

THE BIRDS OF PINEHURST

Observed by George L. Fordyce
During the Advertisers
Tournament

While at Pinehurst, North Carolina, last week, attending the Tournament of the Winter Golf League of Advertising Interests, I was interested in learning something of the bird life in that locality at this season of the year.

The conditions within the limits of Pinehurst are particularly favorable for birds. The winding drives and footpaths bordered densely with trees and shrubbery make the surroundings strikingly attractive to people, as well as the birds. The long-leaf pine is everywhere about the village. Holly with its red berries like we have at Christmas time is abundant, and the winter jasmine blooming among the shrubbery gives a spring-like setting to the entire landscape.

Within seeing and hearing distance of the hotel where I was stopping, one could see and hear a great many different kinds of birds. The morning after my arrival, I was out of doors soon after daylight and the first bird that I saw was a mockingbird, and, while they were not singing at this time of year, one could easily identify them by their chips and cries. The mockingbird was fairly common everywhere about the village.

A comparison of the bird life at Pinehurst and the vicinity of Youngstown may perhaps be of local interest under the following classification:

Summer Residents.—The birds observed at Pinehurst that are Summer residents or breeding birds with us in the Summer time, include bluebird, migrant shrike, field sparrow, meadowlark, brown thrasher, marsh hawk, robin, towhee.

Spring Migrants.—Species that migrate through here in the Springtime on their way to their breeding home in the North, include myrtle warbler, white-throated sparrow, yellow-bellied sapsucker, hermit thrush, pipit, Canada goose.

The only species listed that we do not have in this vicinity were the mockingbird and black vulture.

The Carolina wren some ten years ago was fairly well distributed in this locality, as the

Carolina wren is considered non-migratory. A severe Winter some five or six years ago nearly exterminated them and during the year 1916 we failed to list a Carolina wren in this locality. Of course it is a southern species and Youngstown being almost the northern limit of its range, it was not able to survive the severe Winters of the past few years.

During the week I was in Pinehurst I listed 36 different species of birds in that vicinity. I am satisfied it would be especially interesting to be at Pinehurst about the first of April, which would probably be about the height of the Spring migration for that locality.

COMPLETE LIST OF BIRDS OBSERVED AT
PINEHURST, N. C., JAN. 20—27, 1917

Canada Goose
Bob-white
Turkey Vulture
Black Vulture
Marsh Hawk
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
Downy Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Woodpecker
Flicker
Prairie-horned Lark
Blue Jay
Crow
Meadowlark
Goldfinch
White-throated Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Slate-colored Junco
Towhee
Cardinal
Migrant Shrike
Myrtle Warbler
Pipit
Mockingbird
Catbird
Brown Thrasher
Carolina Wren
White-breasted Nuthatch
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Tufted Titmouse
Carolina Chickadee
Chickadee
Golden Crown Kinglet
Hermit Thrush
Robin
Bluebird

Silver Foils Tournament Schedule

Season 1917

February 21—Flag Contest

February 28—Medal Play Handicap.

March 7—Four-ball, Best Ball Match.

March 16—Mixed Foursome.

March 21-22—Club Championship. Thirty-six holes medal play. Championship for best gross score. Prizes for first, second and third best net scores.

March 28—Medal Play Handicap for those who have not won a prize. Prizes for first, second and third best net scores.

April 4—Choice Score. Best six in each nine.
Putting Competitions will be held from time to time during the season.

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