

for his dirty ill-kept appearance. His feathers at once cleared up and the entire bird except the bill, legs and feet, is of absolutely snowy whiteness. The eyes are a perfect bright pink, rather large for a robin. The bill, a very light ivory, and the feet and legs pinkish white with light yellow claws. Apparently this bird is perfectly normal in every way and well satisfied with his quarters. It is very tame, eats from the hand, will come at call, and seldom, almost never, ventures out of the conservatory, though large double doors continually open lead into the dining room. He is very active in his movements, cheery in his disposition. The first thing in the morning he greets the first riser with a continuous and lengthy volume of robin conversation. He does not appear to be quite as strong or vigorous as a normally colored bird, otherwise I can see no difference whatever except his color.

I have referred to this bird as "he", but I am not certain whether Robin Snowball is he or she.
Lacon, November 27, 1922.

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Complimenting the Check List

Miss Catharine Mitchell, Secretary of the Illinois Audubon Society, has recently received a letter from the President of the National Association of Audubon Societies from which the following paragraph is quoted:

"Your Check List is excellently prepared and should be a source of delight to the field bird students throughout the state and elsewhere. I prophesy you will have to have another edition prepared before a great while, for as soon as the publication becomes known undoubtedly there will be a great demand for it. It is very much along the line of something I have had in mind for a long time for the various states in the Union, and a year ago at the annual meeting of our Board of Directors, the minutes show that I spoke of the advisability of getting out just such a publication if we could take care of the matter financially. You have forestalled this for Illinois in a most splendid fashion. My heartiest congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

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