

larly breeding in the interior of the Province. It is a common summer resident of Manitoba.

Arrives as soon as the marshes open and leaves when they freeze up.

GENUS AIX.

(144) **Wood Duck.**

(*Aix sponsa.*)

Formerly an abundant summer resident, breeding everywhere throughout the Province; it is still common, but its numbers are fast decreasing.

Arrives as soon as the ice is out of the marshes, departs about the end of September.

SUBFAMILY FULIGULINÆ. (THE SEA DUCKS.)

GENUS AYTHYA.

(146) **Redhead.**

(*Aythya americana.*)

A common spring and autumn migrant. They breed from the great lakes northward and abundantly in Manitoba and the Prairie Provinces.

The bulk of them retire southward when their haunts are frozen over. In some seasons a considerable number spend the winter on Lake Ontario.

(147) **Canvas-back Duck.**

(*Aythya vallisneria.*)

A regular, but not generally a common spring and autumn migrant in Ontario. It breeds commonly in the marshes of the North-West Provinces.

(148) **American Scaup Duck. (Blue-bill.)**

(*Aythya marila.*)

The great majority of these birds are spring and autumn visitors to southern Ontario, but they do not go very far north to breed, and a great many spend the winter along the shores of Lake Ontario.

(149) **Lesser Scaup Duck. (Little Blue-bill.)**

(*Aythya affinis.*)

Like the last, the great bulk of these ducks are transient visitors in spring and autumn, but some breed in all the large marshes throughout the Province, even along our southern boundary where protected. Formerly they bred regularly in the marsh near Hamilton, and also in that near Toronto.