



Robin Snipe.

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1. ROBIN SNIFE.

(*Tringa canutus*).

The Knot or Sandpiper of our coasts. His Latin name is derived in part from that of the King Canute who defied the waves with less success than attends this speedy little beach comber. Snipe hunting with candle and sack, now a favorite pastime of the practical joker, was once the means by which thousands of these unsophisticated birds were butchered.



Hawk.

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7. HAWK.

(Accipiter cooperi).

One of the worst of a large family of aerial freebooters, this particular specimen being a Chicken Hawk. His peculiar cry often lures guileless chicks to an untimely end, and is a warning to the watchful and belligerent mother hen. Some hawks help the farmers by preying on crop destroyers. This one is a self-convicted marauder.



Blue Bill Duck.

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8. BLUE BILL DUCK.

(*Aythya marila nearctica*).

More properly known as the Greater Scaup Duck. An awkward, shuffling creature on land, so lazy a swimmer that he will dive under a raft rather than swim around it, yet a swift flyer when he has raised his bulk from the water, and a meteoric diver. When floating he finds it easier to dive than rise when alarmed. Wounded birds have been known to cling to a rock or weed below the surface and drown without releasing their grip.



By Hintermeister

Spoon Bill.

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10. SPOONBILL.

(Ajaja ajaja).

This is the roseate Spoonbill whose handsome plumage was once much admired by visitors to Florida. Persecution has so reduced its numbers that it is now rarely seen. Its chief feature is the bill from which it derives its name. A more sombre cousin, known as the "Shoveler" Duck is common in interior North America.



Kingfisher.

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13. KINGFISHER.

(*Ceryle alcyon*).

The term "Halcyon Days" (fair weather) is traced to the Latin name above and is due to the tradition that the Kingfisher made its nest on a tiny raft and went to sea, tabooing storms until the eggs were hatched. The nest actually is a deep burrow in the bank of a stream, near which the solemn, pedagogue-like bird exercises its marvelous fishing abilities.



Spizella monticola (Aud.)

Virginia Rail.

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18. VIRGINIA RAIL.

(*Rallus virginianus*).

Despite its name, this shy bird is by no means confined to the limits of the Old Dominion, but is a winter resident throughout the United States. He inhabits swampy regions and picks out fresh water ponds if they are to be found. His pig-like grunt is a familiar sound, but a sight of him is quite rare.



COLLECTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

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20. SWAN.

(*Olor columbianus*).

Tearing through the air at the rate of one hundred miles an hour, to and from his nesting place in the Arctic, the wild swan is a far different creature from his domesticated brother of the park lake. In water he can distance a strong oarsman. The swan's song resembles the music of a tin fish-horn—the dying burst of melody is the creation of those original nature-lakins, the poets.



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22. PTARMIGAN.

(*Lagopus repestris*).

Also known as the "Rocker." Ranges in Arctic America except in Northern Labrador and Greenland which are inhabited by another species. Also a resident of the Aleutian Islands. It nests in the sedge of the tundras and is prey for the Snowy Owl. Its plumage varies with the season, becoming almost wholly white in the winter.



Illustration by J. J. Audubon, 1826.

Horned Owl.

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23. HORNED OWL.

(*Bubo virginianus*).

A veritable "tiger among birds," the terror of the woods as well as the poultry yards. He sits in a "black study" on some limb, apparently plotting dark and unholy deeds. No scientist has said a word in his defence except that he is sometimes useful as a rabbit destroyer. A wild scream like that of a strangling woman is the way in which he gives voice to his villainous musings.



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Curlew.

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25. CURLEW.

(*Numenius longirostris*).

Resembles the American Avocet but has downward curving bill. Ranges throughout temperate North America, wintering in the Gulf region. Probes for food in the mud with its long bill and snaps up insects and berries in the interior. Inland its flesh is good, on the coast even the odor is offensive.



Old Squaw.

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29. OLD SQUAW.

(*Clangula hyemalis*).

Ranges north of the Potomac and Ohio, retreating in summer to the Arctic. Noisiest of our winter visitors, this long-tailed duck is the swiftest flying of all the American sea fowl. He often soars so high as to be hardly discernible, and dives down with lightning speed. The flesh is tough and rank, but the leathers are much sought for pillows.



Pelican.

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30. PELICAN.

(*Pelecanus erythrorhynchus*).

This white fish-eater shares with the proud Eagle the distinction of a place on an American State seal. The bird appears on the Arms of Louisiana, in which, with its neighboring States, the Pelican is chiefly found. The old legend which credited the bird with piercing its own breast to feed its blood to its young is a creation of fiction.