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A Preliminary List of the Summer Birds of Mount Desert Island, Maine

Compiled by Francis H. Allen

From his own notes of observations at Southwest Harbor, July 15—29, 1893, and at Seal Harbor, June 15-29, 1899; from a list made by the Ornithological Department of the Champlain Society (supplemented by a few notes made by R. B. Worthington and J. R. Wakefield in 1891); and from notes furnished by Charles F. Batchelder from his own records and those of three other observers—Francis B. White (June 23—July 16, 1888), Minot Davis at Seal Harbor (June 27—Sept. 9, 1897), and Arthur S. Gilman at Northeast Harbor (July 27—Sept. 7, 1897). The Champlain Society was a group of young men, chiefly from Harvard College, who camped out near Asticou in the summers of 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883. Its Ornithological Department consisted of Henry M. Spelman, Charles W. Townsend, Robert B. Worthington, and Julius R. Wakefield.

This list is doubtless far from complete, especially as to migrants which may be looked for in August and September, but it is believed to be reasonably correct so far as it goes, and it may form the basis of future work. The spring migration is not included, and only the beginning of the autumn is covered. With few exceptions species not stated to be migrants or stragglers breed on the Island or very near by.

1. **Pied-billed Grebe.** PODILYMBUS PODICEPS.
Uncommon migrant.
2. **Loon.** GAVIA IMMER.
Not uncommon.
3. **Black Guillemot.** CEPPHUS GRYLLE.
Common.
4. **Herring Gull.** LARUS ARGENTATUS.
Common.
5. **Bonaparte's Gull.** LARUS PHILADELPHIA.
Uncommon migrant.
6. **Common Tern.** STERNA HIRUNDO.
Common.
7. **Black Duck.** ANAS RUBRIPES.
Not very common.
8. **Bittern.** BOTAURUS LENTIGINOSUS.
Uncommon.
9. **Great Blue Heron.** ARDEA HERODIAS HERODIAS.
Common. Migrant (?).
10. **Black-crowned Night Heron.** NYCTICORAX
NYCTICORAX NAEVIUS.
Common. Breeds, or at least formerly bred, on
one or more of the Porcupine Islands.
11. **Woodcock.** PHILOHELA MINOR.
Uncommon.
12. **Dowitcher.** MACRORHAMPHUS GRISEUS GRISEUS
Uncommon migrant.
13. **Least Sandpiper.** PISOBIA MINUTILLA.
Common migrant in August.
14. **Semipalmated Sandpiper.** EREUNETES PUSIL-
LUS.
Common migrant in August.
15. **Greater Yellow-legs.** TOTANUS MELANOLEUCUS
Uncommon (?) migrant.
16. **(Lesser) Yellow-legs.** TOTANUS FLAVIPES.
Common (?) migrant.
17. **Solitary Sandpiper.** HELODROMAS SOLITARIUS
SOLITARIUS.
Uncommon migrant.
18. **Spotted Sandpiper.** ACTITIS MACULARIA.
Common.
19. **Semipalmated Plover.** AEGIALITIS SEMIPAL-
MATA.
Migrant; common in August.

20. **Ruddy Turnstone.** ARENARIA INTERPRES MORINELLA.
Uncommon migrant.
21. **Canada Ruffed Grouse.** BONASA UMBELLUS TOGATA.
Rather common.
22. **Passenger Pigeon.** ECTOPISTES MIGRATORIUS.
Two seen August 7, one seen August 15, 188-,
by Charles W. Townsend. Now extinct.
23. **Mourning Dove.** ZENAIDURA MACROURA CAROLINENSIS.
Casual. One seen by J. R. Wakefield at Southwest Harbor, Aug. 27 and 28, 1891. An adult male shot by C. F. Batchelder at Seal Harbor, Aug. 12, 1902.
24. **Marsh Hawk.** CIRCUS HUDSONIUS.
Uncommon.
25. **Sharp-shinned Hawk.** ACCIPITER VELOX.
Probably the commonest hawk in summer.
26. **Red-tailed Hawk.** BUTEO BOREALIS BOREALIS.
Uncommon.
27. **Broad-winged Hawk.** BUTEO PLATYPTERUS.
Uncommon.
28. **Bald Eagle.** HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS.
Not very common.
29. **Osprey.** PANDION HALIAETUS CAROLINENSIS.
Uncommon.
30. **Barred Owl.** STRIX VARIA VARIA.
Uncommon.
31. **Yellow-billed Cuckoo.** COCCYZUS AMERICANUS.
One record. O. W. Knight's "Birds of Maine" mentions one taken at Bar Harbor by E. Gordon.
32. **Black-billed Cuckoo.** COCCYZUS ERYTHROPHthalmus.
Rather common.
33. **Belted Kingfisher.** CERYLE ALCYON.
Rather common.
34. **Hairy Woodpecker.** DRYOBATES VILLOSUS VILLOSUS.
Not uncommon.
35. **Downy Woodpecker.** DRYOBATES PUBESCENS MEDIANUS.
Common.

36. **Yellow-billed Sapsucker.** SPHYRAPICUS
VARIUS VARIUS.
A young male fully identified by Dr. Jonathan
Dwight at Asticou, Sept. 24, 1899 (C. F.
Batchelder).
37. **Northern Flicker.** COLAPTES AURATUS LUTEUS.
Common.
38. **Whip-poor-will.** ANTROSTOMUS VOCIFERUS VO-
CIFERUS.
Uncommon.
39. **Nighthawk.** CHORDEILES VIRGINIANUS VIR-
GINIANUS.
Common as a migrant: also breeds.
40. **Chimney Swift.** CHAETURA PELAGICA.
Common.
41. **Ruby-throated Hummingbird.** ARCHILOCHUS
COLUBRIS.
Not very common.
42. **Kingbird.** TYRANNUS TYRANNUS.
Rather common.
43. **Phoebe.** SAYORNIS PHOEBE.
Not common.
44. **Olive-sided Flycatcher.** NUTTALLORNIS BOREA-
LIS.
Not very common.
45. **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.** EMPIDONAX FLAVI-
VENTRIS.
Not very common.
46. **Alder Flycatcher.** EMPIDONAX TRAILLI ALNORUM.
Fairly common.
47. **Least Flycatcher.** EMPIDONAX MINIMUS.
Uncommon. Heard by R. B. Worthington in
June, 1891, near Somesville.
48. **Blue Jay.** CYANOCITTA CRISTATA CRISTATA.
Uncommon or local.
49. **Canada Jay.** PERISOREUS CANADENSIS CANADEN-
SIS.
An immature bird seen by F. H. Allen near Sand
Beach, Ocean Drive, June 24, 1899.
50. **Crow.** CORVUS BRACHYRHYNCHOS BRACHYRHYN-
CHOS.
Common.
51. **Bobolink.** DOLICHONYX ORYZIVORUS.
One seen at Bass Harbor, Aug. 21, (1880?), by
C. W. Townsend.

52. **Cowbird.** *MOLOTHRUS ATER ATER.*
One male seen near Bar Harbor, July 3, 1888,
and one or more females at the same place on
the 8th, by Francis B. White.
53. **Red-winged Blackbird.** *AGELAIUS PHOENICEUS*
PHOENICEUS.
Not common.
54. **Purple Finch.** *CARPODACUS PURPUREUS PUR-*
PUREUS.
Quite common.
55. **House Sparrow; English Sparrow.** *PASSER*
DOMESTICUS.
Too common.
56. **Crossbill; Red Crossbill.** *LOXIA CURVIROSTRA*
MINOR.
Irregular. In June, 1899, found everywhere in
flocks of from 6 to about 25.
57. **White-winged Crossbill.** *LOXIA LEUCOPTERA.*
Irregular and doubtless less frequently found
them the last. Mr. Batchelder reports it
as abundant for a short time one summer on
the Cranberry Islands.
58. **Goldfinch.** *ASTRAGALINUS TRISTIS TRISTIS.*
Common.
59. **Pine Siskin.** *SPINUS PINUS.*
Uncommon.
60. **Vesper Sparrow.** *POECETES GRAMINEUS.*
Not very common.
61. **Savannah Sparrow.** *PASSERCULUS SANDWICH-*
ENSIS SAVANNA.
Common in favorable locations.
62. **White-throated Sparrow.** *ZONOTRICHIA AL-*
BICOLLIS.
Normally abundant but only fairly common in
1899 on account of freezes in the South in 1895
and 1899.
63. **Chipping Sparrow.** *SPIZELLA PASSERINA PASSERI-*
NA.
Fairly common.
64. **Field Sparrow.** *SPIZELLA PUSILLA PUSILLA.*
Found about Somesville in June, 1891 (Champlain
Society).
65. **Slate-colored Junco.** *JUNCO HYEMALIS HYEMALIS.*
Normally abundant but not very common in
1899 on account of destruction in the South.

66. **Song Sparrow.** MELOSPIZA MELODIA MELODIA.
Common.
67. **Swamp Sparrow.** MELOSPIZA GEORGIANA.
Not very common.
68. **Indigo Bunting.** PASSEINA CYANEA.
Not common.
69. **Purple Martin.** PROGNE SUBIS SUBIS.
Formerly bred at Bar Harbor. Francis B. White
found a small colony there in 1888.
70. **Cliff Swallow.** PETROCHELIDON LUNIFRONS
LUNIFRONS.
Abundant.
71. **Barn Swallow.** HIRUNDO ERYTHROGASTRA.
Common.
72. **Tree Swallow.** IRIDOPROCNE BICOLOR.
Common.
73. **Bank Swallow** RIPARIA RIPARIA.
Rather common.
74. **Cedar Waxwing.** BOMBYCILLA CEDRORUM.
Common.
75. **Red-eyed Vireo.** VIREOSYLVA OLIVACEA.
Abundant.
76. **Philadelphia Vireo.** VIREOSYLVA PHILADEL-
PHICA.
Two taken by C. F. Batchelder and Dr. J. Dwight
at Seal Harbor, Sept 21, 1899.
77. **Blue-headed Vireo.** LANIVIREO SOLITARIUS
SOLITARIUS.
Fairly common.
78. **Black and White Warbler.** MNIOILTIA VARIA
Rather common.
79. **Nashville Warbler.** VERMIVORA RUBRICAPILLA.
Abundant.
80. **Northern Parula Warbler.** COMPSOTHTYPIS
AMERICANA USNEAE.
Not very common.
81. **Yellow Warbler.** DENDROICA AESTIVA AESTIVA
Uncommon.
82. **Black-throated Blue Warbler.** DENDROICA
CAERULESCENS CAERULESCENS.
Fairly common.
83. **Myrtle Warbler.** DENDROICA CORONATA.
Only 6 or 8 observed about Seal Harbor in 1899.
Doubtless another sufferer from the Southern freeze.
Normally common or perhaps abundant.

84. **Magnolia Warbler.** DENDROICA MAGNOLIA.
Abundant.
85. **Chestnut-sided Warbler.** DENDROICA PENSYLVANICA.
Quite common.
86. **Bay-breasted Warbler.** DENDROICA CASTANEA.
Rather uncommon.
87. **Blackburnian Warbler.** DENDROICA FUSCA.
Found in August and September but uncommon.
Probably will be found breeding.
88. **Black-throated Green Warbler.** DENDROICA VIRENS.
Abundant.
89. **Oven-bird.** SEIURUS AUROCAPILLUS.
Common.
90. **Water-Thrush.** SEIURUS NOVEBORACENSIS
NOVEBORACENSIS.
Uncommon. Probably breeds.
91. **Maryland Yellow-throat.** GEOTHLYPIS TRICHAS
TRICHAS.
Common.
92. **Wilson's Warbler.** WILSONIA PUSILLA PUSILLA.
Uncommon migrant.
93. **Canada Warbler.** WILSONIA CANADENSIS.
Common.
94. **Redstart.** SETOPHAGA RUTICILLA.
Abundant. Probably the commonest warbler
in 1899.
95. **Winter Wren.** NANNUS HIEMALIS HIEMALIS.
Rather common.
96. **Brown Creeper.** CERTHIA FAMILIARIS AMERICANA.
Not very common.
97. **Red-breasted Nuthatch.** SITTA CANADENSIS.
Common.
98. **Chickadee.** PENTHESTES ATRICAPILLUS.
Common.
99. **Acadian Chickadee.** PENTHESTES HUDSONICUS
LITTORALIS.
One seen near Echo Lake, Aug. 23, 1882, by
C. W. Townsend.
100. **Golden-crowned Kinglet.** REGULUS SATRAPA
SATRAPA.
Common.

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101. **Olive-backed Thrush.** HYLOCICHLA USTULATA SWAINSONI.
Abundant.
 102. **Hermit Thrush.** HYLOCICHLA GUTTATA PALLASI.
Normally abundant but much reduced in numbers in 1899.
 103. **Robin.** FLANESTICUS MIGRATORIUS MIGRATORIUS.
Abundant.
 104. **Bluebird.** SIALIA SIALIS SIALIS.
Uncommon. A few heard, July 22, 1881, flying over and several seen at Southwest Harbor by C. W. Townsend. One seen at Southwest Harbor by C. F. Batchelder, Aug. 13, 1900.

Observers are requested to send additional names to the Society of Seal Harbor, Me.

Issued by the Joint Path Committee of the Village Improvement Societies of Bar Harbor, Northeast Harbor, and Seal Harbor.

