

Notes on the European Starling in Illinois

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ABSTRACT

In an attempt to investigate the possibility of the European Starling as a carrier of avian parasites from one poultry flock to another in Illinois, one hundred thirty-two (132) birds were examined during the months from September (1935) to January (1936).

Fifty-one of the Starlings examined were hosts to one or more cestodes (*Hymenolepis farciminosa* and *Rhabdometra nullicollis*), and three to Acanthocephala (*Mediorhynchus grandis*—Van Cleave). No evidence of the gapeworm (*Syngamus trachea*) so common to poultry was forthcoming.

A probable conclusion to this limited survey might suggest that the possibility of the Starling becoming a menace in carrying cestodes and nematodes to poultry flocks in Illinois, is at present, not very great.

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