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GENERAL NOTES

Evening Grosbeaks at Montgomery

While the Evening Grosbeak (Hesperiphona vespertina) is fairly numerous in some years in the Mountain Region of Alabama, it has been recorded very few times on the Upper Coastal Plain. Imhof (Alabama Birds, 1962) mentions only one such record and it is in the spring (April). Mr. R. W. Skinner has informed me that there is a specimen in the State Department of Conservation collection that was taken at Selma. So far as I know it has never been recorded at Montgomery before.

On November 26, I received word that a small flock of Evening Grosbeaks had been seen at the bird bath and feeder of Dr. and Mrs. Maurer Maurer, 3560 Pelzer Ave., Montgomery. The birds were first seen on November 24 by Mr. D. W. Koons. Mr. Koons was unsure of the identity of the birds, but was quite sure that they were something unusual. Later that same day, the Maurers also saw the birds and while they too were unfamiliar with the species, they were able to determine that the birds were Evening Grosbeaks by using a field guide. One or two birds were seen again by the above observers on the 25th and 26th of November.

I tried to confirm their identification on November 27 but was unsuccessful. I did succeed in seeing the birds on November 28 and they were indeed Evening Grosbeaks. Further confirmation was provided by Mrs. A. C. Loftin of Montgomery who also saw the birds at this time. There was a