

GENUS CISTOTHORUS.

(*) (724) **Short-billed Marsh Wren.**
(*Cistothorus stellaris*.)

A regular summer resident of the south-western part of the Province, but never abundant. Very rare elsewhere. I have taken two at Toronto and have since found a pair breeding there.

Breeds wherever found.

GENUS TELMATODYTES.

(725) **Long-billed Marsh Wren.**
(*Teimatodytes palustris*.)

A very abundant summer resident in marshes. Breeds throughout its range in the Province.

Arrives at the beginning of May; departs about the middle of October.

FAMILY CERTHIIDÆ. (CREEPERS.)

Bill slender, decurved as long as head, without notch or bristles. Tarsus scutellate. Claws all very long, curved and compressed. Tail feathers pointed, with stiffened shafts, somewhat like the tail of a Woodpecker and similarly used for support.

Our only representative is a curious small bird which creeps about the trunks and larger branches of trees searching for insects hidden in the crevices of the bark.

GENUS CERTHIA.

(: 26) **Brown Creeper.**
(*Certhia familiaris americana*.)

A common resident, most abundant in southern Ontario during the migrations.

Breeds occasionally in the southern portion of the Province and regularly in the interior and northward.

FAMILY PARIDÆ. (TITS.)

Bill not notched nor decurved; loreal feathers bristly; nostrils concealed by dense tufts. Tarsus scutellate; plumage more or less lax, subject to few variations.

All are insectivorous, gleaning their food from the trunks and twigs of trees. They are invaluable guardians of the orchard and forest.