

Abundant resident in Southern Ontario, summer resident in the northerly portions of the Province ; breeds throughout its range.

FAMILY ICTERIDÆ. BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, ETC.

GENUS DOLICHONYX.

189. **Bobolink.**

(*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*.)

Abundant summer resident, breeds in the hay meadows throughout its range, which does not extend north of the cultivated country.

Arrives about the 10th of May, departs about the end of August.

GENUS MOLOTHRUS.

190. **Cowbird.**

(*Molothrus ater*.)

An abundant summer resident, deposits its eggs in the nests of other small birds, breeding throughout its range.

Arrives about the first of April, departs early in October.

This is the most injurious bird we have, as each egg deposited by it means the destruction of a whole brood of one of our beneficial species.

GENUS XANTHOCEPHALUS.

191. **Yellow-headed Blackbird.**

(*Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus*.)

A very rare summer visitor from the western prairies.

GENUS AGELAIUS.

192. **Red-winged Blackbird.**

(*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

A very abundant summer resident, breeding in marshes throughout its range.

Arrives about the middle of March, departs about the middle of October.

GENUS STURNELLA.

193. **Meadow Lark.**

(*Sturnella magna*.)

A common summer resident in southern Ontario, gradually extending its range northward as the land is cleared. Breeds on the ground in meadows throughout its range.

Arrives towards the end of March, departs late in October or early in November.