

THE BIRDS OF OTTAWA.

The appended list of birds found in the neighbourhood of Ottawa has been compiled by the leaders of the Ornithological Branch of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, from the records of the Club, and embodies the work of the Branch from its establishment in the beginning of the year 1881 to the end of the year 1890.

A list was published in 1882 (TRANSACTIONS O. F. N. C., Vol. I., No. 3, p. 29), enumerating one hundred and sixty-nine species. Of these the following were afterwards struck off the list, having been inserted by mistake:—12, *Harporhynchus cinereus*; 329, *Glaucidium passerinum*, var. *Californicum*; 398, *Egialitis Wilsonius*; 609, *Podiceps cristatus*. The following substitutions were also made:—33, *Parus Hudsonicus* for 34, *P. rufescens*; 125, *Vireo gilvus* for 132, *V. pusillus*; 467, *Rallus Virginianus* for 470, *Porzana Jamaicensis*; 556, *Larus Philadelphia* for 555, *L. Franklinii*. Of these remaining, or since added to the list, it is now thought advisable to drop the following, either because of mistakes in identification, or because sufficient evidence cannot now be adduced to support the records:—*Coturniculus passerinus*, TRANSACTIONS O. F. N. C., Vol. I., No. 3, p. 30; *Ibid.*, No. 4, p. 85; *Steganopus Wilsonii*, *Ibid.*, No. 3, p. 32; *Larus atricilla*, *Ibid.*, p. 44; *Cistothorus stellaris*, *Ibid.*, Vol. II., p. 141. See also OTTAWA NATURALIST, Vol. IV., pp. 93, 162. *Buteo Swainsoni*, OTTAWA NATURALIST, Vol. II., p. 49; *Acanthis linaria rostrata*, *Ibid.*, p. 150; *Geothlypis agilis*, *Ibid.*, p. 150; *Turdus alicie*, *Ibid.*, p. 150. With these changes, the additions made to the old list since its publication bring the number recorded to two hundred and twenty-four. This number includes two species now recorded for the first time by the Club, viz.: No. 11, *Urinator lumme*, and No. 301, *Lagopus lagopus*, besides those mentioned in the Report for the year 1890, which has not yet been published.

The district covered by this list is embraced within a circle of thirty miles radius, with the City of Ottawa as its centre. It includes, roughly speaking, the Counties of Carleton and Russell, in Ontario, and the Southern portion of the County of Ottawa, in Quebec, and lies between 45° and 46° N. lat. The Northern portion of this district is covered by what may be termed the first range of the Laurentian Hills,