
BIRD NOTES

Sparrows Catching Termites.—“White ants” migrating in considerable numbers from an old house near Morphetville Racecourse at 5 p.m., November 13, 1948. The flying “ants” were being captured by English House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) as they landed on the ground; the birds were feeding avidly on the insects and had congregated in some number (about 50) in the neighborhood of the occurrence. The gutters of the house formed a natural trap, the termites landing on the roof and drifting into the gutters. At a later stage the birds were perched on the gutters and thus easily collected the termites. Termites with wings still attached could be seen in the beaks of the birds as they hunted.—H. M. Hale.