

guided largely by his own experience and has stated the points that seem most characteristic to him. In species with which he has had little experience in life he has relied upon others.

Under "Discussion," as many facts of general interest relating to the species have been included as the space allows or the importance of the species warrants. Scattered among the various species, where applicable under this head, numerous matters are discussed and general laws governing zoological life stated. Many of these apply to a number of species and some might well be repeated under each specific heading were it not for the constant repetition that it would necessitate. An attempt has been made to encourage a wholesome protective attitude from an aesthetic viewpoint.

"Nesting" is merely a brief description of the nest and its situation. Much of this is drawn from other authors, especially from the invaluable "Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America."

Under "Economic Status" is given a summary of present knowledge of the species in their relation to man. Most of this is drawn from the admirable work done by the United States Biological Survey. Of necessity only a brief outline of the data upon which conclusions are founded can be given and the reader is referred to Ornithological Literature on page 13, for greater details.

Under "Distribution", it has been deemed best to give the distributions in such general and well understood terms that all can get at least a general conception of the ranges of the species. The result may be a little vague owing to the lack of sharply defined boundaries of the ranges, but the centres of distribution are made clear. For definite ranges the reader is referred to the "Catalogue of Canadian Birds" by John and James M. Macoun, issued by this department in 1909.

Throughout it has been the endeavour to avoid the use of technical terms, substituting familiar words wherever possible. Some technical terms, however, have no general vernacular equivalent and a glossary of these is given on page 219, for the benefit of those who are unfamiliar with them.

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