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OF THE
BIRDS OF KANSAS.

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Col. N. S. Goss, Topeka, Kansas:

Dear Sir: The Executive Council, at its regular session on the 27th day of June last, adopted a preamble and resolution of which the following is a copy, viz.: 

WHEREAS, The Executive Council believes that a catalogue of the birds of this State would be of great value to our educational institutions, and of interest to the people; therefore, 

Resolved, That Col. N. S. Goss be requested to prepare for publication, a catalogue of the birds of Kansas, brought up to the present time.

Very respectfully,
JAMES SMITH,
Secretary of State.

Topeka, Kansas, August 20, 1883.

Hon. James Smith, Secretary of State:

Dear Sir: In compliance with request by resolution of the Executive Council, dated June 27th, 1883, as per notice received from you on the 5th ult., I have the honor to transmit herewith, for publication, a catalogue of the birds of Kansas, based upon observations in the field, and knowledge gathered during a residence of over twenty-six years in the State.

I have duly accredited in the list, all birds reported taken that are new to the State, also the authority for those inserted that have not come under my observation.

Geographically, Kansas lies in the very center of the continent, stretching across the line east and west a distance of four hundred and ten miles, with a gradual elevation from the low bottom and timbered lands (altitude 750 feet), to the high, treeless plains (altitude 3,500 feet), thus giving a diversity of soil and change in climate that makes its avian fauna rich and varied.

The list now embraces 49 families, and 320 species and races. Of
these, 161 are known to breed in the State; and as the rapid settlement with its cultivation and tree planting, especially in the western portion, will increase its present bird life and make it a natural and inviting home for new species, and its location so favorable to catch migrants from both the eastern and western faunal provinces, and winter visitants from the resident birds north, and mountains west, and summer visitants from the resident birds south, it will ever remain an expectant and interesting field for the ornithologist—one unsurpassed by any of the inland States.

With high respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,

N. S. GOSS.
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[Note.—The nomenclature and classification of North-American birds, by Prof. Robert Ridgway, now in use at the Smithsonian Institution, have been followed in this list. The asterisk (*) marks the species known to breed in the State.]

Order PASSERES.
(Oscines.)

Family TURDIDÆ.—Thrushes.

Genus HYLOCICHLA, Baird.

Genus MERULA, Leach.
*6. M. migratoria* (Linn.) Sw. & Rich. American Robin. Abundant and resident in eastern Kansas, following up the settlements, and breeding in suitable locations throughout the State.

Genus MIMUS, Boie.
*7. M. polyglottus* (Linn.) Boie. Mockingbird. Summer resident; becoming quite common.

Genus GALEOSCOPTES, Cabanis.

Genus HARPORHYNCHUS, Cabanis.
Family SAXICOLIDÆ.—Stonechats and Bluebirds.

Genus Sialia, Swainson.

*10. *S. sialis* (Linn.) Haldem. Bluebird. Abundant resident in eastern Kansas, retiring in winter to the thickets along the streams. Rare summer resident in the western portion, but increasing with its settlements.


Family PTILOGONATIDÆ.—Fly-catching Thrushes.

Genus *Myiastes*, Swainson.


Family SYLVIIDÆ.—True Warblers.

Genus *Polioptila*, Sclater.


Family PARIDÆ.—Titmice or Chickadees.

Genus *Lophophanes*, Kaup.


Genus *Parus*, Linn.


Family SITTIDÆ.—Nuthatches.

Genus *Sitta*, Linnæus.


Family CERTHIIDÆ.—Creepers.
Genus Certhia, Linnaeus.

Family TROGLODYTIDÆ.—Wrens.
Genus Salpinctes, Cabanis.
*22. S. obsoletus (Say) Caban. Rock Wren. Summer resident in western Kansas; quite common in suitable locations.

Genus Thryothorus, Vieillot.

Genus Thryomanes, Sclater.

Genus Troglodytes, Vieillot.

26. T. aëdon parkmanni (Aud.) Coues. Western House Wren. One specimen shot at Larned, April 21, 1881, by Mr. Geo. C. Waterman, and reported in Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, v.VIII, No. 2, April, 1883, p. 120. Without doubt a rare resident in western Kansas; will increase with its settlements.

Genus Anorthura, Rennie.

Genus Telmatodytes, Cabanis.

Genus Cistothorus, Cabanis.
29. C. stellaris (Licht.) Caban. Short-billed Marsh Wren. Migratory; rare; possibly breed in the State.

Family MOTACILLIDÆ.—Wagtails and Titlarks.
Genus Anthus, Bechstein.
Genus Neocorys, Selater.

Family MNIOTILTIDÆ.—American Warblers.

Genus Mniotilta, Vieillot.
*32. M. varia* (Linn.) Vieill. Black and White Creeper. Summer resident; quite common in eastern Kansas.

Genus Protonotaria, Baird.
*33. P. citrea* (Bodd.) Baird. Prothonotary Warbler. Summer resident; common in eastern Kansas.

Genus Helminthotherus, Rafinesque.
34. *H. vermivorus* (Gm.) Salv. & Godm. Worm-eating Warbler. Migratory; rare.

Genus Helminthophaga, Cabanis.
*35. H. pinus* (Linn.) Baird. Blue-winged Yellow Warbler. Summer resident; rare.
37. *H. celata* (Say.) Baird. Orange-crowned Warbler; migratory; rare.

Genus Parula, Bonaparte.
39. *P. americana* (Linn.) Bp. Blue Yellow-backed Warbler. Migratory; common. Noticed a pair in the latter part of July, 1879, feeding young birds in the tree-tops near Neosho Falls, in flight not strong enough to have come far; and I am inclined to think the birds occasionally breed in the State.

Genus Dendroica, Gray.
*40. D. aestiva* (Gmel.) Baird. Summer Yellow Bird. Abundant summer resident.
41. *D. coronata* (Linn.) Gray. Yellow-rump Warbler. Migratory; abundant; an occasional winter sojourner in southern Kansas.
*44. D. cerula* (Wilson) Baird. Cerulean Warbler. Rare summer resident; in migration common.


Genus *Sturus,* Swainson.


Genus *Oporornis,* Baird.


Genus *Geothlypis,* Cabanis.


*58. G. trichas* (Linn.) Caban. Maryland Yellow-throat. Abundant summer resident.

Genus *Icteria,* Vieillot.


Genus *Myodioctes,* Audubon.

*60. M. mitratus* (Gmel.) Aud. Hooded Warbler. Summer resident in eastern Kansas; rare.


Genus *Setophaga*, Swainson.

*63. S. ruticilla* (Linn.) Sw. American Redstart. Common summer resident; in migration abundant.

Family *VIREONIDÆ.*—Vireos.

Genus *Vireosylvia*, Bonaparte.

*64. V. olivacea* (Linn.) Bp. Red-eyed Vireo. Abundant summer resident.


Genus *Lanivireo*, Baird.

*66. L. flavifrons* (Vieill.) Baird. Yellow-throated Vireo. Rare summer resident.


— Genus *Vireo*, Vieillot.

*68. V. novaboracensis* (Gmel.) Bp. White-eyed Vireo. Common summer resident.


Family *LANIIDÆ.*—Shrikes.

Genus *Lanius*. Linnaeus.


71. *L. ludovicianus*, Linn. Loggerhead Shrike. Prof. F. H. Snow in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas says: "Several typical specimens of this southern form have been taken."


Family *AMPELIDÆ.*—Wax-wings.

Genus *Ampelis*, Linnaeus.

*74. *A. cedorum*, Vieill. Cedar Wax-wing. Resident; irregular; some years abundant, others rare.

Family HIRUNDINIDÆ.—Swallows.

Genus Progne, Boie.


Genus Petrochelidon, Cabanis.

*76. *P. lunifrons* (Say.) Lawr. Cliff Swallow—Eave Swallow. Abundant summer resident.

Genus Hirundo, Linnaeus.


Genus Petrochelidon, Cabanis.

*78. *T. bicolor* (Vieill.) Caban. White-bellied Swallow. Summer resident rare; in migration common.

Genus Cotile, Boie.


Genus Stelgidopteryx, Baird.


Family TANAGRIDÆ.—Tanagers.

Genus Pyrranga, Vieillot.


*82. *P. aestiva* (Linn.) Vieill. Summer Redbird. Common summer resident in eastern Kansas.

Family FRINGILLIDÆ.—Finches, etc.

Genus Hesperiphona, Bonaparte.


Genus Pinicola, Vieillot.

84. *P. enucleator* (Linn.) Vieill. Pine Grosbeak. Prof. F. H. Snow in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas says: "Winter visitant; rare; taken by Sidney Smith, of Leavenworth, according to Dr. Brewer."
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Genus CARPODACUS, Kaup.

85. *C. purpureus* (Gmel.) Baird. Purple Finch. Rare winter sojourner; in migration quite common.

Genus LOXIA, Linnaeus.

86. *L. curvirostra americana* (Wilson) Coues. American Red Crossbill. Rare; irregular winter visitant.


Genus AEGIOTHUS, Cabanis.


Genus ASTRAGALINUS, Cabanis.

*89. A. tristis* (Linn.) Cab. American Goldfinch. Resident; abundant.

Genus CHRYSOMITRIS, Boie.

90. *C. pinus* (Wilson) Bp. Pine Goldfinch. Winter sojourner; not uncommon. May 29, 1883, shot two birds out of a small flock on the Smoky Hill river, near Wallace. From actions, am inclined to think they were breeding there.

Genus PLECTROPHANES, Meyer.


Genus CENTROPHANES, Kaup.


93. *C. pictus* (Swains.) Caban. Painted Longspur. Winter sojourner; common in southern Kansas.

*94. C. ornatus* (Towns.) Caban. Chestnut-collared Longspur. Common resident in middle and southern Kansas; abundant throughout the State in winter.

Genus RHYNCHOPHANES, Baird.


Genus PASSERCULUS, Bonaparte.


Genus POCECETES, Baird.

*97. P. gramineus* (Gmel.) Baird. Bay-shouldered Bunting—Grass Finch. Rare summer resident; in migration common.
Genus Coturniculus, Bonaparte.


*99. C. henslowi (Aud.) Bp. Henslow's Bunting. Summer resident, rare. Taken in a pasture near Topeka, April 26, 1872, by Prof. E. A. Popenoe, who has seen the birds since. June 12, 1879, I noticed a pair on the high prairies in Woodson county.

100. C. lecontei (Aud.) Bp. Leconte's Bunting. Migratory; quite common.

Genus Ammodromus, Swainson.

101. A. caudacutus nelsoni, Allen. Nelson's Sharp-tailed Finch. Rare summer visitant in eastern Kansas; probably breeds in southern portion.

Genus Chondestes, Swainson.

*102. C. grammica (Say) Bp. Lark Finch. Abundant summer resident.

Genus Zonotrichia, Swainson.


104. Z. leucophyrs (Forst.) Sw. White-crowned Sparrow. Migratory; quite common.

105. Z. albicollis (Gmel.) Bp. White-throated Sparrow. Migratory; common.

Genus Spizella, Bonaparte.

106. S. montana (Forst.) Ridgw. Tree Sparrow. Abundant winter sojourner.


Genus Junco, Wagler.

110. J. aikeni Ridgw. White-winged Snowbird. Prof. F. H. Snow, in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas, says: "Single specimens taken at Ellis, by Dr. L. Watson, November 8, 1875."


Genus *Puecæa*, Audubon.

*113. P. cassini* (Woodh.) Baird. Cassin’s Sparrow. Summer resident in middle and western Kansas; not uncommon.

Genus *Melospiza*, Baird.

*114. M. fasciata* (Gmel.) Scott. Song Sparrow. Resident in eastern Kansas; rare in summer; common during the winter in the thickets and sheltered lowlands.

115. *M. palustris* (Wils.) Baird. Swamp Sparrow. Rare winter sojourner; common during migration in eastern Kansas.


Genus *Passerella*, Swainson.


118. *P. iliaca schistacea* (Baird) Allen. Slate-colored Sparrow. Included on the authority of Prof. F. H. Snow, who enters the same in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas as “Migratory; rare.”

Genus *Pipilo*, Vieillot.


120. *P. maculatus arcticus* (Swains.) Coues. Northern Towhee. Winter sojourner; rare in eastern, common in middle and western Kansas.

Genus *Cardinalis*, Bonaparte.


Genus *Zamelodia*, Coues.

*122. G. ludoviciana* (Linn.) Coues. Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Summer resident in eastern Kansas, rare; during migration common.

*123. Z. melanocephala* (Swains.) Coues. Black-headed Grosbeak. Summer resident in middle and western Kansas; quite common.

Genus *Guiraca*, Swainson.

*124. G. cerulea* (Linn.) Sw. Blue Grosbeak. Summer resident; quite common in middle Kansas.

Genus *Passerina*, Vieillot.

*125. P. cyanea* (Linn.) Gray. Indigo Bird. Summer resident; common in eastern Kansas.
*126. *P. Amœna* (Say) Gray. Lazuli Bunting. Summer resident in western Kansas; rare.

**Genus Spiza,** Bonaparte.


**Genus Calamospiza,** Bonaparte.


**Family ICTERIDÆ.—American Starlings.**

**Genus Dolichonyx,** Swainson.

*129. D. oryzivorus* (Linn.) Sw. Bobolink. Rare summer resident in eastern Kansas; during migration common.

**Genus Molothrus,** Swainson.


**Genus Xanthocephalus,** Bonaparte.

*131. X. icterocephalus* (Bp.) Baird. Yellow-headed Blackbird. Summer resident rare; in migration common.

**Genus Angelœus,** Vieillot.


**Genus Sturnella,** Vieillot.

*133. S. magna* (Linn.) Sw. Meadow Lark. Abundant resident in eastern, rare in western Kansas.


**Genus Icterus,** Brisson.


*137. I. bullocki* (Swains.) Bp. Bullock's Oriole. Included on the authority of Prof. F. H. Snow, who enters the same in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas, "Summer resident; occurs throughout the State."
Genus *Scolecophagus*, Swainson.


Genus *Quiscalus*, Vieillot.


Family **CORVIDÆ**.—Crows and Jays.

Genus *Corvus*, Linnaeus.

*141. C. corax earnivorus* (Batr.) Ridgw. American Raven. Rare resident in western Kansas; occasional visitant throughout the State.


Genus *Gymnoitta*, Maximilian.

144. *G. cyanocephala*, Max. Maximilian Nutcracker—Piñon Jay. A rare visitant. Three specimens taken October 23, 1875, near Lawrence, and reported by Prof. F. H. Snow in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas.

Genus *Pica*, Cuvier.


Genus *Cyanocitta*, Strickland.

*146. C. cristata* (Linn.) Strickl. Blue Jay. Resident; abundant in eastern Kansas.

Family **ALAUDIDÆ**.—Larks.

Genus *Eremophila*, Boie.


*148. E. alpestris leucomma*, Cones. Western Horned Lark. An occasional or rare resident in western Kansas.
Family TYRANNIDÆ.—Tyrant Flycatchers.

Genus MINVULUS, Swainson.

*149. M. forficatus (Gm.) Swains. Scissor-tailed Flycatcher—Swallow-tailed Flycatcher. Summer resident; quite common in southern Kansas.

Genus TYRANNUS, Cuvier.


Genus MYIARCHUS, Cabanis.

*152. M. crinitus (Linn.) Caban. Great Crested Flycatcher. Summer resident; abundant in eastern Kansas.

Genus SAYORNIS, Bonaparte.

*153. S. fuscus (Gmel.) Baird. Pewee. Summer resident; common in eastern Kansas.

*154. S. sayi (Bp.) Baird. Say's Pewee. Rare summer resident in western Kansas.

Genus CONTOPUS, Cabanis.

*155. C. borealis (Sw.) Baird. Olive-sided Flycatcher. Rare summer resident.

*156. C. virens (Linn.) Caban. Wood Pewee. Common summer resident in eastern, rare in middle Kansas.

*157. C. richardsoni (Sw.) Baird. Western Wood Pewee. Summer resident in western Kansas; rare.

Genus EMPIDONAX, Cabanía.

*158. E. acadicus (Gmel.) Baird. Acadian Flycatcher. Rare summer resident in eastern Kansas.

159. E. pusillus trailla (And.) Baird. Traill's Flycatcher. Migratory; common; possibly breed in the State.


Order TROCHILI.

Family TROCHILIDÆ.—Humming-birds.

Genus TROCHILUS, Linnaeus.

Order CYPSELI.
Family CYPSELIDÆ.—Swifts.

Genus CHÆTURA, Stephens.

*162. C. pelasgica (Linn.) Baird. Chimney Swift. Summer resident; common in eastern Kansas.

Order CAPRIMULGI.
Family CAPRIMULGIDÆ.—Goatsuckers.

Genus CAPRIMULGUS, Linnaeus.

*163. C. vociferus, Wils. Whippoorwill. Rare summer resident; common in migration.

Genus PHALÆNOPTILUS, Ridgway.


Genus CHORDEILES, Swainson.

*165. C. popetue (Vieill.) Baird. Night-hawk. Summer resident; common.

*166. C. popetue henryi (Cass.) Allen. Western Night-hawk. Common summer resident in middle and western Kansas.

Order PICI.
Family PICIDÆ.—Woodpeckers.

Genus PICUS, Linnaeus.


Genus SPHYRAPICUS, Baird.


Genus HYLOTOMUS, Baird.

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Genus Centurus, Swainson.


Genus Melanerpes, Swainson.

*172. M. erythrocephalus (Linn.) Sw. Red-headed Woodpecker. Abundant summer resident; occasionally lingers through the winter.

173. M. torquatus (Wils.) Bonap. Lewis's Woodpecker. Reported by Prof. Snow to the Academy of Science, 1877, as “Additions to his catalogue of Kansas birds. Taken at Ellis by Dr. Watson, May 6, 1878. One specimen was obtained from a flock of six or eight.”

Genus Colaptes, Swainson.


*176. C. auratus mexicanus (Sw.) Ridg. Red-shafted Flicker. Resident; rare in eastern Kansas.

Order ANISODACTYLÆ.

Family ALCEDINIDÆ.—Kingfishers.

Genus Ceryle, Boie.

*177. C. aleyon (Linn.), Boie. Belted Kingfisher. Common summer resident; occasional winter sojourners in southern Kansas.

Order COCCYGES.

Family CUCULIDÆ.—Cuckoos.

Genus Coccyzus, Vieillot.


*179. C. erythrophthalmus (Wils.) Baird. Black-billed Cuckoo. Rare summer resident, and not common in migration. Nest found near Paola in 1863, by Capt. B. F. Goss, and one taken at Manhattan in 1883, by Prof. D. E. Lantz.
Order PSITTACI.

Family PSITTACIDÆ.—Parrots.

Genus CONURUS, Kuhl.

*180. C. carolinensis (Linn.) Kuhl. Carolina Paroeket. Formerly a common resident in eastern Kansas, but as the settlements increased along the streams, rapidly diminished, and have not, I think, been met with in the State for several years.

Order STRIGES.

Family STRIGIDÆ.—Owls.

Genus ALUCO, Fleming.


Genus ASIO, Brisson.

*182. A. americanus (Steph.) Sharpe. Long-eared Owl. Resident; quite common.


Genus STRIX, Linnaeus.


Genus NYCTALE Brehm.

185. N. acadica (Gmel.) Bp. Saw-whet Owl. Rare winter sojourner.

Genus SCOPS, Savingy.

*186. S.asio. (Linn.) Bp. Little Screech Owl, or Mottled Owl. Resident; abundant.

Genus BUBO, Duméril.


Genus NYCTEA, Stephens.

188. N. scandiaca (Linn.) Newton. Snowy Owl. Rare winter visitor.

Genus SPEOTYTO, Gloger.

Order ACCIPITRES.

Family FALCONIDÆ.—Hawks, Falcons, Kites, and Eagles.

Genus Hierofalco, Cuvier.

190. _H. gyrfalco islandus_ (Gm.) Ridgw. Iceland Gyrfalcon. Accidental winter visitant; captured near Manhattan, December 1, 1880, by A. L. Runyan, and reported to me by Dr. C. P. Blachly, who has the bird (a fine specimen) in his collection.


Genus Falco, Moehring.

*192. _F. peregrinus nævius_ (Gm.) Ridgw. Duck Hawk. Resident; not uncommon.

Genus Æsalon, Kaup.


194. Æ. richardsoni, Ridgw. Richardson's Merlin, or Richardson's Pigeon Hawk. Rare visitant in eastern, common in western Kansas.

Genus Tinnunculus, Vieillot.

*195. T. sparverius (Linn.) Vieill. Sparrow Hawk. Resident; abundant.

Genus Pandion, Saviugy.

*196. _P. haliaetus carolinensis_ (Gm.) Ridgw. American Osprey. Rare summer resident.

Genus Elanoides, Gray.

*197. _E. forficatus_ (Linn.) Ridgw. Swallow-tailed Kite. Irregular summer resident in eastern Kansas. Some seasons common, others rare.

Genus Ictinia, Vieillot.

*198. _I. subcærulea_ (Bartr.) Coues. Mississippi Kite. Rare summer resident in eastern Kansas.

Genus Circus, Lacedépede.

*199. _C. hudsonius_ (Linn.) Vieill. Marsh Hawk. Abundant; resident.

Genus Accipiter, Brisson.


*201. _A. fuscus_ (Gmel.) Bp. Sharp-shinned Hawk. Rare winter sojourner; in migration common.
Genus Astur, Lacépède.


Genus Buteo, Cuvier.


Genus Archibuteo, Brehm.


Genus Aquila, Brisson.

211. *A. chrysateus canadensis* (Linn.) Ridgw. Golden Eagle. Rare winter visitant.

Genus Hallæetus, Savigny.

*212. H. leucocephalus* (Linn.) Savig. Bald Eagle—White-headed Eagle. Formerly resident; now an occasional visitant, not uncommon in winter. The birds in first plumage are dark brown; lighter in color the second year, and generally erroneously known as “Black” and “Gray” Eagles. Third year in perfect plumage, that is, with head and tail white. Only two species in the United States, distinguished in any plumage by the legs. Tarsi, or Shank, naked in this species, feathered to the toes in *aquila chrysæetus*.

Order Sarcorhamphi.

Family Cathartidæ.—American Vultures.

Genus Cathartes, Illiger.

*213. *C. aura* (Linn.) Illig. Turkey Buzzard—Turkey Vulture. Abundant summer resident; occasionally seen in winter.
Genus Catharista, Vieillot.

*214. C. atrata (Wils.) Less. Black Vulture. Rare summer resident. Dr. George Lisle, of Chetopa, (a close observer,) writes that the birds were quite common, breeding there fifteen or twenty years ago, but now quite scarce; that he saw three of the birds in the fall of 1882, at a “slaughter pen” with “Turkey Buzzards;” that in 1858 he found a nest with two eggs in an old hollow broken stump.

Order COLUMBÆ.

Family COLUMBIDÆ.—Pigeons or Doves.

Genus Ectopistes, Swainson.


Genus Zenaidura, Bonaparte.

*216. Z. carolinensis (Linn.) Bp. Mourning Dove. Summer resident; abundant; occasional winter sojourner in southern Kansas.

Order GALLINÆ.

(Gallinae alectoropodes.)

Family MELEAGRIDÆ.—Turkeys.

Genus Meleagris, Linnaeus.

*217. M. gallopavo americana (Bartr.) Cones. Wild Turkey. An abundant resident in the early settlement of the State, but rapidly diminishing, and will soon be exterminated.

Family TETRAONIDÆ.—Grouse.

Genus Bonasa, Stephens.

*218. B. umbellus (Linn.) Steph. Ruffed Grouse. In the early settlement of the State a resident in eastern Kansas. Erroneously, but generally known as “Partridges” in the Northern States, and as “Pheasants” in the Southern States. (The timber along the streams, where protected from fire, and the undergrowth from browsing and trampling of cattle, offers a natural home for the birds, and they should be placed there and protected.)

Genus Cupidonía, Reichenbach.

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*220. *C. cupido pallidicincta*, Ridgw. Lesser Prairie Hen. Rare; resident in southern Kansas.

Genus *Pedioecetes*, Baird.

*221. *P. phasianellus columbianus* (Ord.) Coues. Sharp-tailed Grouse. Resident in middle and western Kansas; becoming rare.

Genus *Centrocercus*, Swainson.

*222. *C. urophasianus* (Bp.) Swains. Sage Cock — Sage Grouse. Occasional resident in western Kansas. Mr. Will T. Cavanaugh informs me that while hunting buffalo during 1871-2-3-4 he frequently met with and shot the birds in the sage brush, near the southwest corner of the State.

Family PERDICIDÆ.—Partridges and Quails.

Genus *Ortyx*, Stephens.


Order HERODIONES.

Family ARDEIDÆ.—Heron.

Genus *Ardea*, Linnaeus.

*224. *A. herodias*, Linn. Great Blue Heron. Rare summer resident; common in migration.

Genus *Herodias*, Boie.


Genus *Garzetta*, Kaup.

226. *G. candidissima* (Gm.) Bp. Snowy Heron. Rare summer visitant.

Genus *Florida*, Baird.

227. *F. caerulea* (Linn.) Baird. Little Blue Heron. Rare summer visitant.

Genus *Butorides*, Blyth.


Genus *Nycticorax*, Swainson.

*229. *N. grisea nevia* (Bodd.) Allen. Black-crowned Night Heron. Rare summer resident.
Genus Nyctherodius, Reichenbach.

*230. N. violaceus (Linn.) Reich. White-crowned Night Heron. Rare summer resident.

Genus Botaurus, Stephens.


Genus Ardetta, Gray.

*232. A. excilis (Gmel.) Gray. Least Bittern. Rare summer resident; quite common in migration.

Family CICONIIDÆ.—Storks and Wood Ibises.

Genus Tantalus, Linnaeus.

233. T. loculator, Linn. Wood Ibis. Rare; irregular summer visitant. Dr. George Lisle writes me that he has noticed the birds a few times on the flats east of Chetopa, and that Albert Garrett killed a very fine specimen there about six years ago.

Family IBIDIDÆ.—Ibises.

Genus Plegadis, Kaup.

234. P. guarauna (Linn.) Ridgw. White-faced Glossy Ibis. A rare visitant. Shot at a lake near Lawrence by W. L. Bullene, in the fall of 1879, and reported to me by Prof. F. H. Snow, who has the specimen in the State University.

Order LIMICOLÆ.

Family CHARADRIIIDÆ.—Plovers.

Genus Squatarola, Cuvier.


Genus Charadrius, Linnaeus.


Genus Oxyechus, Richenbach.


Genus Ægialites, Boie.

238. Æ. semipalmatus, Bp. Semipalmed Plover. Included on the authority of Prof. Snow, who enters the same in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas as "Migratory; common."
Genus Podasocys, Coues.


Family SCOLOPACIDÆ.—Snipes, Sandpipes, &c.

Genus Ppiloheła, Gray.


Genus Gallinago, Leach.


Genus Macrorhamphus, Leach.


Genus Micropalama, Baird.


Genus Tringa, Linnæus.

244. *T. canutus*, Linn. Red-breasted Sandpiper—Robin Snipe. Migratory; rare. Two specimens shot in the spring of the year, at Neosho Falls, by Col. W. L. Parsons, and are the only ones seen by me in the State.

Genus Actodromas, Kaup.


Genus Pelinda, Cuvier.


Genus Ereunetes, Illiger.


Genus Calidris, Cuvier.

251. *C. arenaria* (Linn.) Illig. Sanderling. Reported by Prof. F. H. Snow in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas, “Migratory; rare; taken at Lawrence by W. E. Stevens, October 7, 1874.”
Genus Limosa, Brisson.


Genus Totanus, Bechstein.


Genus Rhyacophilus, Kaup.


Genus Symphyemia, Rafinesque.


Genus Bartramia, Lesson.


Genus Tryngites, Cabanis.


Genus Tringoides, Bonaparte.

*260. T. mauraarius* (Linn.) Gray. Spotted Sandpiper—Peet-weet. Summer resident rare; in migration common.

Genus Numenius, Linnaeus.

*261. N. longirostris*, Wilson. Long-billed Curlew. Rare summer resident in northern Kansas; in migration common.


Family Phalaropoidea.—Phalaropes.

Genus Lobipes, Cuvier.


Genus Steganopus, Vieillot.

Family RECURVIROSTRIDÆ.—Avocets and Stilts.

Genus RECURVIROSTRA, Linnaeus.

*266. *R. americana*, Gmel. American Avocet. Rare summer resident in western Kansas; during migration quite common throughout the State.

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**Order GERANOMORPHÆ.**

(*Geranomorpha fulicarum*)

Family RALLIDÆ.—Rails, Gallinules, and Coots.

Genus RALLUS, Bechstein.


Genus PORZANA, Vieillot.

*269. *P. carolina* (Linn,) Baird. Carolina Rail—Sora Rail. Rare summer resident; in migration abundant.

*270. *P. jamaicensis* (Gmel.) Baird. Little Black Rail. Very rare summer resident.

Genus FULICA, Linnaeus.

*271. *F. americana*, Gmel. American Coot. Rare summer resident; in migration abundant.

(*Geranomorpha alectorides*)

Family GRUIDÆ.—Cranes.

Genus GRUS, Linnaeus.


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**Order ANSERES.**

Family ANATIDÆ.—Swans, Geese, and Ducks.

Genus Olor, Wagler.


Genus *Chen*, Boie.


Genus *Anser*, Goose.


Genus *Bernicla*, Stephens.

279. *B. canadensis* (Linn.) Boie. Canada Goose. Common migrants, a few remaining during the winter, retiring only when the extreme cold weather closes their watery resorts.


Genus *Anas*, Linnaeus.


Genus *Chaulelasmus*, Gray.

*284. C. streperus* (Linn.) Gray. Gadwall. Very rare summer resident; common during migration.

Genus *Dafila*, Leach.


Genus *Spatula*.

287. *S. clypeata* (Linn.) Boie. Shoveller—Spoonbill Duck. Migratory; common; may occasionally breed in the state.

Genus *Querquedula*, Stephens.

*288. Q. discors* (Linn.) Steph. Blue-winged Teal. Rare summer resident; in migration abundant.

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Genus Nettion, Kaup.


Genus Aix, Boie.

*291. A. sponsa* (Linn.) Boie. Summer Duck—Wood Duck. Summer resident; common.

Genus Fulix, Sundevall.


Genus Æthya, Boie.


Genus Clangula, Fleming.


Genus Erismatura, Bonaparte.


Genus Mergus, Linnaeus.


Genus Lophodytes, Reichenbach.

*302. L. cucullatus* (Linn.) Reich. Hooded Merganser—Hooded Sheldrake. Resident very rare; common in winter.

Order STEGANOPODES.

Family PELECANIDÆ.—Pelicans.

Genus Pelecanus.

Family PHALACROCORACIDÆ.—Cormorants.

Genus PHALACROCORAX, Brisson.

304. \( P. \) dilophus (Sw. & Rich.) Nutt. Double-crested Cormorant. Migratory; not uncommon.

305. \( P. \) mexicanus (Brandt) Scl. & Salv. Mexican Cormorant. Prof. Snow in his catalogue of the birds of Kansas says: "Migratory; rare; a single specimen taken four miles south of Lawrence, April 2, 1872, by Geo. D. Allen."

Family PLOTEIDÆ.—Anhingas or Darters.

Genus PLOTUS, Linnaeus.

306. \( P. \) anhinga, Linn. Snake Bird. Rare summer visitant. In August, 1881, a specimen was captured in the Solomon valley, western Kansas, by C. W. Smith, Esq., of Stockton; skin forwarded by Prof. Snow to Dr. Coues who reported same in Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, vii, No. 1, January, 1882, p. 61.

Order GAVIÆ.

Family LARIDÆ.—Gulls and Terns.

Genus LARUS, Linnaeus.


308. \( L. \) californicus, Lawr. Californian Gull. Rare visitant; one specimen taken on the Arkansas river, in Reno county, Oct. 20, 1880.

309. \( L. \) delawarensis, Ord. Ring-billed Gull. Migratory; quite common.


311. \( L. \) philadelphica (Ord.) Gray. Bonaparte’s Gull. Migratory; rare.

Genus XEMA, Leach.

312. \( X. \) sabinei (J. Sabine) Leach. Fork-tailed Gull. Rare accidental visitant; one specimen taken by Peter Long at Humboldt, September 21, 1876.

Genus STERNA, Linnaeus.

313. \( S. \) forsteri, Nutt. Forster’s Tern. Migratory; not uncommon.

314. \( S. \) fluviatillis, Naum. Common Tern. Migratory; very rare.

315. \( S. \) antillarum (Less.) Coues. Least Tern. Migratory; rare.
Genus Hydrochelidon, Boie.


Order PYGOPODES.

Family PODICIPEDIDÆ.

Genus Dytes, Kaup.


Genus Podilymbus, Lesson.

319. *P. podiceps* (Linn.) Lawr. Thick-billed Grebe. Migratory; common; may occasionally breed in northern Kansas.

Family COLYMBIDÆ.—Loons.

—Genus Colymbus, Linnaeus.

BIRDS TO BE LOOKED FOR IN KANSAS.

Note.—Nos. 4, 6, and 23, were included in Prof. Snow's catalogue of the birds of Kansas, on the authority of Prof. Baird; No. 15, on the authority of Dr. Brewer, as birds to be found in Kansas.

List of species not accidental, but within their supposed geographical range, which probably occur in the State, but that have not been taken within its limits.

16. Little Flycatcher. *Empidonax pusillus* (Swains.) Bd.


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