## Elm Place School Bird Calendar Interesting to Local Nature Lovers

All interested in nature lure will find the following bird calendar prepared by the pupils and teachers of Elm Place school very helpful. good idea would be to clip this calendar from the paper and paste on cardboard for ready reference through the period of migration which extends from March to nearly the last of May.

In addition to the average dates of first arrivals, there is a list of birds seen in winter.

Average dates of first arrivals of the migratory birds, and a list of birds seen in winter.

Many of the birds included in the winter list remains as permanent residents. Others migrate northward at the approach of spring, while a few are rare transient visitors.

The dates set for the migratory birds are average dates, made up from observations over a period of years. These observations were made by teachers and pupils of Elm Place school

Miss Bertha Cramer, teacher of fifth grade science, has observed birds and kept a record of their arrivals for a number of years. The list follows:

Birds seen in winter in and near Highland Park:

Cardinal Grosbeak, Blue Jay, English Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Crow, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Marsh Hawk, Ring-neck Pheasant, Winter Wren, Herring Gull, Chickadee, Slate-colored Junco, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Short-eared Owl, Screech Owl, Barn Owl, Bohemian Waxwing, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak, American Goldfinch, Prairie Horned

Average first arrival of birds in Highland Park:

March 2 - Meadowlark, Bluebird, Robin, Song Sparrow.

March 8 - Red-winged Blackbird, Cowbird.

March 9-Cedar Waxwing, Bronzed Grackle, Kildeer.

March 10-Yellow-bellied Sapsuck-March 13-Woodcock.

March 17-Fox Sparrow, Sparrow

March 19-Migrant Shrike. March 21-Wood Pewee. March 22-Phoebe, Flicker. March 23-Mourning Dove.

March 26 - Kingfisher, Hermit Thrush, Brown Thrasher, Goldencrowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned King-

April 3-Crested Flycatcher. April 4-Vesper Sparrow.

April 9-Swamp Sparrow, Field Sparrow.

April 11-Tree Swallow. April 12-Bank Swallow, Towhee or Chewink.

April 13-White-throated Sparrow. April 15-Myrtle Warbler, Purple Martin.

April 21-White-crowned Sparrow, Barn Swallow, Whip-poor-will.

April 22-Chimney Swift, Chipping Sparrow.

April 24-Kingbird. April 25-House Wren.

April 26-Maryland Yellow-throat. April 27-Catbird.

May 3-Red-headed Woodpecker. May 4-Baltimore Oriole, Rosebreasted Grosbeak, Red-eyed Vireo,

Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Cape May Warbler, Palm Warbler, Black-throated Blue War-

May 5-Black-billed Cuckoo. May 5-Bobolink, Scarlet Tanager, Black and White Creeper, Wood Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush.

Warbler, Ovenbird, American Red- hibition among the piscatorial exstart, Least Flycatcher.

May 7-Chestnut Warbler. May 10-Indigo Bunting, Blackburnian Warbler, Nighthawk.

May 11-Warbling Vireo. May 12-Uarula Warbler. May 15-Bay-breasted Warbler. May 16-Ruby-throated Humming-

bird, Black-poll Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler.

May 17-Yellow-billed Cuckoo. May 19-Nashville Warbler.

## bler, Black-throated Green Warbler. Specimen of Fish That Walks in Field Museum

May 6-Yellow Warbler, Magnolia the bottom of the sea is now on ex- walks or hops along the bottom in hibits at Field Museum of Natural History. It is the batfish, a native of the tropical and semi-tropical seas of the Gulf of Mexico.

> The batfish has many peculiarities. Looking down at it from above it seems to have a body like a toad, but with a fishy tail. Body and tail are covered with warts and a scanty growth of white whiskers. Looked at from the side, it appears to have the forward ones moved along.

four legs with finny feet, and these are additionally odd from the fact that the pair close together under the throat are the hind feet, while the forefeet or hands are far apart and set well back.

While it can swim with its tail, like A specimen of fish that walks on any ordinary fish, the batfish usually comparatively shallow places, according to Alfred C. Weed, assistant curator of fishes. In its hopping, Mr. Weed says, it moves exactly in the same way as a rabbit feeding on a lawn. The weight is rested on the forward pair of feet and the rear ones are brought ahead; then the weight is shifted to the rear pair and



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