

entrance to their home was nearly always filled with expectant baby mouths and later the youngsters ventured out onto the platform and when able to fly they, for two or three weeks, returned every night; then their visits became less frequent until one day, accompanied by some friends, there being twenty-three birds in all, they bade the old homestead a noisy farewell.

The young wrens remained in the neighborhood a week or so and the adults were often heard singing until late fall.

My two male martins had the white and gray plumage similar to that of the female. This spring I hope to see them in their black-purple-sheened plumage which is probably acquired in their second year.

BIRDS OBSERVED AT GRANDE PRAIRIE CITY, PEACE RIVER DISTRICT.

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I spent four days from June 30 to July 3, 1916, in and around Grande Prairie City, and noted the birds mentioned below. This town is the centre of the far famed district of the same name, and is about sixty miles due south of the old post, Dunvegan, on the Peace River and is, roughly, 250 miles northwest of Edmonton. The town is only a year or so old, and is now as large as some of the towns in the older settled portions of the Province. It is situated on Bear Creek, a small stream which flows into the Wapita, a few miles to the south. The country is mostly prairie, with scattered bluffs of poplar and willow, and rolls slightly. The grasses and shrubs are very similar to those around Edmonton. To the east of this prairie country the railway passes through one hundred miles of large poplar, some of which is twenty inches in diameter. This is surely the great summer home of the White-throated Sparrow and the Junco. There were more White-throats noticed than all other birds combined. I counted a dozen singing in the valley of the Smoky River, all within three hundred yards of the train. They were particularly very plentiful throughout this territory. On the prairie, the Vesper Sparrow was by far the most abundant bird. I was surprised to find the English Sparrow quite at home in the town, there being at least a hundred feeding around the elevators and warehouses. They of course, used their regular way of travel—the freight car. The list is given in the order that the birds were observed.

Junco; very common.

White-throated Sparrow; very common.

Clay-colored Sparrow; fairly common.