

FOR THE BIRD LOVER

Permanent Residents and Transients

Constitute Feathered Colony.

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PINEHURST certainly offers great attractions to the bird-lover. Not only are there the winter residents which may be found at all times, but early in the season, one sees many on their way Southward and from February on, others pause in their Northern migration.

The sum total is quite large including the possibility of seeing nearly a hundred different kinds of which over half may be definitely counted upon, many of them quite rare.

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In a general way every one is familiar with the vernal and autumnal migration of the birds, but all may not realize that in some mysterious manner, the birds keep a calendar which brings them north and south each year at fixed dates.

Bradford Torry tells a remarkable story of a man who saw a *Wilson's black cap* appear three seasons on the same day of the month, at the same hour of the day and on the same bush in his garden.

If some of us gave our whole time to bird study we might relate tales as marvelous, for even less careful observation will show, if the records are kept, that certain birds always appear within a day or two of the same dates every year.

Not only do the birds move on fixed dates, but they have fixed air roads of travel from which they seldom deviate. Pinehurst occupying the middle section, seems to get birds both of the coast and of the mountain routes.

I have seen some birds only in the fall, others only in the spring; whether they pursue a different course on the return journey, I cannot say. It may be the "round trip" is not unknown in birddom. A number of species abundant in the fall, suddenly disappear so completely as to give the impression that they have gone further South. This is not the case, however, for they reappear at intervals during the winter for no apparent reason and vanish again as completely as at first. This is especially noticeable of the robins and cedar birds who go through the form of assembling for a long journey, cause one a sigh of regret as they take flight, and then, a fortnight or so later, are found

perched on the trees as though they had never left them.

It is apparent that the birds seen here may be classified as follows:

- I—Permanent residents.
II—Winter residents.
III—Transient or summer residents.

Regarding the third class I cannot speak with certainty as to which species nest here. The range of some birds is very wide, the little *Maryland yellowthroat*, for instance, nesting here and also in Northern Maine.

PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Mocking bird
Blue jay
Red headed woodpecker
Red cockaded woodpecker
Loggerhead shrike
Sparrow hawk
Flicker
Cardinal
Carolina Chickadee
Brown-headed nuthatch
Carolina wren
Tufted titmouse

WINTER RESIDENTS

Blue bird
Myrtle warbler
Field Sparrow
Junco
Meadow lark
Brown thrasher
Chewink or towhee
Peabody bird
Robin
Whitebreasted nuthatch
Song sparrow
Fox sparrow
Cedar bird
Hermit thrush
Pine warbler
Cat bird
Sapsucker
Mourning dove

TRANSIENT OR SUMMER RESIDENTS

Killdeer plover
Water thrush
Goldfinch
Red breasted nuthatch
Chipping sparrow
Blue-gray gnatcatcher
Maryland yellow throat
Brown creeper
Purple finch
White eyed vireo
Red-eyed vireo
Yellow throated vireo
Chimney swift
Bobolink
Parula warbler
Yellow-breasted chat
Great crested flycatcher
King bird
Yellow warbler
Black throated blue warbler
Black poll warbler
Wood pewee
American bittern

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