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THE DENNY PHEASANT.

Introduced from China by Judge O. N. Denny in 1880-81. See page 24.

INTRODUCTION.

This Annotated List of the Birds of Oregon is a thesis which was presented to the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College, for the degree of Master of Science, by Mr. A. R. Woodcock. As an undergraduate student in zoology, Mr. Woodcock was especially interested in the study of our local bird fauna, and presented for his graduating thesis a "List of the Birds of Corvallis and Vicinity," which was so promising that I suggested that he take as the major subject for his Master's degree the work of preparing a list of the birds of the entire state.

In view of the interest in the study of our native birds which has recently been aroused, and wishing to stimulate that interest as much as possible, and particularly in view of the close economic relations which birds bear to the agriculture and horticulture of the state, I feel justified in recommending that the "list" be published as Bulletin No. 68 of the Oregon Experiment Station. It is believed that bird lovers in any part of the state by a perusal of its pages will be able to determine what birds are likely to be found in their particular locality, when the various species are likely to be present, their comparative abundance, whether they are resident or are only seen during migrations, and something of their nesting habits and food relations. It is believed that teachers will find it of value in their nature-study work and that farmers and fruit growers by consulting its pages may learn something of their feathered friends and foes—especially the former.

No one realizes better than does Mr. Woodcock, that in all probability the work contains errors and omissions. Undoubtedly the names of some birds that should properly be credited to the state have been omitted. Only in a few instances has he been able to verify the lists and notes of other observers by comparison with their specimens; hence he should be held responsible only for the species he has personally observed or verified, and each of the other collectors and observers should be credited with their records and be held responsible for them. In every instance the authority for recording a species from a locality is given. The number of observers, particularly in eastern Oregon, is far too small for us to expect

that all birds that occur in the state have been observed and recorded. It is hoped, however, that the publication of the list will greatly increase the number of such observers who will keep accurate notes of what they see, and who will not hesitate to place themselves in communication with the Agricultural College, to the end that future lists may be made more complete. It is also hoped that all who notice errors or omissions in the list will kindly notify us of them.

Oregon is a large state, extending as it does nearly three hundred miles from north to south and four hundred from east to west. Its range of elevation extends from sea level to the perpetually snow covered peaks of the Cascades nearly twelve thousand feet above. Its average annual rainfall varies from about eleven inches in parts of eastern Oregon to ninety-two inches in the northwestern part. It includes within its borders life-zones ranging from the Arctic-Alpine through the Hudsonian, the Canadian, the Transition and the Upper Austral. Representatives of the bird fauna of each of these zones occur within our borders, hence it is reasonable to expect that when fully known the bird fauna of the state will be found to be unusually rich. Mr. Woodcock lists about 325 species as occurring within our borders. In comparison, it may be stated that Cooke lists 387 species from Colorado, Brunner lists 415 species from Nebraska, and Cook 332 species from Michigan. It would seem, therefore, that a considerable number of species that occur within our borders are still unrecorded.

The arrangement adopted has been that of the American Ornithological Union Check List, and the number preceding the name of each species is the check list number.

In an appendix at the end of the list is published the "Bird Laws" of Oregon, and in the index those species which are known to be especially injurious from the standpoint of the farmer and fruit grower are printed in heavy faced type.

A. B. CORDLEY.

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Having been interested in the study of ornithology for a number of years, at the suggestion of Professor Cordley, I chose as a subject for my thesis in working for the degree of Master of Science, "An Annotated List of the Birds of Oregon." The object has been to make as complete a list as possible from the information at hand, of the avian species which have been taken and observed throughout the state, with the localities from which each species has been reported, the names of observers, and their notes. The notes aim to cover briefly the relative abundance, time of migration and nesting, and food habits, although in the latter line, apparently but little work has been done in the state.

Beside the data secured from original lists of various observers, I have made numerous extracts from the "Land Birds of the Pacific District," by Lyman Belding and the "Life Histories of North American Birds" by Captain Bendire. In the case of notes taken from these publications, the initial letters of the words in the respective titles are appended in parenthesis. Without the aid of these two works the information relative to the birds of the eastern portion of the state would have been very meagre, as thus far, I have been able to locate only one observer there. My chief reliance, however, has been on the original lists and data, contributed by those whose names follow, and I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks for their hearty co-operation and deep interest. I am indebted to Messrs. Ellis F. Hadley, Bernard J. Bretherton, Fred H. Andrews, Robert W. Haines, and Dr. A. G. Prill, for lists from the localities which appear opposite their names in the text; to Mr. A. W. Anthony for a general list; to Messrs. William Warner, Herman T. Bohlman, and Ross Nicholas for the use of their notes, and the data to their collections. I am also under obligation to Mr. Bohlman for furnishing me with a list of the Birds of Sheridan by Mr. Arthur L. Pope, as well as the addresses of several observers with whom I was not acquainted, to Professors Cordley and Shaw for reading the proof sheets, and to Professor Lake for determining certain seeds. I must, too, express my deep gratitude to Professor Cordley for his kindly assistance, advice, and counsel, during the time that he has been my instructor in zoology.

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