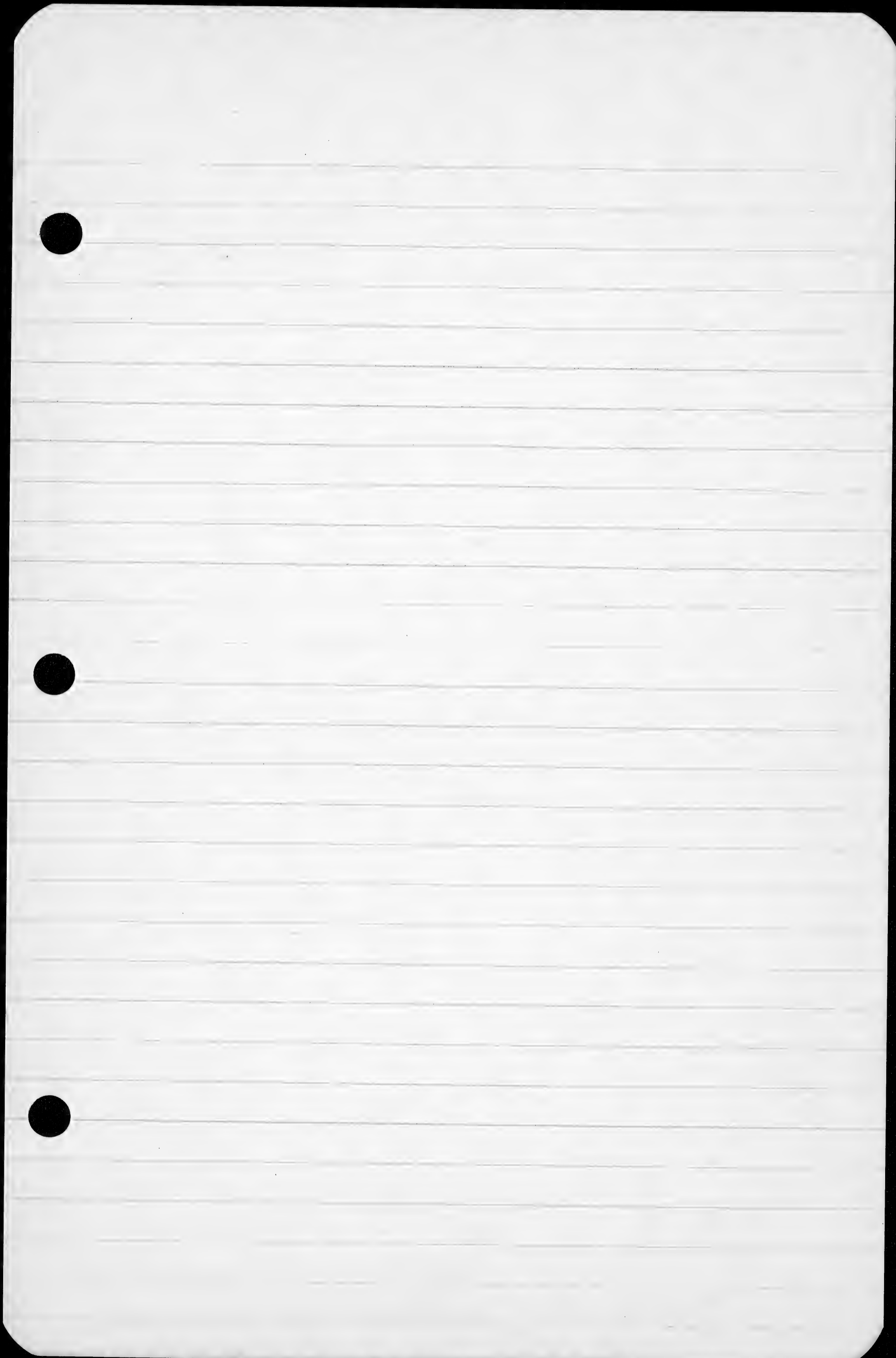
4/18 - Ch. Swifts

along fence rows in field -
relatively tame); Juncos
(many); Chipping Sparrows
(many); Field Sparrows
(10-20); White-throats (many)
Song Sparrows (10-20);

April 13, 1954 - Tuesday.

Glorious day. 10-20
Purple Martins at boxes
in back of Safeway or
Lee Hiway at Hillwood -
calling & darting about.

Dogwoods open $\frac{3}{4}$ inch
wide; Crab-apples are
breathtaking now.



April 20, 1954 - Tuesday

First day of an abbreviated ~~spring~~ vacation - to last thru April 30.

Awoke about 5:45 - got into woods about 6:20. A brilliantly clear morning, with a light wind. Cool at first, so ^{that} my leather jacket felt good over a flannel shirt. By the time I got back to the car at 8:45 a. m., I was quite warm. It was a glorious day, with birds everywhere.

A Wood Thrush sang beautifully about 30 feet up in an oak in back of the old house at my parking place.

A Phoebe called, Mocking-birds sang nearby, Jays and Starlings called, and a Ruby-Crowned Kinglet sang - all near the car.

As I got down near the fountain, I heard the sweet song of a Black & White Warbler up on the hill near Arlington Blvd.

Then I heard a frantec

commotion about 40-50 feet up in an oak over the Spring, as two Downy Woodpeckers fought 3 Starlings for possession of a nest hole. The Downys were keeping up a continual wild rattle of calls as they fought. I threw a rock up into the tree, and the Starlings moved.

As I got in back of the old red-house, I heard the sweet song of a Vireo, like a Yellow-throat, but softer. Finally located a Solitary Vireo - high in the tree top. I spent 15 min. or more, locating him, and trying to be certain of my identification. I later saw and heard at least 3 more Solitaries. Two were bathing, with myrtle Warblers, a Cardinal, several yellow Palm ~~Warblers~~ and a Prothonotary W. in the ripples just below the J. W. Sarvey marker.

The bathing technique of the solitary was to fly down at a 45° angle from a perch about 2 ft. above the water, hitting it with a big splash about 4 ft. away, and immediately arising to shake itself.

As I crossed Jack-in-the-Pulpit clearing, a Broad-winged Hawk flew ^{over} above Beech Bend. I later saw another flying about in the trees and calling, up Honeysuckle Stream. Later I saw one, perhaps the first one, circling high above the Northwest end of the Park, as I near J-in-P clearing on way home.

Then I heard the song of an Ovenbird on the hillside back of J-in-P clearing. Later I heard a second one sing.

Three or four Parulas sang near the G. W. Survey Marker, and here I saw a brilliant yellow bird

perhaps 50 feet up, with
whitish or light parts
under the tail, no stripes
or wing bars, bluish wings -
then I could see it was
a Prothonotary Warbler -
first I've seen in many
years. Later I saw another
in shadow, then in brilliant
sunlight, at 30 feet distance,
sitting about a foot above
the water, where it had
been bathing with the
Vireos.

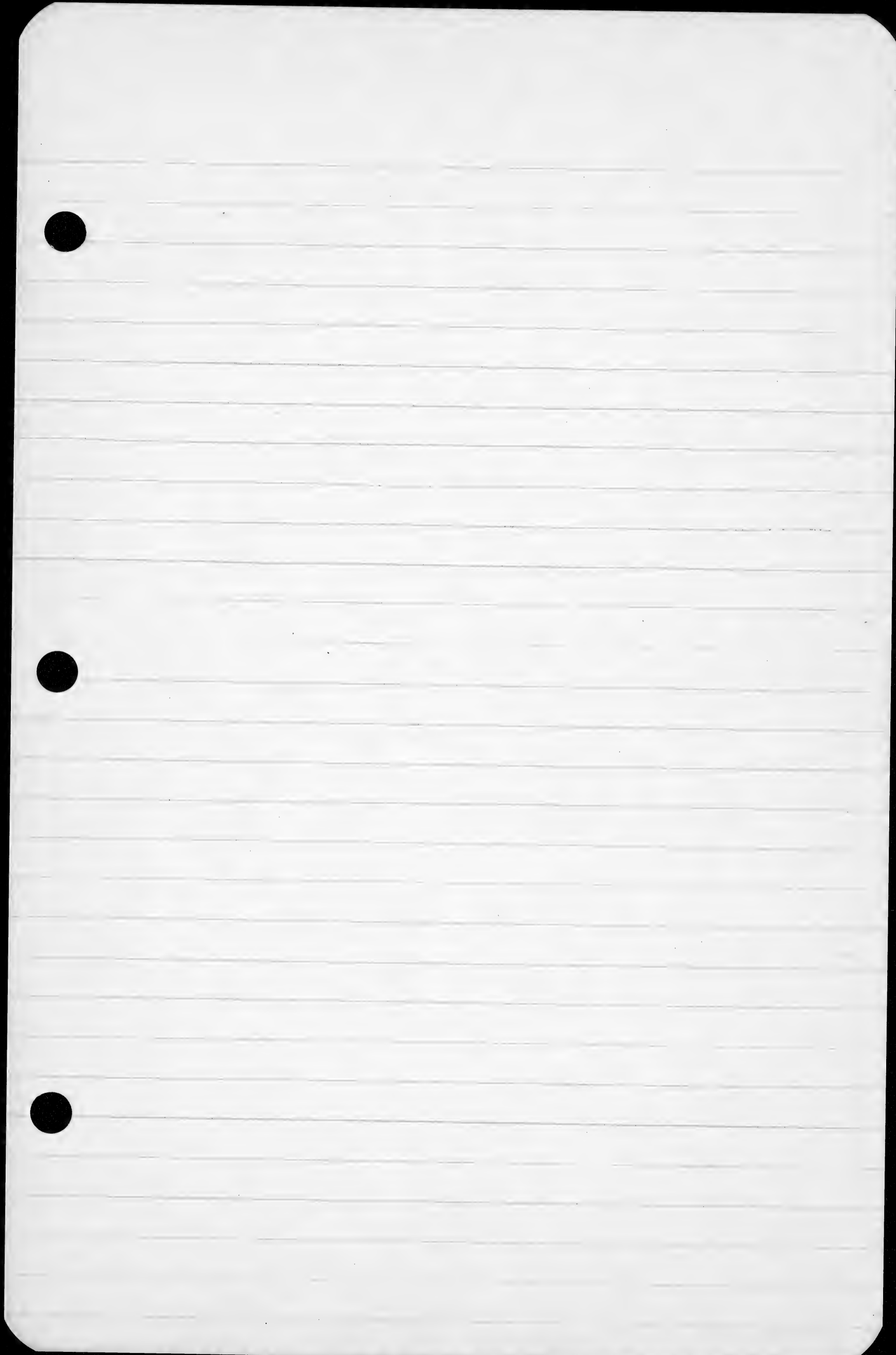
As I watched the Prothon-
otary, an Osprey flew
by, just above the tree
tops, flying west.

Then I located 3 or 4
Yellow Palen Warblers
about 60-70 feet up in
the oaks in the clearing
near G.W. Marker

Later I saw 2 or 3
bathing with the other
birds. I walked with
8-10 of one as it preened.
Later, about noon at
home, a Kingbird

Bobolink
50 - Sun. 4/18

Came out of the South,
from the direction of
Westmoreland Drive, Falls
flying above 33rd St. & ^{Chase}
over our place giving his
ringing "battle cry"
continuously as he flew,
over a period of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
A complete list
follows:



Feb. 5, 1955 - Saturday.

Last Sunday (Jan. 30) Irston Barnes called to say that a Brown-Capped Chickadee had been seen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benington, at Wellington, south of Alexandria and just off the Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. Today, Mr. Fast and I went down and found Barnes and Shirley Briggs there, waiting to get photographs. Mr. & Mrs. Benington were home, and later Ross Sumner and Elsie Meyer of the D.C. Audubon Society (formerly of the Mass. Audubon Soc.) arrived. We had very fine views of the "Blown-Cap" from 1:00 until 3:30 P.M., when we had to leave. It came to the tray feeder by the porch door repeatedly, while several of us stood within 10-15 ft. talking, and also came to the hanging post feeder.

in a tree while Shirley Briggs sat in a car almost directly beneath, taking color photos with a telephoto lens. The bird was quite distinct, we thought, and easily identified. I have since seen color motion pictures taken of the bird by Ralph Lawrence at a later date.

The following birds were also seen and/or heard: Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy, Blue Jay, Crow, Black-capped Chickadee (several), Carolina Chickadee (several), Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch (3-4), Red-breasted Nuthatch (2-3), Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Starling, Myrtle Warbler (3-4), English Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird (one heard calling & singing, then we observed it in the oaks at the bottom of the ravine - first I've seen since I left Woodbridge), Cardinal, Purple Finch (8-12), Goldfinches, Juncos, White-

throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows.

Dr. Barnes was almost certain the calls ~~he~~^{we} heard overhead were White-winged Crossbills, but we were not sure.

4/3/55 Red-wings 50-75
Brown Thrasher
Phoebe in woods across
4/2/55 - 150-200 Roovers.

Canada Geese

flying ^N Northwest,
over house.
Tuckahoe St F.C.

4/4 - Cowbirds,
Redwings. Flicker
calling - Juncos
singing. Temp 70°

4/9/55 - Sat. Hot
I heard a Chipping
Sp. at home

4/10 - Sun. - Chipping
sparrow singing

on front yard in
Memosa. - then
several during day

MAY 1953
MONDAY

6 P. M.

5 P. M.

4 P. M.

3 P. M.

2 P. M.

1 P. M.

12 Noon

11 A. M.

10 A. M.

9 A. M.

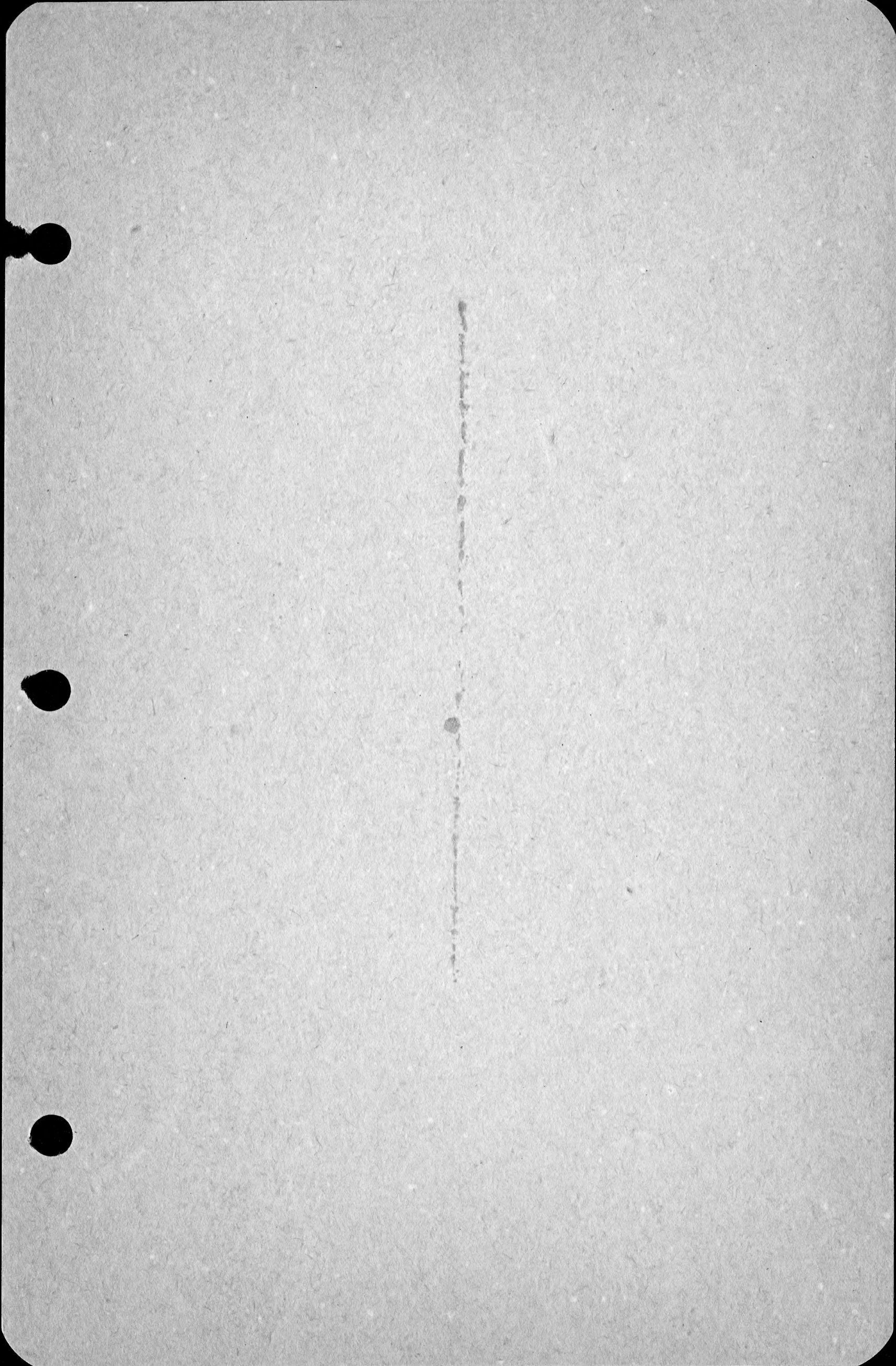
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125— TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1953 —240

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April 2, 1955-





1950 - Dates of first arrival, Spring:

N.B.

1950

Notes for next Spring migration:

1. Always get out early - in woods by 6:00 or 6:30 a. m.
2. Any song resembling Black & White Warbler in quality, but shorter, not so ringing, and not quite the "normal" Black & White song, check closely - may be Blackburnian Warbler, usually high in tree tops, especially white oaks.
3. Look for Blue-Winged Warbler Song - "sweee-d-d-d-z-z-z-z-z", with end of song sounding to me like like rapidly clicking Ball-Bearings - (see May 1, 1950). Unmistakable song.
4. Evening Grosbeak - normally here only in occasional winters - "screech - screech - clink!"
5. Watch for song of Kentucky Warbler - if listened to carelessly, may be mistaken for Carolina Wren.
6. Nashville W. - "sweedie, sweetie, sweedie, chipper, chipper, chipper"

7. Around May 12 or 13 watch
for Tennessee W. -
Very loud, rich ~~the~~ song -
colored like Warbling Vireo.
(See May 13, 1951)
8. Gray-checked Thrush - sharp
"pee-unt" call.
9. Olive backed Thrush - sharp
"puk!" call.
10. Very - a distinctive "churrr!"
"churrr!"
11. Tennessee (see 7 above) - loud, persistent,
ventriloquial "sweet-sweet-sweet-
chippier, chippier, chippier, chippier" -
the "chippers" very fast. High in
tree tops - extremely elusive.