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A Few Ottawa Birds



VERY few amongst the students perhaps, are aware of the large number of species of birds that are to be seen in our city and its neighborhood. In a list prepared by the Ornithological Section of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club we find that up to May 1891, there had been observed, in a stretch of country of a radius of thirty miles around Ottawa, 224 species; of course all of these birds are not to be seen every year, because a few are very rare, occurring only in inaccessible parts of the marshes, and others are birds accidentally wafted inland by the violent storms.

However in this short paper I do not pretend to give a monograph of all the birds of this district, (it would be the task of the Ornithologist) but simply to jot down a few short notes on the commonest and best known of our summer birds.

And here naturally first on the list comes the most familiar to all, the European or English Sparrow, also called House Sparrow because