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THE BIRDS OF THE RED DEER RIVER, ALBERTA.

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Plates I-IV.

THE region about Red Deer and Calgary, Alta., has received the attention of several ornithological observers; but while individual notes and specimens from there are scattered through many publications and various collections no attempt has been made to correlate or bring them all together. During the summers of 1915 and 1916 the Geological Survey of Canada had parties collecting large fossils in the Edmonton and Belly River formations in the bad-lands of the Red Deer River. Incidental to this work Mr. George Sternberg of this museum collected a number of interesting birds. His account of the country and the ornithological specimens he secured, added to the fragmentary references in literature, proved so interesting that it was decided to make a more intensive ornithological investigation of the river during the summer of 1917.

June 18 found the writer and C. H. Young in Red Deer, where a rough scow-shaped boat was built, sixteen feet long and four and a half feet wide, capable of carrying ourselves and a comfortable amount of camp and collecting equipment. An outboard motor was attached and the descent of the river begun on June 25. While on the subject it may be well to state that this outfit was eminently

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