

## A SPECIMEN OF KIRTLAND'S WARBLER, SECURED MAY 13, 1905.

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This specimen was secured May 13, 1905, rather late in the afternoon, probably 5:30 p. m. The place was the northern end of a thicket on the farm of W. W. Kirkpatrick, about five miles east of New Paris, Ohio.

This part of the thicket is composed principally of second growth, with no trees more than 25 or 30 feet in height. The particular place where the specimen was secured is near the edge of the thicket within a few feet of an open field.

At no time while the bird was seen did it go more than from eight to ten feet from the ground. It flitted about the branches of the bushes in the usual manner of warblers, and after going over one, would fly directly to the next, and in a similar manner, go over it.

A teetering motion of the tail was constantly kept up, and was very noticeable. In fact, it was this that first attracted our attention. While moving about the branches, the tail was almost constantly moving up and down. This motion was not a motion of the body, as in the sandpipers, but of the tail alone.

The bird was not shy, and permitted us to approach within 20 or 25 feet, without flying or showing any alarm. At this distance it was easily possible to see the black spots upon the yellow underparts, without a glass.

The specimen taken was a female, and is preserved in the private collection of D. W. Dennis. Not more than 25 specimens of this bird have been seen; its biography is nearly a blank.

