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A List of the Birds of  
Mount Desert Island, Maine

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\* Common Loon (Colymbus i. immer)

Resident. Rare as a breeding bird, but not uncommon off the coast in summer. Common transient and winter resident.

Red-throated Loon (Colymbus stellatus)

Transient and winter resident; occasionally seen in summer. Less numerous than the Common Loon.

Holboell's Grebe (Podiceps grisegena holboelli)

Transient and winter resident. Quite common.

Horned Grebe (Podiceps auritus)

Transient and winter resident. Common.

\* Pied-billed Grebe (Podilymbus p. podiceps)

Rare summer resident and fairly common transient.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes birds seen on, or in the vicinity of, Mt. Desert and nearby islands. An asterisk indicates that one or more nests have been found; a dagger that juvenile individuals have been observed. Technical names are those used by Palmer in his "Maine Birds" (Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., vol. 102, 1949).

Sooty Shearwater (Puffinus griseus)

Summer visitant. Found well out at sea.

\* Leach's Petrel (Oceanodroma l. leucorhoa)

Summer resident (Duck Islands).

Wilson's Petrel (Oceanites o. oceanicus)

Summer visitant. Rare. Unlike the Leach's Petrel seen inshore during daylight.

White Pelican (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)

Vagrant (one record at Southwest Harbor about 1880).

Brown Pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis carolinensis)

Accidental (one record from Bar Harbor in autumn of 1900; possibly one of two brought to Castine from Florida in 1899).

Gannet (Morus bassanus)

Transient. Rather common.

European Cormorant (Phalacrocorax c. carbo)

Winter visitant. Not uncommon.

\* Double-crested Cormorant (Phalacrocorax a. auritus)

Summer resident (on a number of small islands) and transient. Common.

\* Great Blue Heron (Ardea h. herodias)

Summer resident. Common.

American Egret (Casmerodius albus egretta)

Casual visitant from the south.

Little Blue Heron (Florida c. caerulea)

Casual visitant from the south.

Green Heron (Butorides v. virescens)

Casual visitant from the south.

\* Black-crowned Night Heron (Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli)

Summer resident. Common.

† American Bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus)

Summer resident. Rare. More numerous as transient.

Whistling Swan (Cygnus columbianus)

Transient. Very rare (one record from Swan's Island in November; another from Webb's Pond, Eastbrook, in March).

Canada Goose (Branta c. canadensis)

Transient. Fairly common. Occasionally noted in early summer.

Brant (Eranta bernicla hrota)

Transient. Sometimes fairly common.

Snow Goose (Chen hyperborea subsp.)

Transient. Rare.

Mallard (Anas p. platyrhynchos)

Transient. Rare.

\* Black Duck (Anas rubripes)

Resident. Common. Most numerous as transient.

Pintail (Anas acuta tzitzihua)

Transient. Rare.

(†) Green-winged Teal (Anas carolinensis)

Probably occasional summer resident;<sup>2</sup> fairly common transient.

(†) Blue-winged Teal (Anas discors)

Probably occasional summer resident;<sup>2</sup> rarer as a transient than the Green-winged Teal.

Shoveller (Spatula clypeata)

Transient. Very rare (male shot on Greening's Island).

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<sup>2</sup> Broods of "teal," seen on Mt. Desert Island, have been reported to me on several occasions. I have observed both species on the island in June under conditions indicating nesting.

† Wood Duck (Aix sponsa)

Summer resident. Rare.

Ring-necked Duck (Aythya collaris)

Apparently an occasional summer resident on Mt. Desert Island (e.g., at Hodgdon's Pond).

Greater Scaup (Aythya marila nearctica)

Transient. Not uncommon.

Lesser Scaup (Aythya affinis)

Transient. Apparently not uncommon, but rarer than the Greater Scaup.

American Golden-eye (Bucephala clangula americana)

Transient and winter visitant. Common. Said to have nested on Mt. Desert; nests on the mainland of Hancock County (e.g., at Graham Lake).

Barrow's Golden-eye (Bucephala islandica)

Winter resident. Rare.

Buffle-head (Bucephala albeola)

Transient and winter resident. Common.

Old-squaw (Clangula hyemalis)

Transient and winter resident. Common. Occasionally seen in summer, but does not breed here.

Harlequin Duck (Histrionicus h. histrionicus)

Winter visitant. Rare.

\* American Eider (Somateria mollissima dresseri)

Resident. Rare as a breeding bird, but frequently seen in summer; abundant in winter.

King Eider (Somateria spectabilis)

Winter visitant. Rather rare.

White-winged Scoter (Melanitta ~~franca~~ deglandi)

Transient and winter resident.<sup>3</sup> Common.

Surf Scoter (Melanitta perspicillata)

Transient and winter resident. Common.

American Scoter (Oidemia nigra americana)

Transient and winter resident. Common, but less so than the other two scoters.

Ruddy Duck (Oxyura jamaicensis rubida)

Transient. Very rare (one reported seen off Schoodic Point).

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<sup>3</sup> A few scoters, apparently non-breeding individuals, remain in sheltered waters about Mt. Desert during the summer months. Most of these are drake White-winged Scoters.

Hooded Merganser (Lophodytes cucullatus)

Transient and winter resident. Most numerous as transient. Casual in summer, but probably nests sparingly on the mainland of Hancock County.

† American Merganser (Mergus merganser americanus)

Occasional summer resident on fresh-water lakes (e.g., Long Pond); more numerous as a transient and winter resident. Breeds regularly on lakes (e.g., Graham Lake) in the interior of Hancock County.

Red-breasted Merganser (Mergus serrator)

Summer visitant (may nest on outer islands), transient and winter resident. Most numerous on migration and in winter.

Turkey Vulture (Cathartes aura septentrionalis)

Vagrant from the south.

\* Goshawk (Accipiter gentilis atricapillus)

Resident. Rare. More numerous as a transient and winter visitant.

\* Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus velox)

Summer resident. Rather rare. Common as transient.

Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperii)

Summer resident. Very rare.

† Red-tailed Hawk (Buteo jamaicensis borealis)

Summer resident. Very rare.

Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo l. lineatus)

Apparently casual during all seasons. Nests on the mainland.

\* Broad-winged Hawk (Buteo p. platypterus)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

American Rough-legged Hawk (Buteo lagopus s.-johannis)

Transient and winter resident. Rare.

Golden Eagle (Aquila chrysaetos canadensis)

Transient. Very rare.

\* Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus washingtonii)

Resident. Approximately six pairs nest on, or in the immediate vicinity of, Mt. Desert Island.

\* Marsh Hawk (Circus cyaneus hudsonius)

Summer resident. Rare. More numerous as transient.

\* Osprey or Fish Hawk (Pandion haliaetus carolinensis)

Summer resident. Common.

Gyr Falcon (Falco rusticolus obsoletus)

Transient and winter resident. Rare.

\* Duck Hawk or Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus anatum)

Summer resident. Rare. Probably not more than two pairs nest on Mt. Desert.

Pigeon Hawk or Merlin (Falco c. columbarius)

Transient. Fairly common. Casual in summer.

† Sparrow Hawk or American Kestrel (Falco s. sparverius)

Summer resident. Rare.

Spruce Grouse (Canachites canadensis canace)

Accidental. No recent record. Resident in small numbers on the mainland of Hancock County.

\* Ruffed Grouse (Bonasa umbellus togata)

Resident. Common.

European Gray Partridge (Perdix p. perdix)

Extirpated. Introduced on Mt. Desert Island in 1913.

Ring-necked Pheasant (Phasianus colchicus torquatus)

Introduced. Not uncommon locally, but probably dependent on restocking. Has thrived well on Great Duck Island.

Eastern Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo silvestris)

A portion of a tarsus found in an Indian shellheap near Northeast Harbor in 1880.<sup>4</sup>

Clapper Rail (Rallus longirostris crepitans)

Vagrant from the south (one August record).

Virginia Rail (Rallus l. limicola)

Transient. Apparently rare. Breeds in Washington County.

Sora Rail (Porzana carolina)

Transient. Apparently rare. Breeds in Washington County.

Purple Gallinule (Porphyryla martinica)

Vagrant from the south (March and April records).

American Coot (Fulica a. americana)

Transient. Rare.

Piping Plover (Charadrius m. melodus)

Transient. Rare. Possibly an occasional summer resident on the outer islands.

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<sup>4</sup> The turkey very likely was brought to Mt. Desert Island by aborigines. It is very doubtful that it ever was native to the island.

Ringed Plover (Charadrius hiaticula semipalmatus)

Transient. Common.

Killdeer (Charadrius v. vociferus)

Transient. Very rare. Said to have nested at Cape Rosier (on the mainland) in 1933.

American Golden Plover (Pluvialis d. dominica)

Transient. Rare.

Black-bellied Plover (Squatarola squatarola)

Transient. Common.

Ruddy Turnstone (Arenaria interpres morinella)

Transient. Fairly common.

\* American Woodcock (Philohela minor)

Summer resident. Fairly common. Sometimes abundant as transient.

Wilson's Snipe (Capella gallinago delicata)

Transient. Rather rare. Nests in Washington County.

Hudsonian Curlew (Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus)

Transient. Rather rare.

Eskimo Curlew (Numenius borealis)

Formerly a rare transient. Now almost extinct.

Bartramian Sandpiper (Bartramia longicauda)

Transient. Very rare (specimen collected on Mt. Desert in April).

\* Spotted Sandpiper (Actitis macularia)

Summer resident. Common.

Solitary Sandpiper (Tringa s. solitaria)

Transient. Fairly common.

Willet (Catoptrophorus s. semipalmatus)

Casual on migration. Nests abundantly in Nova Scotia.

Greater Yellow-legs (Totanus melanoleucus)

Transient. Common.

Lesser Yellow-legs (Totanus flavipes)

Transient. Rather rare.

Knot (Calidris canutus rufus)

Transient. Apparently rare.

Purple Sandpiper (Erolia maritima)

Winter visitant. Apparently fairly common.

Pectoral Sandpiper (Erolia melanotos)

Transient. Common.

White-rumped Sandpiper (Erolia fuscicollis)

Transient. Apparently rare (only one record).

Least Sandpiper (Erolia minutilla)

Transient. Fairly common.

Red-backed Sandpiper (Erolia alpina pacifica)

Transient. Apparently rare (reported only from Sutton's Island).

Dowitcher (Limnodromus g. griseus)

Transient. Fairly common among outer islands.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (Ereunetes pusillus)

Transient. Common. Most numerous in late summer and early autumn.

Godwit (Limosa sp.)

Transient. One shot many years ago on Baker's Island.

Sanderling (Crocethia alba)

Transient. Most numerous in late summer and early autumn.

Red Phalarope (Phalaropus fulicarius)

Transient. Rare. Found usually well out at sea.

Northern Phalarope (Lobipes lobatus)

Transient. Often common off outer islands.

Pomarine Jaeger (Stercorarius pomarinus)

Transient. Rather rare.

Parasitic Jaeger (Stercorarius parasiticus)

Transient. Rather rare.

Glaucous Gull (Larus h. hyperboreus)

Winter visitant. Rather rare.

Iceland Gull (Larus l. leucopterus)

Winter visitant. Apparently rare.

\* Great Black-backed Gull (Larus marinus)

Resident. Common.

\* Herring Gull (Larus argentatus smithsonianus)

Resident. Very common.

Ring-billed Gull (Larus delawarensis)

Transient and winter resident. Rare.

Laughing Gull (Larus atricilla)

Summer visitant from the south. Rare. Not known to nest hereabouts.

Bonaparte's Gull (Larus philadelphia)

Transient. Common. A few individuals pass the summer about Mt. Desert, but do not nest.

Ivory Gull (Pagophila eburnea)

Winter visitant. Rare (~~only~~ <sup>FEBRUARY</sup> one record).

Kittiwake (Rissa t. tridactyla)

Winter visitant. Not common.

\* Common Tern (Sterna h. hirundo)

Summer resident. Formerly common, now rather rare.

Arctic Tern (Sterna paradisaea)

Summer visitant. Status uncertain. Not definitely known to nest in the vicinity of Mt. Desert.

Roseate Tern (Sterna d. dougallii)

Summer visitant. Probably casual, although formerly said to have nested on Trumpet, and Ship and Barge islands.

Black Skimmer (Rhynchops n. nigra)

Vagrant (reported in the vicinity of Mt. Desert in September, 1944, following the hurricane of September 14).

Great Auk (Pinguinus impennis)

Extinct. Remains have been found at Manchester Point, Northeast Harbor.

Razor-billed Auk (Alca t. torda)

Winter visitant. Not uncommon. Nests in the Grand Manan Archipelago (Mure Ledges and, probably, Machias Seal Islands).

Brünnich's Murre (Uria l. lomvia)

Winter visitant. Sometimes not uncommon.

Dovekie (Plautus a. alle)

Winter visitant. Common.

\* Black Guillemot (Cepphus grylle atlantis)

Resident. Common.

Atlantic Puffin (Fratercula a. arctica)

Winter visitant. Rare. Nests on Machias Seal Islands and on Matinicus Rock.

Mourning Dove (Zenaidura macroura carolinensis)

Summer resident and transient. Very rare in the nesting season, but frequently seen on migration in autumn.

Passenger Pigeon (Ectopistes migratorius)

Extinct. The last record of the occurrence of this pigeon in Maine is based upon a female sent to a Bangor taxidermist from Bar Harbor in the early summer of 1904. There is also a record of two seen on Mt. Desert (August 7 and August 15, 188-) by Charles W. Townsend.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus a. americanus)

Summer visitant. Very rare.

\* Black-billed Cuckoo (Coccyzus erythrophthalmus)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

Barn Owl (Tyto alba pratincola)

Occasional resident. Pair occupied an old barn at Great Head about 1900.

Great Horned Owl (Bubo v. virginianus)

Resident. Very rare. Fairly common on the mainland.

Snowy Owl (Nyctea scandiaca)

Winter visitant. Abundance variable, but usually rare.

Hawk Owl (Surnia ulula caparoch)

Winter visitant. Rare. Arrives sometimes in early autumn.

\* Barred Owl (Strix v. varia)

Resident. Rare. Much more numerous on the mainland.

Long-eared Owl (Asio otus wilsonianus)

Possibly resident. Very rare (two records,—one from Great Cranberry Island in May).

Short-eared Owl (Asio f. flammeus)

Transient. Rare. Probably an occasional winter resident and possibly an occasional summer resident. NESTS AT GRAND MANAN.

Richardson's Owl (Aegolius funereus richardsoni)

Winter resident. Very rare. Nests on Grand Manan.

\* Saw-whet Owl (Aegolius a. acadicus)

Resident. Rare.

Whip-poor-will (Caprimulgus v. vociferus)

Summer resident. Rare on Mt. Desert, but common locally on the mainland.

\* Nighthawk (Chordeiles m. minor)

Summer resident. Rather rare.

Chimney Swift (Chaetura pelagica)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

\* Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Belted Kingfisher (Megaceryle a. alcyon)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Yellow-shafted Flicker (Colaptes auratus luteus)

Summer resident. Common. Often abundant during migration.

Pileated Woodpecker (Hylatomus pileatus abieticola)

Resident. Very rare on Mt. Desert, but much more numerous on the nearby mainland.

Red-headed Woodpecker (Melanerpes e. erythrocephalus)

Vagrant from the south (one record on May 27, 1941).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus v. varius)

Transient. Fairly common. Nests on the mainland of Hancock County (e.g., near Franklin).

\* Hairy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos v. villosus)

Resident. Common.

\* Downy Woodpecker (Dendrocopos pubescens medianus)

Resident. Common.

Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker (Picoides arcticus)

Vagrant. A rare resident on the mainland, and may nest occasionally on Mt. Desert.

American Three-toed Woodpecker (Picoides tridactylus bacatus)

Vagrant. A very rare resident on the mainland, and may nest occasionally on Mt. Desert.

\* Eastern Kingbird (Tyrannus tyrannus)

Summer resident. Not uncommon, but more numerous as a transient.

Arkansas Kingbird (Tyrannus verticalis)

Vagrant from the west (one September record).

Crested Flycatcher (Myiarchus crinitus boreus)

Vagrant. Breeds regularly about Graham Lake, near Ellsworth, and may do so occasionally on Mt. Desert.

\* Phoebe (Sayornis phoebe)

Summer resident. Probably does not nest every year on the island, but a regular breeding bird on the mainland of Hancock County.

\* Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (Empidonax flaviventris)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Alder Flycatcher (Empidonax t. traillii)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Least Flycatcher (Empidonax minimus)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

Wood Pewee (Contopus virens)

Summer resident. Rather rare.

\* Olive-sided Flycatcher (Nuttallornis borealis)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

Horned Lark (Eremophila alpestris subsp.)

<sup>± winter resident</sup>  
 Transient. Not common. Nests in the interior of Maine (E. a. praticola).

\* Tree Swallow (Iridoprocne bicolor)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Bank Swallow (Riparia r. riparia)

Summer resident. Local. No colony known on Mt. Desert, but has nested during the past ten years on Trumpet Island, at Trenton (near the bridge) and at Lamoine; formerly nested on Great Cranberry Island. Fairly common transient on Mt. Desert.

\* Barn Swallow (Hirundo rustica erythrogaster)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Cliff Swallow (Petrochelidon p. pyrrhonota)

Summer resident. Common.

[\*] Purple Martin (Progne s. subis)

Former summer resident. A small colony in Bar Harbor in 1888, and a colony at Northeast Harbor about 1918. During the past ten years has been found nesting as near Mt. Desert as Franklin Road.

Canada Jay (Perisoreus c. canadensis)

Casual; only two records (one on June 24, 1899). Probably a very rare resident on the mainland of Hancock County, where fairly common in autumn and winter.

Blue Jay (Cyanocitta cristata bromia)

Resident. Rare. Most numerous in autumn and winter. Rather common breeding bird on the mainland, where it has been found nesting.

\* Raven (Corvus corax principalis)

Resident. Fairly common.

\* American Crow (Corvus b. brachyrhynchos)

Resident. Common.

\* Black-capped Chickadee (Parus a. atricapillus)

Resident. Common.

† Acadian Chickadee (Parus hudsonicus littoralis)

Resident. Rare. More numerous in the winter months.

White-breasted Nuthatch (Sitta carolinensis cookei)

Transient and winter visitant. Rare. Probably a very few nest on the mainland of Hancock County (e.g., in Bucksport).

\* Red-breasted Nuthatch (Sitta canadensis)

Resident. Fairly common. Often abundant on southbound migration.

\* Brown Creeper (Certhia familiaris americana)

Resident. Fairly common. Most numerous as a transient.

\* House Wren (Troglodytes a. aedon)

Summer resident. Local (vicinity of Bar Harbor) and perhaps not present every year.

† Winter Wren (Troglodytes troglodytes hiemalis)

Summer resident. Rather rare to fairly common. Formerly more numerous.

Carolina Wren (Thryothorus l. ludovicianus)

Vagrant from the south (one July record).

Short-billed Marsh Wren (Cistothorus platensis stellaris)

Summer resident. Local (e.g., pasture near Hall's Mills). Apparently absent some years. Nests have been found near Ellsworth.

Mockingbird (Mimus p. polyglottos)

Occasional resident. A number were seen near Bar Harbor from 1936 to 1939.

\* Catbird (Dumetella carolinensis)

Summer resident. Not common.

Brown Thrasher (Toxostoma r. rufum)

Vagrant from the south (two records, one in June).

\* American Robin (Turdus m. migratorius)

Summer resident. Very common.

Wood Thrush (Hylocichla mustelina)

Vagrant from the south; possibly a very rare summer resident (four records from May to July, three of which are recent).

\* Hermit Thrush (Hylocichla guttata faxoni)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Olive-backed Thrush (Hylocichla ustulata swainsoni)

Summer resident. Common.

Gray-cheeked Thrush (Hylocichla minima subsp.)

Transient. Apparently rare.

\* Veery (Hylocichla f. fuscescens)

Summer resident. Rare (e.g., along Little Harbor Brook). Formerly more numerous.

\* Bluebird (Sialia s. sialis)

Summer resident. Not common.

Greenland Wheatear (Oenanthe oenanthe leucorhoa)

Vagrant from the north (one sight record from Cadillac Mountain on September 1, 1913).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Polioptila c. caerulea)

Vagrant from the south (one record on August 28, 1946).

\* Golden-crowned Kinglet (Regulus s. satrapa)

Resident. Common.

† Ruby-crowned Kinglet (Regulus c. calendula)

Summer resident. Rare to fairly common.

American Pipit (Anthus spinoletta rubescens)

Transient. Sometimes common in early autumn on the nearby mainland.

Bohemian Waxwing (Bombycilla garrula pallidiceps)

Winter resident. Rare.

\* Cedar Waxwing (Bombycilla cedrorum)

Summer resident. Common.

Northern Shrike (Lanius excubitor borealis)

Winter visitant. Rather rare. Arrives in early autumn.

Migrant Shrike (Lanius ludovicianus migrans)

Transient. Rare. Probably nests sparingly on the mainland of Hancock County.

\* Starling (Sturnus v. vulgaris)

Summer resident. Common.

Yellow-throated Vireo (Vireo flavifrons)

Vagrant from the south (two records).

\* Blue-headed Vireo (Vireo s. solitarius)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Red-eyed Vireo (Vireo olivaceus)

Summer resident. Common.

Philadelphia Vireo (Vireo philadelphicus)

Transient. Rare (September records).

Warbling Vireo (Vireo g. gilvus)

Occasional summer visitant. May have nested in Bar Harbor. Probably has nested in Ellsworth and not uncommon in towns (e.g., Old Town) in Penobscot County.

† Black and White Warbler (Mniotilta varia)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

Golden-winged Warbler (Vermivora chrysoptera)

Vagrant from the south (two records, one in June).

Tennessee Warbler (Vermivora peregrina)

Summer resident. Very rare. Probably absent some years.

\* Nashville Warbler (Vermivora r. ruficapilla)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Parula Warbler (Parula americana pusilla)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Yellow Warbler (Dendroica petechia aestiva)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Magnolia Warbler (Dendroica magnolia)

Summer resident. Very common.

\* Cape May Warbler (Dendroica tigrina)

Summer resident. Rare to fairly common.

Black-throated Blue Warbler (Dendroica c. caerulescens)

Summer resident. Fairly common. Has been found nesting near Ellsworth.

\* Myrtle Warbler (Dendroica c. coronata)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Black-throated Green Warbler (Dendroica v. virens)

Summer resident. Very common.

\* Blackburnian Warbler (Dendroica fusca)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

\* Chestnut-sided Warbler (Dendroica pensylvanica)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Bay-breasted Warbler (Dendroica castanea)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

\* Blackpoll Warbler (Dendroica striata)

Summer resident on the Duck Islands, and has been reported in summer from Great Cranberry Island. Rather rare transient on Mt. Desert.

Pine Warbler (Dendroica p. pinus)

Vagrant from the south. May have nested on Mt. Desert. No recent record.

Prairie Warbler (Dendroica d. discolor)

Vagrant from the south (JULY RECORD).

\* Yellow Palm Warbler (Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea)

Summer resident. Local ("The Big Heath" near Ship Harbor). Numerous and widespread as transient.

\* Oven-bird (Seiurus a. aurocapillus)

Summer resident. Common.

Northern Water-Thrush (Seiurus n. noveboracensis)

Summer visitant. Very rare; may nest occasionally, for a regular summer resident about lakes or ponds on the mainland of Hancock County. Fairly common transient.

Connecticut Warbler (Oporornis agilis)

Casual on migration (one record).

Mourning Warbler (Oporornis philadelphia)

Transient. Probably fairly common. One summer record and may nest occasionally, although very rare summer resident throughout eastern Maine (fairly common in northern and western Maine).

\* Yellow-throat (Geothlypis trichas brachidactyla)

Summer resident. Common.

Yellow-breasted Chat (Icteria v. virens)

Vagrant from the south. One remained at Great Head from December 1 to December 10, 1944.

Wilson's Warbler (Wilsonia p. pusilla)

Summer resident. Rare. Nest found near Ellsworth in 1950. Fairly common transient.

\* Canada Warbler (Wilsonia canadensis)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

\* American Redstart (Setophaga ruticilla)

Summer resident. Very common.

\* English or House Sparrow (Passer d. domesticus)

Resident. Local (Bar Harbor; nests on the side of the "Fire House").

Bobolink (Dolichonyx oryzivorus)

Summer resident. Rather rare.

Meadowlark (Sturnella m. magna)

Casual on migration.

\* Red-winged Blackbird (Agelaius p. phoeniceus)

Summer resident. Fairly common.

\* Baltimore Oriole (Icterus galbula)

Casual in summer about towns and villages. Reported as having nested in Southwest Harbor. Nests occasionally in Ellsworth.

Rusty Blackbird (Euphagus carolinus)

Transient. Fairly common. Has been noted on Mt. Desert in early June, during the nesting season; apparently breeds sparingly in the interior of Hancock County.

Bronzed Grackle (Quiscalus quiscula versicolor)

Transient. Fairly common. No early summer record, but has nested in Ellsworth.

\* Cowbird (Molothrus a. ater)

Summer resident. Fairly common and increasing.

Scarlet Tanager (Piranga olivacea)

Transient. Rather rare. Nests in the interior of Hancock County and may do so occasionally on Mt. Desert.

† Rose-breasted <sup>GROSBEAK</sup> ~~Goldfinch~~ (Pheucticus ludovicianus)

Summer resident. Rare. More numerous as transient.

Blue Grosbeak (Guiraca c. caerulea)

Vagrant from the south (one collected in May, 1895). The only definite Maine record.

Indigo Bunting (Passerina cyanea)

Summer resident. Rare (possibly occasional). Nest found near Ellsworth.

Dickcissel (Spiza americana)

Vagrant from the west (one November record).

Evening Grosbeak (Hesperiphona v. vespertina)

Winter resident of variable abundance. Probably has nested on the mainland of Hancock County (e.g. at Castine).

\* Purple Finch (Carpodacus p. purpureus)

Summer resident. Common. A few winter.

Pine Grosbeak (Pinicola enucleator eschatosus)

Winter visitant. Not uncommon. Casual in summer.

Redpoll (Acanthis f. flammea)

Winter visitant. Often common.

† Pine Siskin (Spinus p. pinus)

"Resident," but subject to wandering. Sometimes common in the nesting season, but in some years very rare.

† American Goldfinch (Spinus t. tristis)

"Resident." Much more numerous in summer than in winter.

\* Red Crossbill (Loxia curvirostra minor)

"Resident." Sometimes common, at other times rare or absent. Formerly more numerous than the White-winged Crossbill.

† White-winged Crossbill (Loxia l. leucoptera)

"Resident." Occasionally abundant (as in summer of 1949), but usually rather rare.

Towhee (Pipilo e. erythrophthalmus)

Vagrant from the south (several records in May and October).

\* Savannah Sparrow (Passerculus sandwichensis savanna)

Summer resident. Common.

\* Acadian Sharp-tailed Sparrow (Ammodramus caudacuta subvirgata)

Summer resident. Local (Bass Harbor Marsh). Also transient.

Vesper Sparrow (Pooecetes g. gramineus)

Former summer resident. Now rare transient. Nests on blueberry barrens in interior of Hancock County.

Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus subsp.)

Vagrant from the west (one August record).

\* Junco (Junco h. hyemalis)

"Resident." Very common in summer; much less numerous in winter.

Tree Sparrow (Spizella a. arborea)

Winter resident. Common. Arrives in early autumn.

\* Chipping Sparrow (Spizella p. passerina)

Summer resident. Common.

Field Sparrow (Spizella p. pusilla)

Vagrant from the south (three records, from April 27 to June).

White-crowned Sparrow (Zonotrichia l. leucophrys)

Transient. Fairly common.

\* White-throated Sparrow (Zonotrichia albicollis)

Summer resident. Common.

Fox Sparrow (Passerella i. iliaca)

Transient. Common.

Lincoln's Sparrow (Melospiza l. lincolni)

Summer resident. Rare and local (The Big Heath near Ship Harbor); perhaps not present every year. Not uncommon transient.

\* Swamp Sparrow (Melospiza g. georgiana)

Summer resident. Common locally.

\* Song Sparrow (Melospiza m. melodia)

Summer resident. Very common.

Lapland Longspur (Calcarius l. lapponicus)

Winter visitant. Rare.

Snow Bunting (Plectrophenax n. nivalis)

Winter resident. Common. Often arrives as early as October.

Species recorded from Hancock County,  
but not from Mt. Desert and nearby islands

Glossy Ibis (Plegadis f. falcinellus)

Vagrant from the south (one record from East Orland in May).

Baldpate (Mareca americana)

Transient. Very rare. No recent record.

Northern Eider (Somateria mollissima borealis)

Winter resident. Individuals shot at Black Rock, Gouldsboro, and at Black Horse Ledge, near Isle au Haut. Undoubtedly occurs near Mt. Desert.

Swainson's Hawk (Buteo swainsoni)

Vagrant from the west (one September record from Gouldsboro).

King Rail (Rallus e. elegans)

Vagrant from the south (one November record from Bucksport).

Florida Gallinule (Gallinula chloropus cachinnans)

Vagrant from the south (one record from East Sullivan in May, 1883).

American Avocet (Recurvirostra americana)

Vagrant from the west. Specimen examined in Bangor said to have been collected at Lamoine.

Black Tern (Chlidonias niger surinamensis)

Transient. Very rare. Observed at Castine in August, 1901.

Screech Owl (Otus asio naevius)

Resident. Very rare. No record for many years.

Great Gray Owl (Strix n. nebulosa)

Winter visitant. Very rare or absent most years, and never common even in incursion years.

Gray Kingbird (Tyrannus d. dominicensis)

Vagrant from the south. Two reported seen on Deer Isle, September 14, 1938.

Bullock's Oriole (Icterus bullocki)

Vagrant from the west (specimen collected at Sorrento in November, 1889).