

and retire probably to the Arctic regions to build, though we are told that Audubon found a Snowbird's nest in the White Mountains and Maynard certifies to the presence of a flock of these birds at Mount Katahdin, in Maine, early in August, 1869.

The Snow Bunting, common to the continents of America and Europe, occurs in vast flocks in Scotland, England, Russia, and even in Siberia.

Round Quebec it comes as a regular fall and spring migrant: like the passenger pigeon its numbers have sadly decreased of late years.

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That broad-mouthed, long-winged, short-legged, dark bird, with white badges on its wings, is the Night Hawk, or Goat Sucker, *Caprimulgus*. You, no doubt, are aware why he is so persistently called Goat Sucker by naturalists; it is because he never in his life sucked a goat—never dreamed of it. It is one of those outrageous fabrications invented by ignorance, to filch a poor bird of his good name, and which *took root* only because it was oft repeated. In the days of Olaus Magnus, Bishop of Upsal, in Sweden, few dared to doubt but that Swallows, instead of going to Senegal and the Gold Coast to spend their Christmas and Easter holidays, dived before winter into the bosom of lakes and hibernated under the ice till spring, with no gayer companions than a few meditative trout or other fish. This was an absurd theory, but which had many great names to support and prop it up. The Rev. Gilbert White, in his *History of Selborne*, eloquently demonstrated how absurd, how impossible it was that such a thing could take place.

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I must not, however, forget to point out to you that richly-dressed individual, wearing black and orange badges; that is the Baltimore Oriole. He visits chiefly the Montreal district and Western Canada. Black and orange, did I say? Why that was the official livery of a great English landowner of Maryland, in the days when democracy