

NOTES ON SOME CANADIAN BIRDS.

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TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*).

Accidental. One was taken in Victoria Co., and is now in the Crown Land Department at Fredericton. One other was observed the same spring, but, no dates being given, it may have been the same one.

MARSH HARRIER (*Circus hudsonius*).

Of common occurrence about large tracts of marsh where the birds breed. They occasionally take poultry for food.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (*Accipiter velox*).

A rather uncommon summer resident. The birds arrive from the south about the last of April and stay until September. They are a great terror to young Blue Jays upon which they feed. Have never known them to molest poultry.

AMERICAN GOSHAWK (*Accipiter atricapillus*).

A permanent resident. The boldest dashing brigand of our land birds, darting swiftly and straight on his prey; be it even a hen near the farmer, he has been known to rush in and try to carry it away, and instances are known where the birds have pursued their prey into barns and been themselves caught. A day or two ago I had an experience with one of this species. Having heard an unknown avian voice and taking a gun, I was not long in locating the Goshawk, for such it proved to be. His call was a series of fierce kacks repeated about ten times at intervals of from two to thirty minutes. He would take short flights after Arctic Woodpeckers, but was unable to obtain one; then he would alight on a high tree and kack forth his rage. I would call in imitation of the Barred Owl, to which he paid some attention and twice came within range but was hidden by thick limbs. Then he flew to an open knoll of hard wood, and seated on a horizontal beech limb he sauced me in hawk language, while I returned it in many fierce and modulated words of Owl dialect. Being unable