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The following list is taken from my notes at Grand Manan during the spring and summer of 1946. I have listed the birds in the order in which they are given in the 1931 Check List of the A. O. U. Where subspecific names have been used it was done on the basis of geographic distribution and in doubtful cases the specific name only was used. In line with the birds' names I have put their status (as it appeared from my observations) in terms of abbreviations of Resident, Summer Resident, Migrant, (M-both Spring and Fall, S.M.-VSpring and F.M.-Fall). Dates of arrival and departure are included in this line. If the birds were there prior to my arrival or when I left the island I have left the corresponding places blank.

In a paragraph on each species I have included abundance, location breeding records etc. The term "Summer Resident" has been used rather loosely and is not necessarily borne out by breeding evidence except where stated.

Only positive identifications have been included in this list.

1. Common Loon

Frequently seen on Long Island Bay during April, May and the first half of June. Birds in both breeding and winter (immature?) plumage were noted. One, in breeding plumage was seen at Long Pond Sanctuary on Aug 28.

2. Red-throated Loon. W.R.

Two seen in Long Island Bay at frequent intervals until *mid May*

3. Helboell's Grebe. W.R.

Two, one of which was in breeding plumage seen frequently in Long Island Bay until May 27.

4. Horned Grebe. M. May 12.

Observed only once- Long Island Bay.

5. Pied-billed Grebe. M. (S.R.?) SEPT 9

One observation, Long Pond.

6. Gannet, M. Sept. 13.

Saw one from deck of S.S. Keith Cann, about 10 mi. N E Grand Manan.

7. Double-crested Cormorant. S.V. April 8 -

First observed April 8, very common from latter part of July. Saw as many as 24 in waters at Long Pond Sanct. during first week of September.

8. Great-Blue Heron. S. R. April 25 -

Always three or four at Castalia Marshes, no evidence of breeding. Noted as many as six ~~immatures~~ at Nantucket during August.

9. Black-crowned Night Heron. S.R. June 8

Mr. A. Moses told me of a colony of 40 on Long Island, this year. I saw evidence of at least two broods on Nantucket during August. The young had left the nest but were still with the parent birds.

10. American Bittern. S.R. June 17.
One record at Davy Watt's, heard its "song".
11. Canada Goose M. May 1 ^{both}
May 1, saw a flock of 20-25, May 2, flock of 4, both at Bancroft's Pt
12. American Brant M. -29 May
Flock of more than 2,000 made their head-quarters in waters around Nantucket Island. I first saw them on April 8, which I think was close to the date of their arrival. (Probably nearer 10,000 G.F.B 1948)
13. Mallard F.M. (?)
Saw three (females?) in a flock of Blacks at Long Pond Sanct on Sept 2 and again on Sept 9.
14. Black Duck R, S.R.
Seen from April 8 until Sept 13 on practically every body of fresh water visited and in bays and harbours, the latter during early spring only. Saw a female with a brood of eight on July Nantucket Id.
15. Green-winged Teal S.R
Saw a brood of eight at Long Pond on Aug 30, they were too young to fly. Did not notice any during spring migration, but saw several small flocks from Aug 30 until the time I left the Island.
16. Blue-winged Teal S.R.
I first saw them at Long Pond on May 30 but they had evidently been there for some days. During late summer they were common at Long Pond Sanctuary and on Sept 12 I saw a flock of 18 at Whale Cove. They appeared to me to be much more common than the preceding species.
17. Greater Scaup Duck M. -15 April
On April 8 I saw several between St Andrews and Grand Manan. My last record is One drake in Long Island Bay on April 15.
18. American Eider R.
Flocks ranging from 25 to over 200 frequently seen at Castalia Marshes (sea), Bancroft's Point, Long Pond Sanctuary and Nantucket. Several broods in waters around Nantucket in mid-July.
19. White-winged Scoter M.
Saw a flock of about 25 between St. Andrews and Grand Manan Apr 8
20. American Scoter M. -May 12
One drake in Long Island Bay on May 12.
21. Red-breasted Merganser W.R.
Common in Long Island Bay during April and May but did not see any during breeding season.
22. Eastern Goshawk R.
Saw one at Laborie Hill (Dark Harbour rd) on June 9.
23. Sharp-shinned Hawk S.R. and Com. M. 27 April-
Very common during migration until around June 1, saw a few during summer. My last record is Aug. 30 at Nantucket.

24. Red-tailed Hawk M. (?)
One record, April 24, at Eel Lake.
25. Broad-winged Hawk S.R. May 4 - Sept. 4
Frequently seen in wooded areas, especially along Dark Harbour Rd.
On June 1, I saw a pair, which I believed were nesting, at Davy Watts Pond. A thorough search however, failed to reveal the nest.
26. Bald Eagle R.
One adult seen frequently near North Head. On June 24 an adult and a juvenile alit on the shore in front of our cottage. The adult made a successful fishing trip and on its return, fed the juv. Two adults were seen, perched in a tree a Long Pond on Sept 2.
27. Marsh Hawk S.R.
Common during our entire stay from April 8 until Sept 13.
28. Osprey S.R. 15 April -
Three records, at North Head, 15 April, 17 April and 1 July. Ralph Griffin, local fire-warden told me of a nest which he had seen, at Miller Pond.
29. Duck Hawk Mig (?) July 10 - Aug. 27
Two seen at Nantucket I. from July 10 to July 24, during part of Shore-bird migration. Last record (one) at Nantucket on Aug 27.
30. E. Pigeon Hawk S. R. (?) May 9 -
One at North Head on May 9. One, thought to be a breeding bird near Dark Harbour on July 1.
31. Sparrow Hawk S. R. April 9 - Sept 9
Common during spring migration. One nest found near Dark Harbour. Commonly seen along roadsides between April 9 and May 10.
32. Ruffed Grouse R.
Common. Saw a brood of eight (about two days old) on June 15.
33. Semipalmated Plover M. July 14
Very common during migration, (Fall). No record in spring.
34. Black-bellied Plover M Spr. May 22 - June 2 Fall Aug 7 -
Common at Castalia Marsh and Long Pond Sanct. Appeared to be in about equal numbers both spring and fall.
35. Ruddy Turnstone M. Fall Aug. 16 -
Common at Castalia Marsh and Long Pond Sanct during Fall. None seen in spring.
36. Woodcock S. R. April 8
Very common near North Head during migration. Flight song frequently witnessed. Saw a family of five, well able to fly, at Whale Cove on

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24. Red-tailed Hawk M.(?)

I saw one on the 24 of April at Eel Lake and although I visited that area frequently since, this was my only observation.

25. Broad-winge Hawk S.R. May 4 - Sept 2

On the 4 of May I saw six between Castalia and Dark Harbour. During the summer I frequently saw them along the Dark Harbour Rd. On June I saw a pair, which I believe were nesting, at Davy Watts Pond, but I failed to locate the nest.

26. Bald Eagle R.

54. Eastern Whip-poor-will M. Spr. July 1 - July 4
Heard several calling, near North Head, during migration.
55. Nighthawk M? Spr. May 24 Fall Aug 20 - Aug 24
Five seen on May 24. One on Aug 20 and four on Aug 24
56. Chimney Swift M. May 20 ⁵
Large flock seen on one occasion.
57. Ruby-throated Hummingbird S.R. May 24
Saw them frequently during summer. My last record is one seen flying over the water between Grand Manan and St. John, on Sept 13, probably migrating.
58. Eastern Belted Kingfisher S.R. May 5 -
Occasionally seen at Castalia Marsh. One pair seen carrying food into burrow at Flagg Cove (discovered by Mr. J. Bond on July 1)
59. Northern Flicker S.R. April 9 -
Common
60. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker M? April 22 -April 28
I believe that all my observations were the same bird, a male, North Hd.
61. Hairy Woodpecker Res
Fairly common.
62. Downy Woodpecker Res
Very common
63. Eastern Kingbird M? May 20 Fall Aug 24 - Sept 4
I have no record of this bird during the summer, but during migration, especially in the fall I have seen large flocks in all the cultivated areas.
64. Arkansas Kingbird Accidental Sept 9
Two were seen, at Woodward's Cove. One was a male and the other ^{Probably} an immature bird. Both birds were very tame.
65. Yellow-bellied Flycatcher S.R. June 14 -
One, near Davy Watt's Pond. On July 1, a pair was seen at the same place
66. Alder Flycatcher S.R. May 30 -
The common breeding flycatcher. Several nesting records.
67. Olive-sided Flycatcher S.R.? May 21 - July 4
Heard one calling, at Eel Brook, on July 4.
68. Tree Swallow S.R. April 25 -
Common.
69. Bank Swallow S.R. May 1 - Sept 9
Two colonies, one of eight burrows at Flagg Cove and one of over 25 burrows at Nantucket. Most of the birds were gone by Aug 18. One isolated record on Sept 9.

70. Barn Swallow S.R. May 1 -
Common
71. Northern Cliff Swallow S.R. May 16 - Aug ?
Abundant around the smoke-houses.
72. Purple Martin M. May 9
Two at Castalia.
73. Northern BlueJay Res? Sept 2
Only one record, near Grand Harbour.
74. Northern Raven Res.
Widespread but not common.
75. Crow Res
Common, several nesting records. (MUCH persecution from locals after yng
have left nest)
76. Black Capped Chickadee Res
Common
77. Acadian Chickadee Res
As common as the Black Capped in suitable habitat. The only chicka-
dee on Nantucket I. One nesting record North Head July 5.
78. White-breasted Nuthatch Res?
Only one record, North Head, April 17
79. Red-breasted Nuthatch Res.
Not common, a few scattered records during spring and summer
80. Eastern Winter Wren S.R. April 22 -
Fairly common. Two families at Nantucket and one near Woodward's Cove.
81. Catbird S.R. May 21 - Aug ?
Apparently rare, one breeding record, North Head. One singing male at
Whale Cove, June 8. (This was first record for Island)
82. Brown Thrasher Accidental? June 7
One record, North Head.
83. Robin S.R.
Common, several nesting records.
84. Eastern Hermit Thrush S. R. April 16 -
Fairly common, about one to every two hundred Olive-backs
85. Olive-backed Thrush S.R. May 22 ?
Very common
86. Eastern Bluebird S.R. May 30
One record, Grand Harbour

Veery - one obs. during spring migration - by my wife

87. Eastern Ruby-crowned Kinglet S.R.? April 16 - June 25
On June 25, I observed a singing male, near Grand Harbour.
88. Eastern Golden-crowned Kinglet S.R. April 16 -
Common, one nesting record (Mr. J. Bond on July 21)
89. Cedar Waxwing S.R. June 2 -
Common
90. European Starling Res
Common in the villages.
91. Blue-headed Vireo S.R. June 19 -
Heard a singing male at Davy Watt's Pond on June 19 again on the
30 th and on July 1
92. Red-eyed Vireo S.R.
Common
93. Black and White Warbler Mig ? - Fall Aug 25 - Aug 29
I did not see any during spring or summer, during breeding season.
94. Nashville Warbler S.R. May 16 -
Fairly common during breeding season.
95. Northern Parula Warbler S.R. May 14 - Sept 3
Saw a singing male at Davy Watt's Pond on June 29 and July 1.
96. Eastern Yellow Warbler S. R. May 17 - Aug 25
Common
97. Magnolia Warbler S. R. May 20 -
Common - one breeding record, Nantucket I., July , five young
nearly ready to leave nest.
98. Cape May Warbler Mig. Sept 1
One male, Nantucket I.
99. Black-throated Blue Warbler S.R.? May 21
Seen during migration, North Head.
100. Myrtle Warbler S.R. April 20 -
Very common during migration. Common during breeding season in
Spruce barrens and outlying islands. During first part of Sept. I
noticed that they were gathering in large flocks.
101. Black-throated Green Warbler S.R. May 14 -
Commonest warbler.
102. Chestnut-sided Warbler S.R. May 21
Fairly common during migration. One breeding record.
103. Bay-breasted Warbler S.R.? May 30
One record, near Castalia.

104. Black-poll Warbler S.R. May 20
S.R. in Black Spruce barrens at Long Pond Sanct. Very common on Nantucket Island, one breeding record, four newly hatched young, Nantucket, July In other parts of Grand Manan, spring migration appeared to be over around May 31.
105. Yellow Palm Warbler M. Spr April 18 - May 8 Fall Aug 30
Common during spring mig. Rare during Fall mig.
106. Oven-bird M S.R. May 16 - Aug 29
Common at Laborie Hill (Dark Harbour Rd) and Eel Lake.
107. Northern Water-thrush May 14 & Aug 29
I did not see any during the breeding season, My records are, May 14 - one, Aug 25 - one, Aug 29 - three. The first two records were for North Head. The Aug 29 records are for Nantucket I.
108. Mourning Warbler M. June 6
One male, North Head
109. Northern Yellow-throat S.R. May 20
Commonest warbler next to Black-throated Green and Magnolia.
110. Wilson's Warbler M. Spr May 21 - June 6
In all, I saw two adult males and two females (or imm.), at North Head.
111. Canada Warbler S. R. ? Spr May 21 - May 22
Mig records at North Head. Saw one singing male at Dark Harbour on July 1.
112. American Redstart S. R. May 20 - Sept 12
Ranks with Northern Yellow-throat and Magnolia in abundance.
Three nesting records
113. Bobolink S.R. May 17 - Sept 12
One breeding record (by Mr J. Bond) There seemed to be about four pairs in fields around North Head.
114. Redwing S.R. April 14 - June - nest destroyed by predator
Rare, one nesting record. Also saw a singing male, at Long Pond on June 25. (This is first nesting record for the island)
115. Rusty Blackbird M April 24 - May 1
Apparanrly tail-end of spring migration
116. Bronzed Grackle M April 24
A small flock at Castalia.
117. Eastern Purple Finch S.R. April 23 &
Seen occasionally during summer.
118. Common Redpoll M W.R. April 9
One, at North Head.
119. Pine Siskin S.R.

120. Eastern Goldfinch S.R. May 25
Common around cultivated areas.
121. Eastern Savannah Sparrow S.R. April 25 -
Abundant. Five nesting records.
122. Acadian Sharp-tailed Sparrow S.R. June 7 - Sept 3
Fairly common at Whale Cove and Castalia Marsh.
123. Lark Sparrow Acc. Sept 9
I had the opportunity to identify a male of this species beyond
a doubt at Grand Harbour
124. Slate-coloured Junco S.R. April 9 -
Very common. Four nesting records.
125. Eastern Chipping Sparrow S.R. May 9
Seen at North Head and Castalia. I have no nesting records but
from the actions of one pair of birds at North Head, I believe that
they were nesting. (June 17)
126. Eastern Field Sparrow Mig June 7
Probably a rare mig. One record only, at North Head.
127. White-crowned Sparrow Mig May 14
I would say that this is a rare migrant, as careful observation
yielded only one record, at Castalia.
128. White-throated Sparrow S.R. April 25 -
On a par with the Savannah Sparrow but more scattered in distrib.
Two nesting records
- ~~Eastern Fox Sparrow~~
129. Eastern Fox Sparrow MIG April 8 - April 23
Very common during migration.
130. Swamp Sparrow S.R. April 13 -
Fairly common at Whale Cove and Long Pond. One nesting record.
131. Eastern Song Sparrow S.R. April 8 -
Abundant. Three nesting records.