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The following list of birds I observed on Cedar Point within two miles of its extremity, from July 30th to August 20th, 1901, while a student at the O. S. U. Lake Laboratory. The list is not so complete as it might be. I found the birds I did for the most part in short daily visits of about an hour each, generally in the afternoon. One whole day I spent on the Point and two half days. With one exception, that of the American Herring Gull, I think all the species named nest in the neighborhood of Cedar Point. The list ought to be much extended by going over the part nearer the mainland. I think at least fifteen or twenty more species ought to be found there as summer residents.

I rode from Oberlin to Sandusky several times and the additional species I saw in Erie county I shall add in a list by themselves. The most noticeable of these were the Bank Swallows. They were in immense flocks along the road from Sandusky to Huron. Sometimes as many as five hundred would alight on two lengths of telephone wire.

The Long-billed Marsh Wrens were quite common all the time in the reeds to the west of the Point. They were not singing, however, after August 5th. The swamps upon the Point supplied many of the shore birds. In a flock there were generally Bartramian, Pectoral, Spotted and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Semipalmated Plover, and Killdeers. It was a common thing during the last week to hear the Coots in the marsh west of the Point. Pied-billed Grebes were also tolerably common there. The Bald Eagles were probably a pair which had a nest nearer the mainland. The American Bittern I quote on the authority of Mr. Field, of Dennison College.

I use the order of the latest A. O. U. check-list. The following abbreviations I add after each species: C.—common; Tc.—tolerably common; Fe.—few; figures indicate the exact number seen.

CEDAR POINT LIST.

70. Common Tern, Sterna hirundo. C.
77. Black Tern, Hydrochelidon nigra surinamensis. Fe.
190. American Bittern, Botaurus lentiginosus. Fe.
191. Least Bittern, Ardetta exilis. Fe.
194. Great Blue Heron, Ardea herodias. Tc.
201. Green Heron, Ardea virens. Tc.
212. Virginia Rail, Rallus virginianus. Tc.
214. Sora, Porzana carolina. Tc.
221. American Coot, Fulica americana. Tc.
228. American Woodcock, Philohela minor. Fe.
239. Pectoral Sandpiper, Tringa maculata. Tc.
246. Semipalmated Sandpiper, Ereunetes pusillus. Fe.
248. Sanderling, Calidris alba. Tc.
263. Spotted Sandpiper, Actitis macularia. C.
274. Semipalmated Plover, Aegialitis semipalmata. Tc.
289. Bob-white, Colinus virginianus. Fe.
316. Marsh Hawk, Circus hudsonius. Fe.
331. Cooper's Hawk, Accipiter cooperi. Fe.
352. Bald Eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus. 2.
364. American Osprey, Pandion haliaetus carolinensis. 1.
387. Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Coccyzus americanus. Tc.
388. Black-billed Cuckoo, Coccyzus erythropthalmus. Tc.
393. Hairy Woodpecker, Dryobates villosus. Fe.
394. Downy Woodpecker, Dryobates pubescens. Fe.
406. Red-headed Woodpecker, Melanerpes erythrocephalus. C.
412. Northern Flicker, Colaptes auratus luteus. Tc.
428. Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Trochilus colubris. Fe.
444. Kingbird, Tyrannus tyrannus. C.
452. Crested Flycatcher, Myiarchus crinitus. Fe.
461. Wood Pewee, Contopus virens. C.
477. Blue Jay, Cyanocitta cristata. C.
488. American Crow, Corvus americanus. Fe.
495. Cowbird, Molothrus ater. Fe.
498. Red-winged Blackbird, Agelaius phoeniceus. C.
506. Orchard Oriole, Icterus spurius. 1.
511. Bronzed Grackle, Quiscalus quiscula. C.
563. Field Sparrow, Spizella pusilla. Fe.
581. Song Sparrow, Melospiza melodia. Tc.
587. Towhee, Pipilo erythrophthalmus. Fe.
593. Cardinal, Cardinalis cardinalis. Fe.
598. Indigo Bunting, Cyanospiza cyanea. C.
608. Scarlet Tanager, Piranga erythromelas. Fe.
611. Purple Martin, Progne subis. C.
613. Barn Swallow, Hirundo erythrogaster. C.
616. Bank Swallow, Clavisula riparia. C.
619. Cedar Waxwing, Ampelis cedrorum. C.
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624. Red-eyed Vireo, Vireo olivaceous. C.
627. Warbling Vireo, Vireo gilvus. Tc.
636. Black and White Warbler, Mniotilta varia. Fe.
652. Yellow Warbler, Dendroica aestiva. C.
681. Maryland Yellow-throat, Geothlypis trichas. Tc.
683. Yellow-breasted Chat, Icteria virens. Fe.
687. American Redstart, Setophaga ruticilla. Fe.
704. Catbird, Galeoscoptes carolinensis. Tc.
718. Carolina Wren, Thryothorus ludovicianus. Fe.
725. Long-billed Marsh Wren, Cistothorus palustris. Tc.
727. White-breasted Nuthatch, Sitta carolinensis. Fe.
731. Tufted Titmouse, Parus bicolor. Fe.
735. Chickadee, Parus atricapillus. Fe.
755. Wood Thrush, Hylocichla mustelina. Fe.
761. American Robin, Merula migratoria. Fe.
766. Bluebird, Sialia sialis. Fe.

ADDITIONAL ERIE COUNTY LIST.

360. American Sparrow Hawk, Falco sparverius. Fe.
373. Screech Owl, Megascops asio. Fe.
540. Vesper Sparrow, Poecetes gramineus. Tc.
546. Grasshopper Sparrow, Ammodramus savannarum passerinus. Fe.
617. Rough-winged Swallow, Stelgidopteryx serripennis. Tc.
622. Loggerhead Shrike, Lanius ludovicianus. Fe.

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