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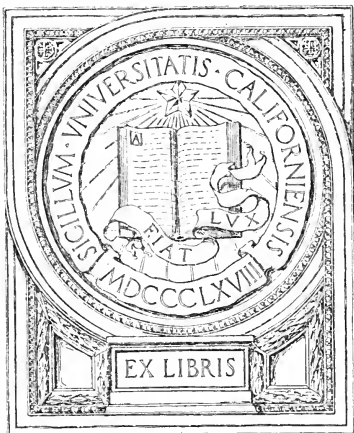
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LIST OF BIRDS

In vicinity of Fishkill on-Hudson. N. Y.

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During a stay of ten months in this place I have carefully studied the birds of the region; besides several small collections which I have seen, I have derived information from every available source in order to make the list as complete as possible. Endeavoring to class all birds on the basis of: *Abundant, common, rather common, —not rare, rather rare, rare*, I have been obliged to call the Robin, Song Sparrow, and one or two others, *very abundant*. The word *regular* signifies a spring and autumn migrant and summer resident, breeding. The star (*) indicates that I am indebted to my friend Mr. Peter de Nottbeck for the information, either personally, or from specimens in his collection; and the dagger (†) to Mr. John Lynch, of Fishkill. I have endeavored throughout to give only what I know, and not to theorize, hence the apparent imperfectness of the list.

TURDUS MIGRATORIUS, *Robin*. — Very abundant, regular. A few remain during winter in sheltered places on the mountains, feeding on the cedar berries.

TURDUS MUSTELINUS, *Wood Thrush*.—Common, almost abundant, regular, very tame, and sing in the trees of door yards, arrives *after* the Hermit Thrush, but breeds in the woodlands.

TURDUS PALLASI, *Hermit Thrush*.—Common, apparently regular. I have found them so late in fall and early in spring that I think they often remain during winter; prefers swamps in the highlands as well as lowlands.

Turdus swainsoni, and *Turdus fuscescens* were not detected at all. *Mimus polyglottus*, Mocking bird, has been reported from here several times, but I as yet have no positive evidence of its occurrence.

MIMUS CAROLINENSIS, *Cat bird*.—Common, regular, prefers the lowlands.

HARPORHYNCHUS RUFUS, *Brown Thrush*.—Rather common, regular, prefers highlands.

SIALIA SIALIS, *Blue Bird*.—Abundant, regular, a few remain during winter in sheltered places on the mountain side.

REGULUS CALENDULA, *Ruby crowned Kinglet*.—Not rare, during that part of winter that approaches fall and again spring, among evergreens.

REGULUS SATRAPA, *Golden-crested Kinglet*.—Common, except in summer, in evergreens and almost everywhere, a tame bird and very curious, though sly.

Lophophanes bicolor, Tufted Titmouse, and *Parus hudsonicus*, Hudsonian Chickadee, were not found, though carefully sought after.

PARUS ATRICAPILLUS, *Black-cap Chickadee*.—Common, at times abundant. I did not find it breeding, but think it must do so ; fall, winter, and spring.

SITTA CAROLINENSIS, *White bellied Nuthatch*.—Common in spring, fall and winter. I have found them in summer about a very small hole in a living tree, where I am informed that they have bred and doubtless do still breed.

Sitta canadensis, *Red bellied Nuthatch*, not observed at all anywhere.

CERTHIA FAMILIARIS, *Brown Creeper*.—Rather rare at any time, irregular. I have shot it once or twice.

TROGLODYTES CEDON, *House Wren*.—Common, regular ; arrives early in spring and builds about houses, very tame and familiar.

ANORTHURA TROGLODYTES var HYEMALIS, *Winter Wren*.—April 2d, with snow yet on the ground, I shot a specimen between two mountain slopes in a gorge of rocks, apparently a young one. I have seen others and judge it to be a winter visitor.

TELMATODYTES PALUSTRIS, *Long billed Marsh Wren*.—If anything, not rare, regular, breeding in the marsh of Denning's Point, and perhaps other places along the river. June 2d, I found a nest with 5 eggs, another completed fresh, but empty, and another just begun, (the nest is begun from the outside and built inwards.) The bird arrives late as far as I can judge from what I have seen.

Cistothorus stellaris, *Short billed Marsh Wren*, was not seen at all.

MNIOTILTA VARIA, *Black and White Creeper*.—Common as a migrant, rather common as a resident. I have several times found full and partially fledged young, and once a nest with four very young birds, at Orange Lake, six miles from Newburgh, right across the river.

HELMITHERUS VERMIVORUS, *Worm eating Warbler*.*—A specimen is before me taken on one of the mountains in *July*, 1877. It is evidently an adult, but I cannot tell whether a male or female. I saw two birds June 19, in a rocky part of the mountain, that came so near that I could plainly see markings upon the head, and that the body was brownish, with *no* white upon the breast. I thought then, and do now, that they were worm eating warblers; possibly they breed here.

DENDRÆCA ÆSTIVA, *Summer Warbler*.—Common, regular, from early spring to late fall.

DENDRÆCA VIRENS, *Black throated Green Warbler*.—Common, even at times abundant, from early spring (not known to breed) to late fall.

DENDRÆCA CERULESCENS,* *Black throated Blue Warbler*.—Several specimens taken in migrations, (May.)

DENDRÆCA CORONATA, *Yellow rumped Warbler*.—Abundant, high and low, in tall trees and low shrubbery, migrant. I do not know of its breeding, but it remained here a greater part of the last winter (1880), and were quite tame.

DENDRÆCA BLACKBURNIÆ, *Blackburnian Warbler*.*—Rather rare, I think migrant. A specimen was taken in May.

DENDRÆCA PENNSYLVANICA, *Chestnut sided Warbler*.—Not rare, perhaps rather common.

DENDRÆCA PALMARUM, *Yellow red poll Warbler*.—I obtained a specimen April 27th, and I think saw others, probably not rare.

SIURUS AURICAPILLUS, *Golden crowned Thrush*.—Abundant in woods and on mountain sides, regular, arriving early, remaining late.

SIURUS NOVABORACENSIS, *Water Thrush*. *—Though I have seen it taken here, I do not think it is as common as the next.

SIURUS LUDOVICIANUS, *Long billed Water Thrush*.—Of which I have seen several pair in different places, always in ravines by rocky running water. I have often lain still and had their curiosity prompt them to approach within a few yards of me, remaining about for some time, but always active. I am convinced that they probably breed, and believe them to be *not rare* and *regular*.

GEOTHLYPIS TRICHAS, *Maryland Yellow Throat*.—Rather common, regular; along deserted wood roads at foot of mountains.

ICTERIA VIRENS, *Yellow breasted Chat*. *—On the authority of Mr. de Nottbeck, who has a skin of one in his collection, it is not rare in the brush at the foot of the mountains. I have not seen it alive here.

MYIODIOTES MITRATUS, *Hooded flycatching Warbler*.—I have several specimens of this bird, apparently adult males; spring.

PYRANGA RUBRA, *Scarlet Tanager*. *—Rather common, or not rare, undoubtedly regular.

SETOPHAGA RUTICILLA, *Redstart*.—One of our well known birds and songsters in slightly marshy tall growths. I feel sure it breeds, from the lateness I have found it, but cannot say positively.

PYRANGA ÆSTIVA, *Summer Redbird*.—A bird "entirely scarlet" has been reported to me. I have no doubt it occurs rarely.

HIRUNDO HORREORUM, *Barn Swallow*.—Common, regular.

TACHYGINETA BICOLOR, *White bellied Swallow*.—Rather common in spite of the belief of some that it is rare or wanting, as late as June 2d all about Denning's Point. I cannot say for certain either that it breeds or is regular.

PETROCHELIDON LUNIFRONS, *Cliff or Eave Swallow*.—Not rare, in spring.

COTYLE RIPARIA, *Bank Swallow*.—Common, regular.

PROGNE PURPUREA.—On the authority of Mr. Benj. Strong of the Dutchess Hat Works.

AMPELIS CEDRORUM, *Cedar Bird*.—Common, regular. Abundant in flocks in spring and fall, several flocks remained here all last winter.

VIREO OLIVACEUS, *Red eyed Vireo*.—I think I have seen this hopping among the branches of the apple trees.

VIREO GILVUS, *Warbling Vireo*.*—Not rare, probably regular from its late occurrence.

VIREO SOLITARIUS, *Blue headed solitary Vireo*.*—One specimen obtained.

Vireo flavifrons and *Vireo novaboracensis*.—Not seen.

COLLURIO BOREALIS, *Great Northern Shrike*. *—Occasionally, "December, 1874," I have seen it since flying.

PINICOLA ENUCLEATOR, *Pine Grosbeak*.—I have seen a specimen taken here, no date was attached.

CORPODACUS PURPUREUS, *Purple Finch*.—Common, regular, possibly winter, as I have seen them late in fall and early in spring.

LOXIA CURVIROSTRA, *var AMERICANA*, *Common Red Cross bill*. *—One specimen from this place dated "October, 1877," and one labeled "St. Regis Lake, Adirondack Wilderness, adult, October, (late in the month,) 1877," is all the evidence that I have seen of this bird here, though it doubtless occurs frequently and in winter.

None of *Ægiothus* were seen, though they have been heard of lately as being here in former years; nor has *Chrysomitris pinus* been taken.

CHRYSOMITRIS TRISTIS, *Goldfinch*.—Abundant, regular. A great many passed the winter (1880) here.

PASSERCULUS SAVANNA, *Savanna Sparrow*.—Rather common, though I don't know as it breeds, in spring and fall.

POECETES GRAMINEUS, *Bay winged Bunting, Grass Finch*.—Not rare, so far as I have seen, only in small flocks in fields near low brush wood, spring and fall.

MELOSPIZA PALUSTRIS, *Swamp Sparrow*.—A specimen shot almost to pieces answered the description of this bird as near as it did anything; it was shot in a swamp.

SPIZELLA MONTICOLA, *Tree Sparrow*.—Common in migrations, and late in fall.

MELOSPIZA MELODIA, *Song Sparrow*.—Very abundant, regular, a few pass the winter.

JUNCO HYEMALIS, *Snow Bird*.—Abundant in spring, fall, and late fall and early spring if not throughout winter in the mountain retreats.

SPIZELLA SOCIALIS, *Chipping Sparrow*. Abundant, regular, late in fall, early in spring.

SPIZELLA PUSILLA, *Field Sparrow*.—Common, regular, found also in woods at base of mountains, where its song often deceives you for that of certain of the warblers.

ZONOTRICHIA ALBICOLLIS, *White throated Sparrow*.—Perhaps the most abundant species during migrations, prefers brush wood. I have not found them breeding, nor in winter, though very late in the fall.

Zonotrichia leucophrys.—I am certain I have seen one or two times.

PASSERELLA ILIACA, *Fox Sparrow*.—Abundant in migrations, as early as March 19, and very late in the fall.

GONIAPHEA LUDOVICIANA, *Rose breasted Grosbeak*.*—"Adult male, June, 1875."

CYANOSPIZA CYANEA, *Indigo Bird*.—Rather common, or at least not rare; perhaps breeds, as I have shot it in early June.

Cardinalis virginianus has not been seen or heard of.

PIPILO ERYTHROPTHALMUS.—Common, regular, in highland and lowland and thicket, sings best in the evening, a rather late arrival.

AGELAIUS PHENICEUS.—Abundant, regular except in winter, occurs late in fall.

DOLICHONYX ORYZIVORUS, *Bobolink*.—Common, rather local, regular, except in winter.

MOLOTHRUS PECORIS, *Cowbird*.—Common in flocks in migrations, resident.

STURNELLA MAGNA, *Meadow Lark*.—Abundant, regular, occasionally found in flocks at foot of mountain in winter. (I find that they have remained here in winter before.—*E. A. Mearns*.)

Icterus spurius, *Orchard Oriole*, occurs, but I have not yet taken it, though I am positive I have seen it.

ICTERUS BALTIMORE, *Baltimore Oriole*.—Abundant, regular, a late arrival in the spring.

Scolecophagus ferrugineus ought to have but has not been seen.

QUISCALUS PURPUREUS, *Crow Blackbird*.—Common, regular, arrives early and departs late.

CORVUS AMERICANUS, *Common Crow*.—Abundant, regular, a few remain during winter.

CYANURUS CRISTATUS, *Blue Jay*.—Abundant, regular, winters here.

PERISOREUS CANADENSIS, *Canada Jay*.*—Adirondack mountains.

TYRANNUS CAROLINENSIS, *Kingbird*.—Abundant, regular, arrives late in spring.

MYIARCHUS CRINITUS, *Great crested Fly catcher*.—Not rare, perhaps even rather common in spring; I have found it in the mountains and on the lake shore of the lowlands of Orange Lake, and heard it often late in the spring; I suppose it to breed, but cannot prove it.

SAYORNIS FUSCUS, *Pewee, Phœbe*.—Common, regular, arrives early.

Contopus borealis and C. virens and others not seen at all, probably common.

EMPIDONAX MINIMUS, *Least Fly catcher*.

ANTROSTOMUS VOCIFEROUS, *Whip-poor-will*.—Rather common, regular, though hard to obtain from its nocturnal habits; April 30, and even earlier.

CHORDEILES VIRGINIANUS, *Nighthawk*.—Common, regular. This bird is also hard to obtain from its retirement in daylight.

CHÆTURA PELAGICA, *Chimney Swift*.—Abundant, regular, arrives late and departs rather early.

CERYLE ALCYON, *Kingfisher*.—Rather common, regular. I have seen them very late in fall and in winter.

I have seen one or the other of the Coccyzus, or cuckoos, flying, but could not distinguish which species it was.

HYLOTOMUS PILEATUS, *Pileated Woodpecker*.†—Greene county.

PICUS VILLOSUS, *Hairy Woodpecker*.—Not rare, Oct. 23, one specimen, resident throughout the year, and regular.

PICUS PUBESCENS, *Downy Woodpecker*.—Common, resident throughout the year, and regular.

SPHYRAPICUS VARIUS, *Yellow bellied Woodpecker*.—I shot one specimen, April 19, in the yard as he was tapping upon a small pine tree.

MELANERPES ERYTHROCEPHALUS, *Red-headed Woodpecker*.*—An immature specimen, with no date, appears in my friend's collection from this place.

COLAPTES AURATUS, *Golden winged Woodpecker*.—Common, regular. I have seen it in late fall and early spring, but do not know as it winters.

TROCHILUS COLUBRIS, *Ruby throated Humming bird*.—Several, only seen.

BUBO VIRGINIANUS, *Great Horned Owl*.—I feel sure that I have noticed this bird somewhere, but cannot now tell where.

NYCTEA NIVEA, *Snowy Owl*.†—One specimen shot in Newburgh.

SCOPS ASIO, *Mottled Owl*.—Rather common, probably regular and throughout the year.

Neither of the Eared Owls yet observed.

SYRNIUM NEBULOSUM, *Barred Owl*.*—Not rare, probably regular, often found in the swamps.

CIRCUS CYANEUS, *Marsh Hawk*.—Rather common, regular.

ACCIPITER FUSCUS, *Sharpshinned Hawk*.*—Not rare, lowlands, several specimens examined.

ACCIPITER COOPERI, *Cooper's Hawk*.*—Not rare, lowlands, several specimens.

FALCO SPARVERIUS, *Sparrow Hawk*.—I have seen it flying several times.

BUTEO BOREALIS, *Red tailed Hawk*.—Rather rare, lowlands, probably regular.

BUTEO LINEATUS.—May be rather less rare than the last; neither appear to be common.

PANDION HALIÆTUS, *Fish Hawk*.*—Rather common, spring and perhaps fall.

ZENÆDURA CAROLINESIS, *Carolina Dove*.—Rather rare, regular, generally found in pairs.

HALLETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS, *Bald Eagle*.*
—Rather common in spring when the ice of the river breaks up, possibly a pair occasionally breed on the cliffs of Storm King on the opposite side of the river; the old settlers of the place at least affirm it.

ECTOPISTES MIGRATORIUS, *Wild Pigeon*.
Not rare in migrations, but I do not know of their breeding, though they probably do occasionally.

BONASA UMBELLUS, *Ruffed Grouse*, *Partridge*.—Now rather rare, formerly nearly common, having been killed off by the wild cats on the mountains and the hunters on the lowlands; regular, and winters.

ORTYX VIRGINIANUS, *Quail*.—Not rare at Orange Lake, the only place I found them, probably regular, as I found them June 10, apparently mated.

ÆGIALITIS VOCIFEROUS, *Killdeer Plover*.
†—Rather rare, occasional.

GALLINAGO WILSONI, *Snipe*.†—Not rare, fall.

PHILOHELA MINOR, *Woodcock*.—Not rare, a few may breed, but I think the most do not.

TOTANUS MELANOLEUCUS, *Greater Tattler*.*—A single specimen, not labeled, was taken from this region.

TRINGOIDES MACULARIUS, *Spotted Sandpiper*.—Common, regular.

ARDEA HERODIAS, *Great Blue Heron*.*—Not rare, fall, all along the river.

ARDEA VIRESCENS, *Green Heron*.—Rather common, apparently regular.

GALLINULA GALEATA, *Florida Gallinule*.—Apparently rare, a single specimen was shot here, but the date is not given.

BOTAURUS LENTIGINOSUS, *Bittern*. †—Occasional.

PORZANA CAROLINA, *Carolina Rail*.*—Not rare, migrations, October.

FULICA AMERICANA, *Coot*.*—Several specimens have been taken, one as early as April.

BRANTA BERNICLA, *Brant Goose*. †—Not rare, fall.

BRANTA CANADENSIS, *Canada Goose*. †—Not rare, fall.

ANAS BOSCHAS, *Mallard*. †—Not rare, fall.

ANAS OBSCURA, *Dusky or Black Duck*. †—Rather common, fall. Mr. Lynch speaks of there being what he calls a second kind which often flies with this bird, and calls it Norwegian Black Duck. I cannot positively identify it.

DAFILA ACUTA, *Pintail*.*—Rare. A single specimen, male in full plumage; had not been seen before by many of the old hunters here who had seen it. Date not given.

MARECA AMERICANA, *Widgeon*. †—Quite common, in flocks of 15 or 20; they are acute divers, and like several others, take wing immediately upon appearing at the surface.

QUERQUEDULA CAROLINENSIS, *Green winged Teal*. †—Rather common, but less so than they used to be, in small flocks in early fall.

QUERQUEDULA DISCORS, *Blue winged Teal*. †—Not rare in early fall in family broods.

MERGUS SERRATUS, *Red breasted Merganser*.*—Not rare in migrations.

AIX SPONSA, *Wood or Summer Duck*.†—Not rare, breed occasionally at Brinckerhoffville Pond.

FULIGULA MARILA, *Greater Blackhead*.†—Rather common. Mr. Lynch mentions two species, the other smaller than this one and is probably *F. affinis*.

FULIGULA VALLISNERIA, *Canvas-back Duck*.†—Rather rare, a few are seen occasionally.

FULIGULA FERINA, *Redhead*.*—Rather rare. A single specimen was obtained, date not given.

A duck named "*Bucephala americana*, March, full plumaged male,"* with the *white loreal spot touching the bill*.

Bucephala islandica, probably occurs.

A specimen, evidently female *Bucephala*, shot Dec. 24, no white on head and eye *red*.

HARELDA GLACIALIS, *Long tailed Duck*.—Rather common. I have seen quite a number in full plumage.

CEDEmia AMERICANA, *American Black Scoter*.†—Rather rare, but occasionally taken.

CEDEmia PERSPICILLATA, *Surf Duck*.†—Rather rare, but occasional.

CEDEmia FUSCA, *Velvet Scoter*.*—Rather rare. A single fine male, date not given, was obtained.

ERISMATURA RUBIDA, *Ruddy Duck*.—Common in migrations, flocks or singly.

LARUS PHILADELPHIA, *Bonaparte's Gull*.*—One specimen, shot in autumn of 1871, in immature plumage.

LARUS ARGENTATUS, *Herring Gull*.—Abundant, spring, fall, and mild winters when the river is not frozen, in nearly all its different plumages.

COLYMBUS TORQUATUS, *Great Northern Diver*.—Rather common or not rare, several specimens.

COLYMBUS SEPTENTRIONALIS, *Red throat-ed Diver*.*—A specimen in Mr. de Nottbeck's collection, (Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, Vol. III, p. 146,) in young immature plumage; and a second specimen taken in the river some years later, are interesting records, and new to science.

PODICEPS CORNUTUS, *Horned Grebe*.—A young specimen had the whole under parts silvery white, sides slightly ashy brown, all the secondaries seven-eighths of an inch white tipped. No lengthened feathers.

PODILYMBUS PODICEPS, *Piedbilled Grebe*.—Not rare, spring and fall, several specimens, and in full and immature plumage.

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