

every year or so for the accommodation of the other sort. As for food, why bug or bean, fish or fly, can be had at most any time with a minimum search. But my fate is to be aboard ship most all the time, where I see only Gulls and hear the migrants at night. There are, to be sure, certain regular morning and evening callers, but they do not tarry long enough to become individual acquaintances. Just now I am boarding with the marine guard, so I go through the Navy Yard every day and am sure of seeing at least a pair of Mockingbirds and a Loggerhead Shrike or so, everytime. About the wharf sloops the English Sparrow has full possession. Between the bell tower and the marine barrack yard is quite a wide bit of sandy, wind-swept ground, mostly built up by dredging from the bed of the river. A few tufts of ragged unkept grass and some sturdy weeds do not as yet offer an excuse even for covering but just stand where they are and make most of their headway in the lee of the barrack yard fence. Here congregate quite a nice little colony of our winter Sparrows—Savannahs, Songs and Vespers, mostly. In wet weather a Swamp or two, and more rarely a Sharp-tail, from across the road that heads down to the naval hospital, there is salt marsh on that side and the Clapper Rail is supreme.

Coming to the gate the other day—February 23rd—I found a cat in the thickest clump of grass and as she fled from the usual brick bat, for all such cases made and provided, among the little Sparrows that skittered startling out was a lovely Redpoll. I saw him on a move next morning. Now it is warm again and he is off and far away I hope. I thought I saw the cat once since then and when I hove the brick a small goat got up and looked at me leisurely. How old and blind I am getting, I could not tell a goat from a cat and then could not hit it.

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SPRING HORIZON, NEAR LYNCHBURG, VA.

April 26th, 1901,—Grasshopper Sparrow, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow Warbler, Chimney Swift, Barn Swallow,

Purple Martin, Flicker, American Goldfinch, Phœbe, Towhee, Bewick's Wren, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Vesper Sparrow, Carolina Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Blue Jay, Song Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow.

April 27th 1901.—Bachman's Sparrow, Prairie Warbler, Pine Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, Cardinal, Black and White Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

April 29th, 1901.—Bewick's Wren (a nest of this species was found ready to receive eggs,) Red-eyed Vireo, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, White-throated Sparrow, Oven-bird, Yellow-throated Warbler, House Wren, Spotted Sandpiper, Bank Swallow, Mockingbird (a completed nest of this species was found.)

April 30th, 1901.—Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blackburnian Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Maryland Yellow-throat, Orchard Oriole, Nashville Warbler.

May 1st, 1901.—Yellow-breasted Chat, Crested Flycatcher, Belted Kingfisher, Solitary Viree, Great Blue Heron, Rough-winged Swallow, Parula Warbler, Kingbird. Bachman's Sparrow (saw two of these birds at close range, making the second time I have met with the species this season)

May 8th, 1901.—Wilson's Thrush, Ruby-throated Humming bird, Baltimore Oriole, Blue Grosbeak, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, White-eyed Vireo.

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CARDINAL, *CARDINALIS CARDINALIS*.

Perhaps to many people the Cardinal while not a rare bird by any means is not met with frequently in a walk, because of its retiring nature. When singing from some conspicuous branch above the thicket it will send its clear ringing whistle that can be heard for quite a distance.

Near Bristol are five different localities where the Cardinal can be met with at any time, while at two of the five can be seen both male and female.

A large swamp which begins at Bristol and extends for



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