

KEY TO OHIO LOCUSTS IN WINTER CONDITION.

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*Robinia* L. Trees or shrubs with alternate leaf-scars and usually with stipular spines; terminal buds absent; leaf-scars covering the small clustered or superposed axillary buds; the buds sunken and hardly projecting beyond the surface; pith cylindrical and of medium size.

1. Twigs glabrous; not glandular; a large slender tree with rough bark. *R. pseudacacia* L. Common Locust
1. Twigs very glandular or bristly. 2.
2. Twigs very bristly; with long glandular emergences; a much branching shrub. *R. hispida* L. Bristly Locust
2. Twigs very glandular, and with short gland-tipped emergences; a small tree with rough bark. *R. viscosa* L. Clammy Locust

A SPECIES OF HAWK NEW TO OHIO.—On Wednesday, February 6th, Professor W. C. Mills called my attention to a hawk which had been sent to him by M. Almer Hegler of Washington Court House, Ohio. The bird proves to be a specimen of the Gyr Falcon, *Falco rusticolus gyrfalco*, which has not been reported from the state before. Mr. Hegler writes as follows; "This hawk was caught in a steel trap while feeding upon a hen, but Mr. Carr who caught it is not sure that it killed the chicken itself, or whether some other hawk did the killing. It was caught two miles west of Washington Court House on Wednesday, January 30, 1907, on the farm of Jacob Carr."

The species is northern in its distribution and habitually wanders southward during winter weather, specimens being recorded for Kansas, Michigan and some of the New England States. The specimen was presented to the Zoological Museum, and is now being mounted so it may be kept in good condition as evidence of the first record of this fine species for Ohio.

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A BIRD NEW TO OHIO.—While comparing species of Ohio birds in my collection recently, with state records, I was surprised to discover that Leconte's sparrow, *Ammordamus lecontei* hitherto had not been recorded for the state. I have a specimen which I shot in a swampy meadow, near Cincinnati, Ohio, April 5th, 1880.

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