

Beach Lake, Quebec, about 35 miles in a straight line from the city. The earliest date for its arrival here from the south which I have is March 16th (1898). From then till well into May (9th, 1907) its wedge-shaped flocks enliven the air, and again in the fall from October 11th to about November, 20th.

51. *Branta bernicla*, Brant. This abundant eastern migrant is only a very rare accidental visitor with us, the only record being a specimen shot some thirty miles down the river by Mr. P. Thompson in the fall of 1887.

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ARDEIDÆ—HERONS, BITTERNS.

52. *Botaurus lentiginosus*, Bittern. A common summer resident, breeding in large and small swamps and sloughs. They come in the spring as early as April 6th, and stragglers remain as late as October 30th.

53. *Ixobrychus exilis*, Least Bittern. A very rare summer resident at Shirley's Bay.

54. *Ardea herodias*, Great Blue Heron. This large bird, popularly but erroneously called "Blue Crane," is still a common figure with us, though most possessors of guns deem it a piece of great heroism and marksmanship to kill every one they see. Its heronies, collections of big bulky nests up in trees in swampy, flooded woods, are found here and there in the district. Extreme dates of arrival and departure are: March 17th (1907), and November 17th (1909).

55. *Butorides virescens*, Green Heron. A rare visitor to us from further south, in the fall. It has been taken once by Mr. W. E. Saunders on the banks of the Rideau. As it nests not far to the south of us, along the St. Lawrence, and as this species has the habit in common with other herons to take a little ramble northward from their breeding grounds before departing to the south in fall, it should be looked for more assiduously and will probably be found more regularly.

56. *Nycticorax nycticorax naevius*, Black-crowned Night Heron. This is a summer resident of circumscribed local distribution. It nests on Kettle Island, and there it is not rare, otherwise it is. But even at Kettle Island, birds in the adult plumage are rare and none had been taken here till September 10th, 1907, when Mr. E. White shot two adult males in a little spruce and cedar thicket near Hurdman's Bridge. One was seen by him also late as October 19th (1905) in Lochaber Bay.

(To be continued.)