

## RARE BIRDS TAKEN AT TORONTO. BY JOHN MAUGHAN, JR., ESQ.

(Read April 13, 1895).

Great Black-Backed Gull (*Larus Marinus*). Locality, 8 miles out from Toronto, Island in Lake Ontario. Date, 8th February, 1894. Measurements: spread 5 ft. 9½ ins., wing 2 ft. 7 ins., length 2 ft. 6 ins., leg 11 ins., tarsus 3½ ins., tail 8½ ins., bill 2½ ins., bill, from gape, 4½ ins., middle toe 3½ ins. Sex ♂.

Peregrine Falcon or Duck Hawk (*Falco Peregrinus Anatum*). Locality, Toronto Marsh, Ashbridge's Bay. Date, 25th June, 1894. Measurements: length 19½ ins., tail 7½ ins., wing 19½ ins., spread 44½ ins., tarsus 2 ins., middle toe 2½ ins., bill 1 in., gape 1½ ins. Sex ♂.

Remarks.—Plumage very light ashy, feathers very much battered and bare.

Marsh Hawk (*Circus Hudsonicus*). Locality, Toronto Marsh, Ashbridge's Bay. Date, 20th May, 1894, and 2nd April, 1895. Measurements: length 18½ ins., wing 20 ins., spread 3 ft. 6 ins., bill 1 in., gape 1½ ins., leg 10½ ins., tarsus 2½ ins., middle toe 1½ ins., tail 8½ ins. Sex ♂ and ♂.

Remarks.—Both these hawks are noted for their being old males in the "Blue Plumage." Colour: very light bluish ash, with pure white under wings and upper and under tail coverts. Measurements are practically identical.

Razor-Billed Auk (*Alca Torda*). Locality, Hamilton Bay, Ont. Date, 9th December, 1893. Measurements: spread 27½ ins., tail 3½ ins., wing 12 ins. Sex ♂.

Remarks.—This species is undoubtedly very rare here, as records of only two have been noted before this one. No doubt it came along with the Guillemots that were taken in such numbers at different points during the winters of 1893, 1894 and 1895.

Red Phalarope (*Crymophilus Fulicarius*). Locality, Toronto Island (east end). Date, 6th October, 1894. Measurements: bill 1 in., spread 15 ins., wing 6½ ins., tail 2 ins., leg 3 ins., tarsus 15-16 in., middle toe 15-16 in. Sex ♂.

Leash or Yellow Rail (*Porzana Noveboracensis*). Locality, Centre Island, Toronto. Date, 6th October, 1894. Measurements: length 6½ ins., spread 10½ ins., wing 4¾ ins., leg 3¾ ins., tarsus ¾ in., tail 7-16 in. Sex ♂.

Purple Sandpiper (*Tringa Maritima*). Locality, Toronto Island (east end). Date, 27th October, 1894. Measurements: length 9 ins., tail 2 ins., wing 7¾ ins., spread 15¾ ins., bill 1½ ins., leg 3½ ins., tarsus ¾ in., middle toe 1 in. Sex ♂.