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EARLY two years ago, I began work on a series of bulletins for the Public Library Commission of Indiana. Owing to the pressure of other duties, the bulletins were laid aside until recently the establishment of a department of library work with schools made more apparent the need of such publications and the Bird Bulletin has been pushed to completion.

Realizing the value of expert service, the Commission has availed itself of the generous assistance rendered by Mr. Amos W. Butler, Prof. D. W. Dennis, Mr. Alden Hadley, Mr. W. W. Woollen, Mr. W. S. Blatchley, Miss Florence Howe and others to whom the Commission wishes to make grateful acknowledgment.

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Appreciation of the Commission’s work has been expressed by the officers of the Indiana Audubon Society, which has ordered copies of the Bird Bulletin for distribution.

This publication will be followed by others on Indiana flowers, trees, products, history, literature, biography, etc., etc.

MERICa HOAGLAND,
Cor. Sec’y & Organizer.
How the Library May Stimulate Local Bird Study

This bulletin of Indiana birds is intended for the use of librarians over the state, in assisting teachers and pupils with local bird study in the schools. The bulletin is merely suggestive. The real work that counts in stimulating local nature study must be done in the library. The librarian cannot do it alone, but with the help of club women, nature lovers, college students, and local natural history enthusiasts, she may bring to the library these various interests and thus make the library the vital educational center of the community.

The following are some suggestions of ways by which the library may interest children in a study of the birds of the locality:

1. A special corner, table, bulletin-board, and book shelf devoted to the subject of birds, where children may look for and expect something interesting each day.

2. A bird calendar, on which the dates of the arrival of birds is kept by the children themselves.

A black-board, bulletin-board, or large sheet of paper may be used for these records. A list of the birds likely to appear during the month may be printed on the board or sheet of paper and the children may check each day the birds seen by them for the first time. The record of these dates of arrival should be preserved and at the end of two or three years they may be printed in folder form, that the child may continue each year to keep for himself this same record. The calendar of bird migration giving the record of the spring observations, published by the Springfield, Mass. Library, will be interesting to librarians. Lincoln Park, Chicago, publishes a bulletin of bird migration for the use of the Chicago schools. Lists of birds, with space for a note of the date, weather, and locality, are used by the University of Illinois in field work in local bird study.

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3 Exhibit of bird pictures in the library.

Rather than a large exhibit of miscellaneous bird pictures, it is better to show pictures of the birds as they arrive. Just before the time for the appearance of a bird, its picture together with typewritten copies of poems about the bird and a short interesting description may be posted on the bird bulletin-board. This description should always tell of the food and habits of the bird. A typewritten list may also be posted referring to the exact pages in the books best describing the bird, or containing poems about it, and these books may be kept on the special shelf near the bird bulletin or on the table. Books may be placed on the table open at a picture or good description of the bird or a poem about it. Children will not always take the trouble to search for a book but if it can be found easily near the picture, the book will be taken home and read.

4 Talks by a bird lover given at the library.

There is always some one in every community interested in birds. The librarian herself, if a bird lover, even though she is not an authority, may find material in the best books for interesting talks on identification of birds, bird habits, food and homes, effect of storms on migration, birds that fly by day and those that fly by night, adaptation of birds to flight, protective coloration, and economic value of birds. At the time of the talks the bulletin-board may be used for poems, pictures, diagrams or charts illustrating the subject, and the special table and shelf used for best books. A diagram showing the different parts of the bird will be useful in a talk on adaptation of birds to flight, and a table giving the birds that fly by day and those that fly by night will be interesting in connection with that subject. The bulletin of the Children's Museum in Brooklyn will be very suggestive in planning a course of talks on birds.

5 A bird club which comes to the library for talks on birds, and makes at the library the beginnings of a museum from the collections of its excursions.

It must be understood that bird nests and eggs should be collected only for scientific purposes. A collection of bird specimens could be made only by an ornithologist. The life
histories of insects and specimens of birds may be had from special dealers in the large cities. Even a very small collection, if giving accurately the life history of insects, and showing specimens in their natural environment, will be valuable. Such a museum as a part of the library is coming to be indispensable in the work with children in the schools. The protection and encouragement of birds and the preservation of forests, trees, and shrubbery for their homes, should result from the study of the bird club and the talks given by a bird authority.

6 Field work in a winter study of birds’ nests.

Since winter birds are not easy for the beginner and since there are not many to study unless one knows just where to look for them, a study of birds’ nests can be made. At this season of the year, although there will be difficulty in identifying them after they have been so long abandoned, the nests can be taken without stealing and can be found easily, when they might not have been observed in summer. Careful questions regarding a few typical nests will arouse the child’s interest in the birds when they return. In studying the robin’s nest, its shape and color, the relation between the color of the nest and the color of the brooding bird’s back and environment may be worked out by the pupils. The song-sparrow’s, meadow lark’s, woodpecker’s, and other nests may be studied in the same way. This will teach the children observation and train them in the inductive method of study. The adaptability of the nest and the color of the bird to its environment is a subject which the children may investigate for themselves, after their attention has been called to it in field study. Nothing can take the place of field work in bird study.

7 Prizes offered by the library to pupils in the schools for the best paper recording actual observations of a local bird or birds.

The prize composition should be kept by the library, posted on the bird bulletin-board, and printed in the town or city paper.

8 Publishing in the local paper what the library is doing for the children in the schools in studying the birds of Indiana.
Special announcement should be made of the talks on birds given at the library, the prizes for the best bird compositions, exhibits of bird pictures, and new bird books received. The library must make the subject interesting and the new and best books on birds conspicuous. It is not sufficient for the library to be a store house of books. It must call the attention of people to its new and best books by advertising them and placing them where they may be seen.

Ida M. Mendenhall
Calendar of Bird Migration

These tables are approximately correct and are based upon the average of observations for a series of years in the central part of the state. They are different from those that would be made for either our southern or northern border. Most of the birds noted under January are more or less regularly residents or winter visitors in Indiana in the latitude of Indianapolis. In the latitude of Lawrenceburg, Madison, and Evansville there would be placed under January all the February and part of the March list. For our northern counties, particularly those near Lake Michigan, some of the birds found in the January and February list, such as the Song Sparrow, Redheaded Woodpecker, and Bluebird ordinarily would not be found until in March or April or even later. Some, like the Cardinal, Carolina Wren, Turkey Vulture, and Bewick's Wren are not commonly found north of central Indiana.

JANUARY

Tufted Titmouse
Downy Woodpecker
Cardinal
Screech Owl
Sparrow Hawk
Song Sparrow
Crow
Bluejay
White-breasted Nuthatch
Chickadee
Junco
Tree Sparrow
Horned Lark
Carolina Wren
Flicker
English Sparrow
Bob White
Redheaded Woodpecker
FEBRUARY
Kildeer
Kingfisher
Bluebird
Towhee
Robin
Meadowlark
Turkey Vulture
Mourning Dove

MARCH
Redwinged Blackbird
Bronzed Grackle
Chipping Sparrow
Brown Thrasher
Brown Creeper
Bewick’s Wren
Field Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
Phœbe
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
American Goldfinch

APRIL
Chimney Swift
Barn Swallow
Kingbird
Oven Bird
Purple Martin
Catbird
Baltimore Oriole
Yellow Warbler
House Wren
Red-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Wood Thrush
Dickcissel
Whip-poor-will

MAY
Indigo Bunting
Wood Pewee
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Bobolink
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Black-poll Warbler
Night Hawk
Maryland Yellow-throat
Cedar Waxwing

RESIDENT BIRDS
English Sparrow
Bluejay
Crow
Screech Owl
Tufted Titmouse
Chickadee
Downy Woodpecker
Song Sparrow
Kingfisher
Cardinal
Flicker
Redheaded Woodpecker
Sparrow Hawk
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Bob White
Hairy Woodpecker

The birds given below are either residents, winter visitors, summer residents or migrants in Indiana. Residents are marked R; winter visitors, W; those seen only during the migration, M; all others are summer residents.

The first number given with the name of the bird is the number under which the species is described in Birds of Indiana, by Amos W. Butler, published as a part of the report of the State Geologist in 1897; the second is that given to the species in the check list of the American Ornithologists' Union; the third is the number by which a colored plate may be ordered from A. W. Mumford, 375 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

The poems given with the bird do not always exactly describe our Indiana birds, but are sometimes given as suggestive for supplementary reading, remembering that poetry and science do not always agree. The poems by Indiana authors are marked with a star. They will describe more accurately than the others our own birds.
JANUARY

Tufted Titmouse R 308 731 233

More common in southern part of state; called Peter-Peter and Sugar-bird; nests in cavities of trees.

Emerson, R. W. The Titmouse
Stanton, H. T. The Peter-bird

Downy Woodpecker R 161 394 164

Erroneously called Little Sapsucker; nests in hole of tree, usually low.

Cardinal R 230 593 20

Also called Redbird; more common in southern part of state; much beloved by bird lovers for his beautiful coat, cheery song, and good habits.

*Culmer, J. C. The Redbird in winter
*Parker, B. S. The Redbird
*Stein, Evaleen. The Redbird

Screech Owl R 151 373 41

An uncanny but useful bird; nests in hollow trees or old buildings.

Bates, E. S. What sees the Owl
Lanier, Sidney Owl against Robin
Proctor, B. W. The Owl
Tennyson, Alfred The Owl

Sparrow Hawk R 143 360 142

Nests in hollow tree, among branches, or in cavity on cliff; a useful bird in destroying small mammals and grasshoppers and other insects.

Song Sparrow R 225 581 83

Builds nest low, using grass, leaves and bark, and lining with grass and hairs.

Lathrop, G. P. The Song Sparrow
Seton, E. T. The myth of the Song Sparrow
Thaxter, Celia The Song Sparrow
Van Dyke, Henry Legend of the Song Sparrow
Crow R 186 488 26
A very well known bird and not protected by law.

Buccaneer: with blackest sails,
Steering home by compass true.

Cone, H. G. As the Crow flies
*Parker, B. S. The first caws
Wilson, R. B. To a Crow

Bluejay R 184 477 11
A bird of eccentric and interesting habits; builds bulky nest in trees.

Mr. Bluejay, full o' sass,
In them base-ball clothes o' his,
Sportin' 'round the orchard jes'
Like he owned the premises.

Dickinson, Emily The Bluejay
*Riley, J. W. The Blue-jay, in Kneedep in June
Sweet, S. H. The Bluejay

White-breasted Nuthatch R 306 727 90
Called also Tomtit; nests in hole in tree four to ninety feet high.

Thomas, E. M. The Nuthatch

Chickadee R 309 and 310 735 45
There are two closely related species of Chickadees in Indiana. That in the southern part of the state is called Carolina Chickadee; the northern one is known as Black-capped Chickadee. Their general appearance and habits are similar; nests low in cavity of tree, stump, rail, or post.

Flying low
Prints his small impress in the snow.

Thaxter, Celia The Chickadee

Junco W 222 567 99
Known as the Snowbird and Black Snowbird; does not breed in Indiana.

The sudden flurries of Snowbirds
Like brown leaves whirling by.

*Ball, R. G. The Snowbirds
Butterworth, Hezekiah The Snowbird
Goodale, D. R. The Snowbirds
Tree Sparrow W 218 559 435

Often seen in companies, frequently with the Juncos, in shrubbery, weed and brier patches or flitting about barnyard, poultry-yard or dooryard; does not breed in Indiana.

Burroughs, John The Brush Sparrow
Dinsmoor, Robert The Sparrow
Howitt, Mary The Sparrow's nest

Horned Lark W 182 474 94

Called also Shore Lark; builds nest on ground, using grass, and lining with vegetable fiber and feathers.

Carolina Wren R 298 817 443

Called Mocking Wren and Large Wood Wren; more common in Southern Indiana; nests in woods or thickets or about buildings.

Flicker R 166 412 27

Called Goldenwinged Woodpecker, Yellow-hammer, and High Hole; generally nests high in hole of tree.

Ah, there is the note of the first Flicker, a prolonged, monotonous "wick-wick-wick-wick-wick-wick". This note seems to put life into the withered grass and leaves and bare twigs. It is as good as a housewarming to all nature.

*McManus, S. B. The Flicker on the fence.

English Sparrow R 209 112

A well known little pest that is not protected by Indiana's bird law.

Forsyth, M. I. The English Sparrow

Bob White R 120 289 124

The well known Quail, by some called Partridge; a game bird carefully fostered by law.

Cooper, George The Bob White
Ham, M. F. The Bob White
*Harris, L. O. The bonnie brown Quail
*Johnson, A. F. The Bob White
Thomas, E. M. The Quail's nest
Redheaded Woodpecker  R 164 406 13

Irregular resident; called also Redhead; a familiar and useful bird; nests in hole of trees.

FEBRUARY

The birds of this month are resident in varying numbers in the southern part of the state.

Killdeer  115 273 305

Called also Killdeer Plover; nests in depressions in the ground. Hear him call his own name.

Kingfisher  158 390 17

More common in southern part of state; nests in burrow in steep bank, usually near water.

Howitt, Mary The Kingfisher
Thompson, Maurice The Kingfisher

Bluebird  321 766 21

Nests in hole in tree, post, stump, or in a box, using grass; a pretty bird now growing more numerous in Indiana.

Yonder bluebird with the earth tinge on his breast and the sky tinge on his back. Burroughs

Aldrich, T. B. The Bluebird
Burroughs, John The Bluebird
Herrick, Robert The Bluebird
Miller, E. H. The Bluebird
*Parker, B. S. The first Bluebird
*Riley, J. W. The first Bluebird
Thaxter, Celia Bluebirds in autumn
*Thompson, Maurice The Bluebird

An early Bluebird

Towhee  299 586 283

Called also Chewink, Towhee Bunting, Jewee, Joree, Marsh Robin and Ground Robin; nests on ground or near it.

Robin  320 761 16

Very common and well known bird; builds nest usually in trees, of twigs, grass, weeds, strings, paper, fibers and mud, lining with fine grass.
Alcott, L. M.  
To a Robin

Allingham, William  
Robin Redbreast

Bolton, S. K.  
My Robin

Cary, Phoebe  
The Robin's nest

*Chitwood, M. L.  
The Robin's song

Cooper, George  
What the Robin told

Craik, D. M.  
September Robin

Herrick, Robert  
To Robin Redbreast

Langhorne, J.  
To a Redbreast

Lanier, Sidney  
Owl against Robin

Tampa Robins

Larcom, Lucy  
Sir Robin

Proctor, B. W.  
Robin's song

Randall, J. R.  
Why the Robin breast was red

Richards, L. E.  
What the Robins sing in the morning

*Riley, J. W.  
Robin's other name

Rogers, Samuel  
Epitaph on a Robin Redbreast

Thaxter, Celia  
The Robin

Washburn, H. S.  
To the first Robin

Whittier, J. G.  
How the Robin came

The Robin

Wordsworth, William  
Redbreast chasing the butterfly

To a Robin

**MEADOW LARK 191 501 29**

One of the most beneficial of birds; his song is interpreted as “Laziness will kill you”; nests on ground in meadows.

“Spring o' the year! Spring o' the year!” it says with a long drawn breath. A clear, strong, high-keyed note, uttered from some knoll or rock or stake on the fence, is its proper vocal performance.

**Burroughs**

**TURKEY VULTURE 126 325 79**

Called also Turkey Buzzard; eggs are hatched in hollow tree or log or on ground, with no attempt to make a nest.

**MOURNING DOVE 125 316 89**

Called Carolina Dove and Turtle Dove; generally nests in trees, sometimes on or near the ground; honey locusts or thorn trees are favorite nesting places.
MARCH

Redwinged Blackbird 190 498 19

Makes its home about swamps and lowlands; nests low among grass or reeds.

The Blackbirds make the maples ring
With social cheer and jubilee;
The Redwing flutes his o-ka-lee. Emerson

Bronzed Grackle 195 511b 118

The common Blackbird; nests usually in colonies in trees.

The Blackbirds clatt'rin' in tall trees
An' settlin' things in windy congresses. Lowell

Cary, Alice Story of a Blackbird
The Blackbird
Craik, D. M. Blackbird and the Rooks
Ingelow, Jean The warbling of Blackbirds
Tennyson, Alfred The Blackbird
Tennyson, Frederick The Blackbird

Chipping Sparrow 219 560 452

Known as the Chippy or Chipbird; lines its nest with horse-hair.

Brown Thrasher 297 705 23

Called also Thrush and erroneously Mockingbird; nests low in bushes, sometimes on the ground.

Clare, John The Thrush's nest
Drummond, William The Thrush
Dobson, Austin The ballad of the Thrush
Gallagher, W. D. The Brown Thrush
Larcom, Lucy The Brown Thrush
*Parker, B. S. Song of the imprisoned Thrush

Brown Creeper 305 726 163

Nests under loose bark of dead trees, using lichens, moss, feathers and rootlets; seldom breeds in Indiana.

Bewick's Wren 299 719

Called also Longtailed Wren; a great insect catcher; nests in all sorts of places about buildings, fences, brush-piles, and logs.
Field Sparrow 221 463 442
Builds nest of rootlets and grass lined with hair or fine grass, on ground or low bush.
Larcom, Lucy  The Field Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow 208 549 349
Called also Bay-winged Bunting and Grass Finch; nests on ground. John Burroughs tells of it in Wake Robin.
Thaxter, Celia  The Vesper Sparrow
Thomas, E. M.  The Vesper Sparrow

Phoebe 174 456 87
Called also Pewee and Bridge Pewee; builds nest of mud, moss, grass and feathers, under cliff, bridge, culvert or shed; a valuable insect destroyer.
Lathrop, G. P.  The Phoebe bird
Lowell, J. R.  The Phoebe

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  M 162 402 95
Called also Yellow-bellied Woodpecker; nests in hole in a tree; seldom breeds in Indiana. Read of his very clever method of providing food.

American Goldfinch  R 203 529 92
Called Yellow-bird, Lettuce-bird, and Salad-bird; nests in upright fork of tree or bush.

APRIL

Chimney Swift 170 423 93
Called Chimney Swallow; builds nest of glued twigs attached to side of chimney or hollow tree.
Dodge, M. B.  The Chimney nest

Barn Swallow 239 613 22
The familiar forktailed bird; glues or fastens nest to barn timbers inside of barn. This is to be carefully distinguished from the Cliff Swallow that builds the bottle shaped mud nests, feather-lined, outside the barn under the eaves.
Aird, Thomas  The Swallow
Burroughs, John  The Swallow
Carlyle, Mrs. J. N.  To a Swallow building under our eaves
Hopkinson, Francis  The Swallow
Hosmer, W. H. C.  The Swallow
Howitt, Mary  The Swallow
Howitt, William  Departure of the Swallow
Meredith, Owen  The Swallow
Smith, Charlotte  The first Swallow
Thaxter, Celia  The Swallow
Wordsworth, William  The first Swallow

KINGBIRD  172  444  100
   Called also Bee Martin; nests in trees, often in orchards. Read about his remarkable insect trap.

OVEN BIRD  280  674  145
   Called also Golden crowned Thrush; a bird of "high bearing and graceful carriage," as well as cheerful song; builds nest of leaves, arched over, on ground in primitive forest.
      Bolles, Frank  The Oven Bird

PURPLE MARTIN  237
   A neighborly bird that is glad to build its nest in a box provided for it; often driven away by English Sparrows' pre-occupancy of nest boxes.

CATBIRD  296  704  50
   Nests in bush or low tree. You know his gentle mewing call; he has also a fine song.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE  193  507  56
   A bird of beautiful plumage; suspends its purse-shaped nest high in a tree.
       My Oriole, my glance of summer fire.
       Lowell

How falls it, Oriole, thou hast come to fly
In tropic splendor through our northern sky?
At some glad moment was it nature's choice
To dower a scrap of sunset with a voice?
Or did some orange tulip, flaked with black,
In some forgotten garden, ages back,
Yearning toward Heaven until its wish was beard,
Desire unspeakably to be a bird?
YELLOW WARBLER 265 652

Called also Summer Warbler and Summer Yellow Bird; very valuable in destroying insects; builds a neatly woven nest in trees, often in orchard and lawn.

HOUSE WREN 300 721 86

Called Short-tailed House Wren; a wholly useful bird; has a peculiar rattling song.

Cary, Phoebe The envious Wren
Three Wrens
Craik, D. M. The Wren's nest
Wordsworth, William The Wren's nest

RED-EYED VIREO 247 624 122

A very common woodland bird; with a striking song; suspends nest in horizontal crotch of a tree.

WARBLING VIREO 249 627 96

Called also Warbling Greenlet; first observed among the elms, cottonwoods, and sycamores along streams, its favorite home all season.

Lampman, Archibald To the Warbling Vireo

WOOD THRUSH 314 755 49

Nests on horizontal branch or fork of low tree or bush, using mud, leaves, weeds, and twigs; sweetest singer known to our forests.

This is the only bird whose note affects me like music. He launches forth one strain of pure unmatchable melody and then pauses. It changes all hours to an eternal morning. Whenever a man hears it he is young and nature is in her spring.

Thoreau

*Davis, Hannah The Wood Thrush
Newkirk, Garrett The Wood Thrush
The two eggs are usually laid on a leaf, or on a few leaves in a slight depression.

Dodge, M. M. The Whip-poor-will
Van Dyke, Henry The Whip-poor-will

The bird that speaks its name; called also Black-throated Bunting and Little Meadow Lark from its colors being similar to those of the last named bird; nests on ground or in bush.

MAY

Called also Indigo Bunting; very numerous; builds nests of leaves, grass, and bark low in crotch of bush; female is Sparrow like; no blue can be seen when bird is not in hand.

An industrious flycatcher; nests on horizontal limb eight to twenty feet high; covers nest with lichens.

A little bird in suit
Of sombre olive, soft and brown,
Perched in the maple branches mute,
With greenish gold its vest was fringed,
Its tiny cap was ebon-tinged,
With ivory pale its wings were barred
And its dark eyes were tender starred.

Trowbridge

Van Dyke, Henry The Pewee

Called also Raincrow and Cow-cow; its nest is a mere platform of twigs in bush or tree.

Howitt, Mary The Cuckoo
Logan, John The Cuckoo
Bobolink 187 494 25

Called also Whitewing Blackbird, Reedbird and Ricebird; nests on the ground; his “Quaker wife” has “plain brown wings.”

When nature had made all her birds,
   With no more cares to think on,
She gave a rippling laugh and out
   There flew a Bobolinkon.

Bryant, W. C. Robert of Lincoln
Cranch, C. P. The Bobolinks
Flagg, Wilson The O’Lincoln family
Hill, Thomas The Bobolink

Ruby-throated Hummingbird 171 428 85

The tiniest of birds; builds lichen-covered, down-lined nest on horizontal limb. Find him flitting among the flowers.

Cheney, J. V. To a Humming bird
Goodrich, S. G. Birthright of the Humming bird
Hayne, P. H. The Humming bird
Murray, George To a Humming bird in a garden
Tabb, J. B. The Humming bird
Wilson, Alexander On the Humming bird

Black-poll Warbler M 272 661 444

A striking bird in spring plumage; often seen about orchards and lawns; breeds farther north.

Night Hawk 169 420 48

Called also Bull Bat; a great destroyer of flying insects; lays eggs on ground; in Indianapolis and other cities sometimes lays eggs on flat roof of a building.

Maryland Yellow-throat 287 681

Builds nest of leaves or grass, lined with grass and horsehair, in thicket, often near water or swamp, on or near ground; common interpretation of its song is wichity, wichity, wichity.

Van Dyke, Henry Maryland Yellow-throat
SOME OTHER POEMS

Allingham, William  The bird
Bates, J. L.  Why some birds hop and others walk
Bryant, W. C.  Return of the birds
     To a Waterfowl
Burleigh, G. S.  The Hang-bird's nest
Cary, Alice  On seeing a wild bird
Childs, L. M.  Birds' nests
     If ever I see
     Little maiden and the little bird
     Who stole the bird's nest?
*Chitwood, M. L.  Birds
     The bird's nest empty
Coleridge, S. T.  Answer to a child's question
Cooke, R. T.  The snow-filled nest
Cooper, George  Winter birds
Cosby, F. K.  To the Mocking Bird
Dana, R. H.  The little beach bird
Dawson, W. J.  Birds of the morning
Dodge, M. M.  The Whip-poor-will
Drake, J. R.  The Mocking Bird
Emerson, R. W.  May day
     Wood notes
Garland, Hamlin  The herald crane
Harte, Bret  To a sea bird
Hemans, F. D.  Birds in summer
Heywood, Thomas  Go, pretty birds
Hogg, James  The lark
Hopkinson, Francis  The birds, the beasts, and
     the bats
Howitt, Mary  Birds
     Birds in summer
Ingelow, Jean  The Singing-lesson
Judson, E. C.  My bird
Kemble, F. A.  Lament of a Mocking Bird
Kimball, H. M.  Flight of the birds
Lanier, Sidney  The Mocking Bird
Larcom, Lucy  Sing away, bird
Longfellow, H. W.  Birds of Killingworth
     The Mocking Bird, in Evange-
geline
Miller, E. H.  My neighbors
*McManus, S. B.  The Yellow Thistle Bird
Motherwell, William  Sing on, blithe bird
Meredith, Owen  A bird at sunset
     The Titlark's nest
*Nichols, R. S.  The bonny brown bird in the mulberry tree
*Parker, B. S.  Hoosier bards
  The empty nest
  The old rail fence
  The song of birds
*Pretlow, R. E.  Midnight song of the Mocking Bird
Percy, Florence  A bird’s nest
*Pfrimmer, W. W.  Take yer choice of seasons
The Kankakee
Proctor, B. W.  Invocation to the birds
Roberts, C. G. D.  The flight of the geese
Sangster, M. E.  Building the nest
Shelley, P. B.  The Skylark
Southey, Robert  The traveller’s return
Sprague, Charles  The winged worshipers
Stevenson, R. L.  The little land
  Nest eggs
*Stein, Evaleen  October song
   One way to the woods
Stoddard, C. W.  Albatross
Stoddard, R. H.  Birds
   Birds are singing round my window
Stoddard, W. O.  The Prairie Plover
Tennyson, Alfred  What does little birdie say?
Thaxter, Celia  Birds in the rain
   Birds’ orchestra
   The Great White Owl
   The Sandpiper
*Thompson, Maurice  Death of the Great White Heron
   The Blue Heron
Van Dyke, Henry  The Whip-poor-will
   The Veery
Whitney, A. D. T.  Bird talk
   Busy and happy
Whittier, J. G.  A bird’s eye view
   Red Ridinghood
   What the birds said
Wilde, R. H.  To the Mocking Bird
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