

BIRD NOTES FOR JUNE.

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By the time June has arrived most of the birds which come to Ottawa have put in an appearance, so that there are never many new records for that month. Those birds which are noted for the first time had probably been here for some days, but were not seen previously this year. Mr. F. A. Saunders has done very good work during the month of June, and had he not kindly furnished us with his records, there would have been but few bird notes for this month. He was fortunate enough to add two new species to the list of Ottawa birds, namely, the Short-billed Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus stellaris*), and the Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum passerinus*).

The following observations were made by Mr. Saunders :

June 11—American Sparrow-hawk, *Falco sparverius*.

" 11—Pine Warbler, *Dendroica vigosii*. A pair breeding at the Experimental Farm.

" 11—Canadian Warbler, *Sylvania canadensis*. Breeding in Dow's Swamp and elsewhere.

" 11—Long-billed Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus palustris*. Common near the canal.

" 12—Mourning Warbler, *Geothlypis philadelphia*. Seems to be getting much commoner. Breeds in Dow's Swamp and elsewhere.

" 13—Least Bittern, *Botaurus exilis*. A pair, doubtless breeding, in marsh at Experimental Farm.

" 13—Sora (Carolina Rail) *Porzana carolina*.

" 14—Winter Wren, *Troglodytes hiemalis*. Dow's Swamp.

" 14—Water Thrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis*. Dow's Swamp. Breeds regularly in same place.

" 14—Red-breasted Nuthatch, *Sitta canadensis*. Dow's Swamp.

" 15—Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus borealis*. Mer Bleue.

" 15—Yellow Palm Warbler, *Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea*. Mer Bleue. Common.

" 15—Short-billed Marsh Wren, *Cistothorus stellaris*. One seen in Mer Bleue. June 17, two seen and one shot. This is a new species for Ottawa.

" 16—Parula Warbler, *Compsothlypis americana*. Chelsea.

" 24—Grasshopper Sparrow, *Ammodramus savannarum passerinus*. One seen beyond Hull on the 24th, doubtless breeding. Seen in rear of Experimental Farm on 26th and 27th, and one shot on the 28th. This is another addition to Ottawa's bird list. The Grasshopper Sparrow was not taken previously nearer than the St. Clair Flats.