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### BIRDS OF THE SEASON

(By Farley Mowat)

The following list completes the | vireo, breeding wherever found. 174 birds so far recorded in the Richmond Hill district. The first part migrant vireo. of the list appeared in our issue of April 25th.

TREE SWALLOW-This swallow is common in migration but rare as a breeding species. Unlike the rest of its family it nests in bird houses.

BANK SWALLOW-Large breeding colonies are found wherever there is a suitable sand bank for their nest burrows.

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW -Very rare, it may sometimes nest in company with Bank Swallows.

CLIFF SWALLOW - Another rare swallow that is seen only in migration.

BARN SWALLOW-Well known resident amongst barns and farm **建筑工程和设计区域的企业工程的企业工程的** buildings.

PURPLE MARTIN-The largest mon migrant. of the swallow family, this bird nests

CANADA JAY-A rare visitor from the North. Two birds were seen last winter.

ELUE JAY-The noisy, thieving ing around May 20. Blue Jay is much too common, nesting in every strip of bush. CROW-Less said the better. Com- rant.

mon breeding. ELACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE—

The hardy little chickadee is with us all winter but in spring only a few remain to nest with us. HUDSONIAN CHICKADEE-The Uncommon migrant.

'Brown-headed Chickadee' is another rare visitor from the North and only shows up during unusually cold win-

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH -The Nuthatches are winter resi- rant. dents. Coming to within a few yards of houses when suet is hung up for er Bird'. An unusual breeding bird. LAPLAND LONGSPUR - A mitheir use.

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH — Uncommon in winter but common during migrations.

BROWN CREEPER-Fairly common during migrations.

yard or farm has several pairs of marshes. these little birds nesting in everything from discarded trousers to threshing machines.

WINTER WREN - Uncommon during migrations.

PRAIRIES MARSH WREN - A ly rare resident, breeding in heavy interested in birds is welcome. fairly common wren, building a bush. round, ball like nest amongst the cat tails of swamp land.

resident, advertising its presence over the whole of North America with prolonged and 'feline-like' squalling.

Mockinbird its song is a procession country. of mimicries.

ROBIN-The one bird that every- breeding resident.

bell-like tones of this rare thrush and marshes. are sometimes heard during the sumit is found.

Northern Coniferous forests.

OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH - A Breeding sparsely in the district.

other difficult bird to identify, this in any stand of coniferous trees. species breeds in the sub-arctic.

thrush of Scuthern Ontario.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLIT with as much care as their own. -The kinglets are almost the small- | SCARLET TANAGER - One of to the order of the Honourable the but do not nest locally.

A common migrant.

are arctic birds that occasionally oc- positively identified. cur in large flocks during migra-

do not breed locally. CEDAR WAXWING - A common summer breeding bird.

NORTHERN SHRIKE - This is found. the winter shrike, wandering through this district during cold weather lingly indigo bird is rather rare but

MIGRANT SHRIKE - The comin thorn or hawthorn trees. STARLING-Unfortunately a com- winter.

mon breeding bird. Large flocks migrate a few hundred miles South winter sparrow. during the winter.

Vireos are a family of inconspicuous ing largely on pine cones. tree dwellers. They are seldom seen REDPOLL-A small winter sparbut often heard. The Blue-headed is row, fairly common during the cold a fairly common migrant.

PHILADELPHIA VIREO-A rare A rare winter resident.

mon local breeding bird.

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER | breeding bird. -Most of the warblers such as this their breeding grounds are much areas. farther north.

common migrant.

NASHVILLE WARBLER -Fairly common migrant. PARULA WARBLER — A rare

migrant. YELLOW WARBLER-The only common breeding warbler, sometimes

called 'Canary'. MAGNOLIA WARBLER - Com-

mon migrant. CAPE MAY WARBLER - A com-

BLACK - THROATED BLUE Arctic. almost entirely in man made bird WARBLER - Very common mig-

MYRTLE WARBLER-The earli- cedar hedges. est Warbler. Warbler migrations FIELD SPARROW-A rare and are usually quite late, the peak com- inconspicuous little sparrow breeding

BLACK - THROATED GREEN WARBLER-Another common mig-

BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER — Fairly common migrant. CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER-

Common migrant. BAY-BREASTED WARBLER -

ly common migrant. PINE WARBLER-Uncommon mi- mon breeding in marshes and

grant. PALM WARBLER - Rare mig-

OVEN-BIRD - This is the 'Teach- of habitat. NORTHERN WATER THRUSH- grant species breeding in the Arctic. A rare migrant.

MOURNING WARBLER-A rare the most northerly land birds, breedmigrant. NORTHERN YELLOW-THROAT Arctic. -A fairly common breeding bird.

common migrant.

grant.

ENGLISH SPARROW - The ubiquitous English Sparrow is not a CATBIRD - Common breeding true sparrow at all. It has spread

since its introduction in 1850 at Win the War. Ielena, Montana. BROWN THRASHER - A rare BOBOLINK-A familiar bird that breeding bird. Closely related to the nests on pastures throughout the

MEADOWLARK - A common

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD —

BALTIMORE ORIOLE — The mer nights. Probably breeds where hanging nests of the Orioles are of coal and coke for the Dominion amongst the wonders of bird study, Buildings throughout the Province HERMIT THRUSH - A common the nests are built so well they often migrant thrush. Breeding in the last 5 or 6 years although they are never used twice by the builder.

rare thrush, very hard to identify. migrant, breeding far to the north. GRACKLE - The 'Crow Black-GREY-CHEEKED. THRUSH-An- bird' is a common resident nesting forms supplied by the Department

COWBIRD - A common species. specifications and conditions attach-VEERY-The common breeding This bird is a parasite, building no nest of its own but laying its eggs ceeds the sum of \$5,000.00-whether BLUEBIRD-A very common resi- in other birds' nests where the fool- it be for one building only or more ish hosts raise the young cowbird

est of Canadian birds, the humming- the most striking of all our native Minister of Public Works, equal to bird being slightly smaller. Both birds. The Tanager is rather a rare species migrate in large numbers resident but nests where it is found.

RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET - rare bird is included in this list on its constituent companies, uncondithe basis of one record. One bird AMERICAN PIPIT - The pipits was observed by Dr. Langstaff and Canada, or the aforementioned bonds

CARDINAL-This is the first of to make up an odd amount. the true sparrows. The rest of the BOHEMIAN WAXWING - A birds in this list despite their amaz- ful tenderer a security deposit, in beautiful winter bird. Supposedly ing range of colours and sizes are very rare although many have been actually sparrows. The Cardinal is seen during the last winter. They becoming fairly common and breeds where it is found.

> ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK-Fairly common, breeding where

INDIGO BUNTING-This start- Ottawa, April 30, 1940. probably breeds where it is found. EVENING GROSBEAK-Yellow | 1924 mon shrike of the county. Breeding and black are the colours of this big sparrow which is found only in the

PURPLE FINCH - A common

PINE GROSBEAK - This Gros-BLUE-HEADED VIREO - The beak is also a winter species, feed-

weather. RED-EYED VIREO-The common | PINE SISKIN-Fairly common | during the winter.

GOLDFINCH-Also called 'Wild Canary' uncommon in winter but a fairly common breeding bird.

RED CROSSBILL-One of the rarest of the winter sparrows.

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL -

TOWHEE - Commonly called WARBLING VIREO-Also a com- 'Ground Robin' or 'Chewink'. This species is a fairly common summer

SAVANNAH SPARROW - A species are seen only in migration, common breeding bird of swampy

NELSONS SPARROW-A very TENNESEE WARBLER - Fairly rare little grass sparrow that seldom flies during the breeding season. This species does not breed locally.

VESPER SPARROW - Common breeding resident. Its lilting song and flashing white tail feathers are characteristics of this well known

SLATE-COLOURED JUNCO-A fall and winter species that does not breed locally.

TREE SPARROW - A common winter sparrow, breeding in the

CHIPPING SPARROW - A common summer resident breeding in

in open fields. WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW-A fairly common migrant sparrow.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW -A common migrant breeding as far south as Lake Simcoe. FOX SPARROW-This species is very large and spotted with rust

colour. Breeding farther north. LINCOLNS SPARROW-A rare BLACK-POLL WARBLER-Fair- migrant. SWAMP SPARROW-Fairly com-

swamps. SONG SPARROW-A well known

bird, breeding in almost every type

SNOW BUNTING-This is one of

ing right up to the ice belt in the A field trip to High Park, Tor-HOUSE WREN-Almost every This species is found in swamps and onto, will be held Sunday, May 12. All interested in coming please phone

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