

B I R D S
of
MOUNT DESERT ISLAND
and where to find them

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BIRDS OF MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

During the past 40 years the birds of Mt. Desert have been studied assiduously by various people. As a result, the species reported from the island number approximately 260, nearly half of these residents and summer residents. It is now known that Mt. Desert has a remarkably rich and diversified indigenous avifauna because of the presence of both northern and southern species, but there is a great deal yet to be learned concerning the birds of the island. Not as many have been recorded from here as from Grand Manan, an island only half the size, but this is due largely to the fact that sea birds have not received as much attention in the vicinity of Mt. Desert. Several doubtful records, including those of the Pacific Loon, White and Brown Pelicans, and Great Gray Owl, are purposely omitted.

Shore-birds and pelagic species are most numerous among the outer islands in late July and August. The best lake or pond for other water-fowl is Aunt Betty's Pond although on many occasions I have not seen any there. Many of the rarer northern land birds and most of the warblers breed near Ship Harbor: twenty species of warblers have been recorded from here in June and I have seen nests of 13 of these within a mile of this harbor. Bar Harbor and the burnt lands of northeastern Mt. Desert are favored by southern birds, while in the Emery District and on Beech Hill may be found those of open fields. June is the best month to observe land birds, most of which are then in full song. As many as seventy species of birds may be identified during a day's "round-up" if undertaken during that month.

This list of birds is based mainly on the booklet entitled "Birds of Mt. Desert Island, Acadia National Park, Maine" (Tyson and Bond, Acad. of Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, 1941), "Maine Birds" (Palmer, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., vol. 102, 1949), an unpublished

manuscript in the Northeast Harbor Library by Samuel A. Eliot, and on papers and notes published in the "Bulletin of the Maine Audubon Society", now the "Maine Field Naturalist". The area covered includes islands adjacent to Mt. Desert, south to the Duck Islands. I am particularly indebted to Paul Favour, Naturalist of Acadia National Park, for information on the winter birds.

An asterisk indicates that nests or eggs have been found, a dagger that there has been other evidence of breeding, such as feeding of young out of the nest.

Names of birds are those used in the A. O. U. "Check-List" (1957). Some of these may differ from those in your field-guide, notably "Duck Hawk" (Peregrine Falcon), "Hudsonian Curlew" (Whimbrel), "Red-backed Sandpiper" (Dunlin), "Richardson's Owl" (Boreal Owl), "Alder Flycatcher" (Traill's Flycatcher), "Canada Jay" (Gray Jay), "Olive-backed Thrush" (Swainson's Thrush).

Annotated List *

- ***Common Loon.** Resident. Coastal areas and the larger ponds or lakes. Nests sparingly (e.g. at Great Pond).
- Red-throated Loon.** Transient and winter resident.
- Red-necked Grebe.** Transient and winter resident. Rarer than Horned Grebe.
- Horned Grebe.** Transient and winter resident.
- ***Pied-billed Grebe.** Transient, and rare winter resident and summer resident. Fresh-water ponds and lakes, particularly those with marshy, bush-covered borders (e.g. Aunt Betty Pond); often seen during migration along coast near shore.
- Greater Shearwater.** Summer and autumn visitant (far off-shore).
- Sooty Shearwater.** Summer and autumn visitant (far off-shore).
- ***Leach's Petrel.** Summer resident (Duck Islands). Rarely seen, unless pulled out of nesting burrows. Large colony on Little Duck Island.
- Wilson's Petrel.** Summer visitant. More apt to be seen during the day than Leach's Petrel.
- Gannet.** Transient. Occasional in summer.
- Great Cormorant.** Winter resident. Occasional in summer.
- ***Double-crested Cormorant.** Summer resident. Along coast and among smaller islands. Breeding colonies on Bald Rock, Ship Island, and on Green Islands also known as "The Scrags". Did not nest here until about 25 years ago.
- ***Great Blue Heron.** Summer resident; rarely seen in winter. Along coast and in marshes. Has nested on Long Porcupine and Black Island.
- Green Heron.** Casual in summer.
- Little Blue Heron.** Vagrant from the south.
- Common Egret.** Vagrant from the south.
- Snowy Egret.** Vagrant from the south.

* CORRECTIONS TO 1963, NEW VAGRANT
RECORDS NOT INCLUDED.

***Black-crowned Night Heron.** Summer resident. Marshes and coastal areas. Has nested on Little Duck Island and Long Porcupine Island.

***American Bittern.** Transient and summer resident. Marshes and swamps (e.g. Aunt Betty Pond; near Sieur de Monts Spring; Great Meadow; Seal Cove Pond; Bass Harbor Marsh).

Canada Goose. Transient. Occasionally seen as late as early June and in winter.

Brant. Transient.

Snow Goose. Casual on migration.

Mallard. Transient and winter resident (rare).

***Black Duck.** Resident. Fresh-water lakes or ponds; beaver flowages; secluded coastal coves; outer islands.

Pintail. Occasional on migration.

Green-winged Teal. Transient and apparently an occasional summer resident. Marshes (e.g. Bass Harbor Marsh) and ponds; also among outer islands. Known to nest on Grand Manan.

Blue-winged Teal. Transient and apparently an occasional summer resident. Fresh-water lakes or ponds (e.g. Seal Cove Pond); Bass Harbor Marsh. Known to nest on Grand Manan.

Shoveler. Transient (very rare: one specimen).

†**Wood Duck.** Summer resident. Fresh-water ponds and beaver flowages (e.g. Witch Hole Pond; Hodgdon Pond; Richardson Pond; Marshall Brook).

Redhead. One December record.

***Ring-necked Duck.** Summer resident. Fresh-water lakes and ponds (e.g. Aunt Betty Pond; Hodgdon Pond). Formerly absent.

Greater Scaup. Transient and winter visitant.

Lesser Scaup. Transient; a few may winter.

Common Goldeneye. Transient and winter resident. Occasional on Mt. Desert in summer. Nests at Graham Lake near Ellsworth.

Barrow's Goldeneye. Winter resident (rare).

Bufflehead. Transient and winter resident.

Oldsquaw. Transient and winter resident; occasionally seen in summer.

Harlequin Duck. Winter visitant (rare).

***Common Eider.** Chiefly winter resident, but some among outer islands in summer; few breed here.

King Eider. Winter visitant (rare).

White-winged Scoter. Transient and winter resident. A few non-breeding individuals in summer, particularly in Bluehill Bay.

Surf Scoter. Transient and winter resident. Occasionally seen in summer.

Common Scoter. Transient and winter resident. Occasionally seen in summer.

Ruddy Duck. Transient (rare).

Hooded Merganser. Transient; rare in winter and casual in summer; breeds not uncommonly in interior of Maine.

†**Common Merganser.** Transient and winter resident, and an occasional summer resident. Fresh-water lakes and ponds.

***Red-breasted Merganser.** Transient and winter resident, and ~~probably an occasional~~ ^{Common} summer resident. Coast and among outer islands.

Turkey Vulture. Accidental in summer (record questionable).

***Goshawk.** Resident. Woodland.

†**Sharp-shinned Hawk.** Chiefly transient; rare in summer and in winter. Woodland and mountain slopes.

Cooper's Hawk. Possible summer resident; has been reported in winter.

***Red-tailed Hawk.** Summer resident; also in winter. Woodland and fairly open country.

Red-shouldered Hawk. Possible summer resident; reported in winter.

***Broad-winged Hawk.** Summer resident. Woodland; the most numerous land hawk.

Rough-legged Hawk. Transient and winter resident. Rare.

Golden Eagle. Transient (rare; early October records).

***Bald Eagle.** Resident, chiefly about larger lakes and marshes and along coast.

***Marsh Hawk.** Summer resident. Swampy wasteland (e.g. between Ship Harbor and Sea Wall; borders of Seal Cove Pond).

***Osprey.** Summer resident. Mainly coastal.

Gyr Falcon. Transient and possible winter visitant (rare).

***Peregrine Falcon.** Transient and summer resident. Mountain cliffs; but sometimes seen in low country and among outer islands.

Pigeon Hawk. Transient. Apparently casual in summer.

†**Sparrow Hawk.** Summer resident; occasional in winter. Burnt lands; extensive clearings; roadsides.

Spruce Grouse. Extirpated resident, last reported in 1899. Still found on adjacent mainland (e.g. borders of Kilkenny Stream).

***Ruffed Grouse.** Resident. Woodland and mountains.

†**Ring-necked Pheasant.** Introduced; has thriven on Great Duck Island, but population shot off. Fields and edges of woods.

Gray Partridge. Introduced on Mt. Desert in 1913. Extirpated.

Clapper Rail. Vagrant from the south (one record; specimen).

†**Virginia Rail.** Transient and possible summer resident. Has nested on Grand Manan.

Sora. Transient.

Purple Gallinule. Vagrant from the south (specimen).

American Coot. Transient (rare).

Semipalmated Plover. Transient.

Piping Plover. Transient (records questionable).

Killdeer. Transient (two records).

American Golden Plover. Former transient; no record for many years.

Black-bellied Plover. Transient.

Ruddy Turnstone. Transient.

***American Woodcock.** Transient and summer resident. Woodland; alder thickets.

Common Snipe. Transient, occasional in winter.

Whimbrel. Transient.

Upland Plover. Transient (two records; specimen).

***Spotted Sandpiper.** Summer resident. Coast and borders of lakes and ponds.

Solitary Sandpiper. Transient (rare).

Willet. Transient (no recent record).

Greater Yellowlegs. Transient.

Lesser Yellowlegs. Transient.

Knot. Transient (no recent record).

Purple Sandpiper. Winter resident; occasional in summer.

Pectoral Sandpiper. Transient.

White-rumped Sandpiper. Transient (one sight record).

Baird's Sandpiper. Casual on migration (early September sight record).

Least Sandpiper. Transient.

Dunlin. Transient (sight record from Sutton Island).

Short-billed Dowitcher. Transient.

Semipalmated Sandpiper. Transient.

***Hudsonian Godwit.** Casual on migration (record questionable).

Sanderling. Transient.

Red Phalarope. Transient (rare; specimen).

***Northern Phalarope.** Transient.

Pomarine Jaeger. Transient (rare).

Parasitic Jaeger. Transient (rare).

Glaucous Gull. Winter visitant (rare).

Iceland Gull. Winter visitant (rare).

- ***Great Black-backed Gull.** Resident. Coast and among smaller islands. Large colonies on Ship Island and Little Duck Island. Did not nest here during early years of present century.
- ***Herring Gull.** Resident. Coast, lakes and larger fresh-water ponds, and among smaller islands. Colonies on Bald Porcupine, Duck Islands, Green Islands, Ship Island.
- Ring-billed Gull.** Transient and winter visitant.
- Laughing Gull.** Casual in summer.
- Bonaparte's Gull.** Transient. Occasional in summer.
- Ivory Gull.** Winter visitant (rare; specimen).
- Black-legged Kittiwake.** Transient and winter visitant. Rare.
- ***Common Tern.** Summer ^{RESIDENT}visitant. Chiefly off south-western Mt. Desert. ~~Formerly nested (as late as 1923) on Ship Island. Has greatly decreased in the vicinity of Mt. Desert.~~
- Arctic Tern.** Mid-summer visitant. Colonies on Machias Seal Island and on Matinicus Rock.
- Roseate Tern.** Casual in summer (records questionable).
- Caspian Tern.** Casual in spring.
- Black Skimmer.** Casual in summer (off Bartlett Island).
- Razorbill.** Winter visitant. Occurs in summer at Machias Seal Island and the Murr Ledges near Grand Manan, and at Matinicus Rock.
- Common Murre.** Casual (sight record; Sept. 4, 1939); probably a rare winter visitant.
- Thick-billed Murre.** Winter visitant.
- Dovekie.** Winter visitant.
- ***Black Guillemot.** Resident. Along coast, but chiefly among outer islands.
- Common Puffin.** Winter visitant. Colonies on Machias Seal Island and on Matinicus Rock.
- †**Mourning Dove.** Transient and rare summer resident. Fields; edges of woods.

- Passenger Pigeon.** Extinct. Last record from Bar Harbor, early summer of 1904.
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo.** Transient and possible summer resident.
- ***Black-billed Cuckoo.** Summer resident. Bushy country (e.g. near Sieur de Monts Spring).
- Barn Owl.** Pair at Great Head (about 1900). No subsequent record.
- Great Horned Owl.** Resident. Woodland. Rare.
- Snowy Owl.** Autumn and winter visitant (rare).
- Hawk-Owl.** Winter visitant, arriving in early autumn (rare; specimen).
- ***Barred Owl.** Resident. Woodland.
- Long-eared Owl.** Apparently of casual occurrence.
- Short-eared Owl.** Transient (rare). Has nested on Grand Manan.
- Boreal Owl.** Winter resident (specimen), and possibly a very rare resident (may nest in spruce woods south of McKinley; no substantiated spring or summer record). Breeds on Grand Manan.
- ***Saw-whet Owl.** Resident and winter visitant. Woodland. Rare.
- ***Whip-poor-will.** Summer resident. Scrubby woodland; burnt land.
- ***Common Nighthawk.** Summer resident, but more numerous as transient. Fairly open districts, including mountain tops.
- ***Chimney Swift.** Summer resident. Chiefly villages (e.g. Bar Harbor; Somesville); also about country houses.
- ***Ruby-throated Hummingbird.** Summer resident. Chiefly gardens, particularly on eastern side of island.
- ***Belted Kingfisher.** Summer resident, and present in winter. Coast and borders of lakes and larger ponds.
- ***Yellow-shafted Flicker.** Summer resident; occasional in winter. Woodland, often near habitations.

- ***Pileated Woodpecker.** Resident (rare). Woodland. More numerous on mainland.
- Red-headed Woodpecker.** Vagrant (spring, summer).
- ***Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.** Transient, and rare summer resident at least on eastern half of island. Mainly deciduous woods and copses.
- ***Hairy Woodpecker.** Resident. Woodland.
- ***Downy Woodpecker.** Resident. Woodland.
- Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker.** Winter vagrant and possible resident (pair reported seen on Flying Squadron Mountain, July 4, 1932).
- Northern Three-toed Woodpecker.** Vagrant from the mainland.
- ***Eastern Kingbird.** Summer resident. Orchards; open country.
- Western Kingbird.** Vagrant from the west (two sight records).
- † **Great Crested Flycatcher.** ~~Apparently rare or occasional~~ Summer resident. Predominantly deciduous woodland and copses; burnt land. Nests regularly at Graham Lake, near Ellsworth.
- ***Eastern Phoebe.** Summer resident. About barns and other buildings.
- ***Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.** Summer resident. Swampy woodlands.
- ***Trail's Flycatcher.** Summer resident. Chiefly alder thickets.
- ***Least Flycatcher.** Summer resident. Chiefly in and near villages.
- ***Eastern Wood Pewee.** Summer resident. Copses and predominantly deciduous woodland (e.g. Sieur de Monts Spring).
- ***Olive-sided Flycatcher.** Summer resident. Woodland with considerable coniferous growth.
- Horned Lark.** Transient. Occasional in winter.
- ***Tree Swallow.** Summer resident. Chiefly near settlements.

- ***Bank Swallow.** Summer resident. Colony at gravel pit near Southwest Harbor dump; also nests on Trumpet Island and Ship Island.
- ***Barn Swallow.** Summer resident. Open country.
- ***Cliff Swallow.** Summer resident. Open country and villages.
- ***Purple Martin.** Formerly said to have nested in Bar Harbor and Northeast Harbor (records perhaps questionable); now casual on the island. Nearest colony at Franklin Road.
- Gray Jay.** Vagrant from the mainland. May have nested formerly.
- †**Blue Jay.** Resident. Woodland.
- ***Common Raven.** Resident. Coast and mountain cliffs.
- ***Common Crow.** Resident. Ubiquitous.
- ***Black-capped Chickadee.** Resident. Chiefly woodland, but often found about habitations.
- †**Boreal Chickadee.** Winter resident and, at least on western side of Mt. Desert, rare resident. Dense spruce growth and borders of sphagnum bogs (e.g. near Ship Harbor). Common on Grand Manan.
- White-breasted Nuthatch.** Transient and winter visitant.
- ***Red-breasted Nuthatch.** Resident, transient and winter visitant. Woodland.
- ***Brown Creeper.** Resident and transient. Woodland.
- ***House Wren.** Rare summer resident. Environs of Bar Harbor; the burnt land.
- ***Winter Wren.** Summer resident. Swampy woods with considerable coniferous growth; bushy woodland clearings. Occasional in winter.
- Carolina Wren.** Vagrant from the south; has occurred both in summer and winter.
- Short-billed Marsh Wren.** Occasional summer resident. Lush meadows (e.g. near Sieur de Monts Spring; Emery District; near Seal Cove).

- Mockingbird.** Vagrant from the south, occurring both in summer and winter; may nest occasionally on Mt. Desert.
- ***Catbird.** Summer resident. Thickets; near habitations. Occasional in winter.
- ***Brown Thrasher.** ~~Rare~~ Summer resident; casual in winter. The burnt land.
- ***Robin.** Summer resident; occurs sparingly in winter. Ubiquitous.
- ***Wood Thrush.** ~~Vagrant from the south; perhaps an occasional~~ Summer resident. ~~Northeast M.D.I.~~
- ***Hermit Thrush.** Summer resident. Woodland; the burnt land. Has wintered.
- ***Swainson's Thrush.** Summer resident. Woodland with considerable spruce growth.
- Gray-cheeked Thrush.** Transient.
- ***Veery.** Rare summer resident on eastern side of island. Low swampy areas (e.g. Sieur de Monts Spring); unrecorded from western side. Formerly more numerous. Readily found in and near Ellsworth.
- ***Eastern Bluebird.** Summer resident. Extensive clearings; roadsides; orchards.
- Wheatear.** Vagrant from the north (one September sight record).
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.** Vagrant from the south.
- ***Golden-crowned Kinglet.** Resident. Woodland with considerable coniferous growth.
- ***Ruby-crowned Kinglet.** Summer resident and transient. Spruce woods and groves of tall spruce (e.g. at Southwest Harbor; near Ship Harbor).
- Water Pipit.** Transient.
- Bohemian Waxwing.** Winter visitant (rare).
- ***Cedar Waxwing.** Summer resident. Fairly open country; borders of lakes. Casual in winter.
- Northern Shrike.** Winter visitant.
- Loggerhead Shrike.** Transient (rare). Nests sparingly on mainland.

- ***Starling.** Resident. Open country.
- Yellow-throated Vireo.** Vagrant from the south (records questionable).
- ***Solitary Vireo.** Summer resident. Woodland with considerable coniferous growth.
- ***Red-eyed Vireo.** Summer resident. Woodland or copses with considerable deciduous growth; burnt lands.
- Philadelphia Vireo.** Transient (specimens).
- Warbling Vireo.** ~~Possibly Casual in spring (records questionable).~~ A bird of towns and villages of interior Maine, sometimes found in Ellsworth.
- †**Black-and-white Warbler.** Summer resident. Woodland.
- Prothonotary Warbler.** Vagrant from the south (record questionable).
- Golden-winged Warbler.** Vagrant from the south (records questionable).
- †**Tennessee Warbler.** Transient and occasional summer resident. Woodland clearings with scattered growths of hackmatack or larch (e.g. between Ship Harbor and Bass Harbor light-house).
- Orange-crowned Warbler.** One wintering record (mid Nov. 1952 - April 30, 1953).
- ***Nashville Warbler.** Summer resident. Overgrown woodland clearings, often among gray birch; mountain slopes.
- ***Parula Warbler.** Summer resident. Woodland, in particular where there is heavy growth of the moss-like lichen *Usnea*.
- ***Yellow Warbler.** Summer resident. Shrubbery, chiefly in and near villages.
- ***Magnolia Warbler.** Summer resident. Woodland, among fir and spruce.
- ***Cape May Warbler.** Summer resident; not always present. Among tall spruce growth (e.g. Seal Harbor; Southwest Harbor; Ship Harbor).

- Black-throated Blue Warbler.** Summer resident. Predominantly deciduous woodland. Most numerous on eastern side of island.
- ***Myrtle Warbler.** Summer resident; occasional in winter. Woodland with considerable spruce growth; mountain slopes.
- ***Black-throated Green Warbler.** Summer resident, particularly among spruce.
- ***Blackburnian Warbler.** Summer resident. Tall spruce and hemlock growth.
- ***Chestnut-sided Warbler.** Summer resident. Roadside thickets; burnt land.
- ***Bay-breasted Warbler.** Summer resident. Dense spruce woods, and swampy woodland with considerable coniferous growth.
- ***Blackpoll Warbler.** Transient, and summer resident on the Duck Islands. Low spruce growth. July records from Great Cranberry, Sutton's Island and Ship Harbor considered questionable.
- Pine Warbler.** Vagrant; has wintered.
- Prairie Warbler.** Vagrant from the south (records questionable).
- ***Palm Warbler.** Transient, and a summer resident on "The Big Heath", a sphagnum bog near Ship Harbor.
- ***Ovenbird.** Summer resident. Woodland with considerable deciduous growth.
- Northern Waterthrush.** Transient and probably an occasional summer resident. Beaver flowages, and alder swamps bordering lakes or ponds. Nests regularly on mainland (e.g. at Branch Pond).
- Connecticut Warbler.** Transient (rare).
- Mourning Warbler.** Transient and probably occasional summer resident on eastern side of island. Clearings in woodlands or on mountain slopes.

- ***Yellowthroat.** Summer resident. Overgrown woodland clearings; roadsides; swamps and bogs; burnt lands.
- Yellow-breasted Chat.** Vagrant from the south, most records in fall and early winter.
- ***Wilson's Warbler.** Summer resident. Swampy thickets and alder swales (e.g. between Ship Harbor and Seawall; burnt land).
- ***Canada Warbler.** Summer resident. Swampy woodland.
- ***American Redstart.** Summer resident. Ubiquitous.
- ***House Sparrow.** Resident. Villages, in particular Bar Harbor (e.g. at Fire House), and McKinley (waterfront).
- ***Bobolink.** Summer resident. Open fields (e.g. Emery District; Beech Hill).
- † **Eastern Meadowlark.** Summer and winter visitant; ~~apparently a rare or occasional~~ summer resident; more numerous on adjacent mainland. Open fields (e.g. Emery District; Town Hill; Beech Hill).
- ***Redwinged Blackbird.** Summer resident. Occasional in winter. Fresh-water swamps.
- ***Baltimore Oriole.** Occasional summer resident (e.g. Bar Harbor; Sieur de Monts Spring; Southwest Harbor). Nests regularly in Ellsworth.
- Rusty Blackbird.** Transient; occasional in winter. Nests in interior of Hancock County.
- ***Common Grackle.** Transient; and ~~uncommon~~ summer resident; occasional in winter. Bar Harbor and McKinley; ~~rarely~~ elsewhere in settled districts. Breeds regularly in Ellsworth.
- ***Brown-headed Cowbird.** Summer resident; also winters. Fields and near settlements.
- † **Scarlet Tanager.** Transient and ~~apparently an occasional~~ ^{rare} summer resident. Mainly deciduous woodland; burnt land.

†**Rose-breasted Grosbeak.** Transient and ~~rare~~ summer resident. Borders of woods, chiefly on eastern side of island.

Blue Grosbeak. Vagrant from the south (specimen).

†**Indigo Bunting.** Summer resident. Overgrown fields and burnt lands.

Dickcissel. Vagrant from the west; has wintered.

Evening Grosbeak. Winter resident. Has recently (1957) nested in Ellsworth. *CASUAL IN SUMMER.*

***Purple Finch.** Chiefly summer resident; rare in winter. Woodland and about habitations.

Pine Grosbeak. Winter resident. Occasionally reported in summer.

Common Redpoll. Winter resident.

†**Pine Siskin.** More or less resident. Chiefly among spruce trees near villages (e.g. Northeast Harbor; Southwest Harbor; McKinley).

***American Goldfinch.** Mainly summer resident, but present in winter. Villages and farming country.

***Red Crossbill.** More or less resident. Chiefly in and near villages (e.g. Bar Harbor; Asticou; Somesville; McKinley); also dense spruce woods.

†**White-winged Crossbill.** More or less resident. Spruce woods; borders of bogs.

†**Rufous-sided Towhee.** ~~Vagrant from the south, and apparently an occasional~~ Summer resident. Chiefly burnt lands; ~~unknown from western side of island.~~ Occasional in winter.

***Savannah Sparrow.** Summer resident. Meadows; marshes; open bogs; outer islands.

***Sharp-tailed Sparrow.** Summer resident. Bass Harbor Marsh.

Vesper Sparrow. Transient; possibly former summer resident. Open fields; blueberry barrens. Breeds sparingly on mainland of Hancock County.

Lark Sparrow. Vagrant from the west (one banded).

***Slate-colored Junco.** More or less resident, most numerous in summer.

Tree Sparrow. Winter resident.

***Chipping Sparrow.** Summer resident; occasional in winter. Near habitations; orchards; gardens.

Field Sparrow. Rare summer resident; has been reported in winter. Burnt land.

White-crowned Sparrow. Transient.

***White-throated Sparrow.** Summer resident; winters sparingly. Woodland clearings; mountains.

Fox Sparrow. Transient; occasional in winter.

†**Lincoln's Sparrow.** Transient, and summer resident on "The Big Heath" near Ship Harbor.

***Swamp Sparrow.** Summer resident. Fresh-water swamps.

***Song Sparrow.** Summer resident; found in winter. Chiefly villages and settlements; outer islands.

Lapland Longspur. Autumn and winter visitant.

Snow Bunting. Transient; occasional in winter.