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NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF MANITOBA.

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The well-known King-bird or Tyrant Flycatcher, *Tyrannus carolinensis*, is abundant in Manitoba. A more fearless, inquisitive, pugnacious, and warlike bird it is difficult to imagine. Often when I have shot a bird as a specimen, up has flown a King-bird with a manner which gave him the appearance of saying—"Now, what's going on here"? To see a King-bird dash at and attack a huge Harrier, for no other purpose whatsoever than to have a fight, is a thing of common occurrence, and the Harrier always tries to avoid and escape from his assailant. The King-bird breeds in the low scrubby oak trees which cover the sand-hills, building, like the Shrike, a nest consisting largely of the stalks of a species of *Gnaphalium*. After the young are able to fly they often live round the settlers' houses on the open prairie, but about the end of August they all leave.

Among the trees on the sand-hills and in the bluffs the Night Hawk, *Chordeiles popetue*, is abundant, and makes itself very conspicuous towards evening by its loud scream, by booming, and by displaying during flight the unmistakable white patch on each wing. Not unfrequently it may be seen on the wing at mid-day; and it always makes an appearance long before sunset, sailing about at a great height and screaming frequently. After flying awhile over the head of any intruder, it suddenly spreads its wings, and giving a wide swoop downwards, emits a loud booming noise, which has gained for it in some parts of America the name of "Bull Bat." That this noise is made over one's head in order to threaten or intimidate seems to me pretty certain, but I have also, I believe, heard it emitted at a distance, without any such object. It breeds