

coast, however, that any great addition to our avifauna may be expected. I have divided this synopsis into two portions :—1st, a list of birds known to exist in the Island ; and, 2ndly, a list of species known to inhabitants of the neighbouring mainland of Washington territory and British Columbia, which species being reasonably considered to be in all likelihood also members of the Vancouver-Island fauna, ought to be looked for. Most of the domestic fowls of England and the United States are, of late years, to be found in the farm-yards of the southern portion of the island.* The Californian Quail (*Lophortyx californicus*) has been set free in the district near Metchosin, with a view to add to the game-birds of the island, but, so far as I can learn, it is not prospering very well. X I may also mention, in connexion with this subject, that the English Rabbit (*Lepus cuniculus*) has also been introduced into the same district, and will most likely increase rapidly.

I have prefaced my list of the known birds of Vancouver Island by a table showing at a glance the tribal, generic, and specific distribution of the avifauna ; and this table saves me the necessity of introducing further systematic details. From this it will appear that the known avifauna of Vancouver Island comprehends 153 species, extending over six orders, thirty-eight primary tribes, and one hundred and eighteen genera. The statistics of the species, genera, and tribes in these orders may be stated as follows :—

Orders.	Tribes.	Genera.	Species.
1. Raptores	3	12	14
2. Scansores	1	4	6
3. Insessores	17	51	66
4. Rasores	3	5	5
5. Grallatores	7	16	18
6. Natatores	7	30	44
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The species are arranged according to Prof. Spencer F. Baird's well-known 'Birds of North America;' and a reference to that work saves all necessity of swelling the limits of this list (which is only intended as a guide to future collectors) by inserting descrip-