

## APPENDIX

### NOTES ON THE BIRDS, ANIMALS, FISHES, AND PLANTS MENTIONED IN THE ESSAYS

Perhaps the most interesting of Burroughs's observations are those on birds. It is rather fortunate that most of the birds he mentions are found over a wide range of territory. In many cases our opportunities for observing these birds are rather better than his were, for we are far enough north to be within the nesting range of many birds which he could see only briefly on their spring and fall migrations. Even our Prairie Provinces are by no means poor in variety of bird life. In the city of Winnipeg, Mr. Gowanlock, of the University of Manitoba, has personally noted 170 species, and the total number so far listed is over 300. No doubt this number will be increased by further observation and record. A great deal remains to observe concerning the bird-life of many parts of Canada.

Birds are of the utmost importance to our agricultural country. It is questionable, indeed, if human life would remain possible on our earth if birds disappeared from the fields and forest. If the Essays in this book arouse the interest of their readers in our out-door life, the following list of birds mentioned in the text may be of some use.

In studying birds, identification is the first step. One of the little pocket bird-guides (Chester Reed's) will serve in most cases. Larger books, such as Chapman's *Colour Key to North American Birds* or McClement's *New Canadian Bird Book*, are very useful.

**Bladderwort.** Bladderworts are water or marsh plants, some of them growing immersed in water and possessing little air-filled bladders which float the plant and enable it to flower above the surface. Others, such as the one Burroughs mentions, are marsh plants of the same family, but with showier flowers and no bladders.