

uncanny note, and waging fierce warfare upon its fellows." In both the male and the female the head feathers form a pointed crest. The throat is gray, sulphur-yellow below and extending beneath the wings. The colour above is grayish olive.

Cuckoo. The cuckoo is rather larger than the robin, white beneath, grayish-brown above. It has a long tail and fairly slender, somewhat curved beak. The black-billed cuckoo nests in eastern Canada and west past Manitoba. The European cuckoo is a well-known bird in England. Look up Wordsworth's *To the Cuckoo*, and his reference to its song in *The Solitary Reaper*.

Dove. The mourning dove nests over a very wide stretch of country from Maine to British Columbia at least. It is quite common in the Prairie Provinces. It is somewhat larger than the robin and rather pigeon-like in appearance. The whistling sound it makes as it flies up from the ground readily identifies it. You will often see it feeding on the ground in thistle-patches and weed-beds.

Goldfinch. This little bird is well-known, particularly the male, which is bright yellow, with cap, wings, and tail of black. Its feeding habits and nest-building are easily observed. The nest is a very graceful cup, lined with grass and plant down, and frequently with hair.

Grosbeak. The pine grosbeak is a winter visitor in many parts of Canada, even west well into the Prairie Provinces. It summers and nests in New Brunswick and farther north. The size and reddish colour of the male make many careless observers take him for a robin. His very stout beak gives him his name. A relative, the rose-breasted grosbeak, nests from Nova Scotia west to the prairies. The male of this bird is black with white markings and a conspicuous breast-patch of rose-red. The rose-breasted grosbeak has a clear, pleasing song.

Grouse. The grouse that is most widely known in Canada is the ruffed grouse, commonly, but wrongly known as the partridge. One often hears in the wood the drumming of the male. How is the sound produced? This bird is found alike in eastern woods and western bluffs.

Hairbird. This is our common chipping sparrow, a little black and brown bird with reddish-chestnut crown.