

Bird notes from Ash Meadows through
Pahrump Valley, across Chaparral Mts. through
the Vegas Valley down to Colorado River
Lincoln Co. Nevada

Between March 3^d and 16th 1891—

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~~(For description of country, consult see Bailey's
notes on trip also notes on mammals by myself
March 10th to 13th)~~

✓ Aythya americana. March 13th one seen in Vegas
marsh.

✓ Dafila acuta. several seen in Vegas marsh.

✓ Anas carolinensis. seen in Pahrump and
Vegas valleys in small flock, about the large
springs.

✓ Anas americana. several seen in Vegas marsh.

✓ Anas boschas. several seen in Vegas marsh.

✓ Branta canadensis. A flock of Canadagense
were heard passing over our camp in the east

slope of the Charleston mts.

Grouse ^{canadensis} ~~sp?~~ A flock of seventeen sand-hill cranes were seen at the Colorado but too far away to determine the species.

↓ *Julia americana*. A few seen in Vegas wash.

↓ *Gallinago delicata*. Several were found in a marshy spot near Cactonwood Spring on the east slope of the Charleston mts.

↓ *Agriatilis vociferans*. Seen at Winters ranch in Pahump valley, also at Vegas ranch in Vegas valley and thence down as far as water occurs in Vegas wash.

↓ *Callipepla gambeli*. Common about ranches in Pahump and Vegas valleys; and also in Vegas wash near the Colorado a few were seen.

↓ *Aquila chrysaetos*. Several seen in Vegas valley and about Charleston mts.

↓ *Archibuteo lagopus*. One shot at Pahump ranch

ed others seen in Pahump Valley and in Vegas
valley & wash.

↓
Buteo borealis Calurus. Seen at various points all
along our route but nowhere common.

↓
Accipiter velox. Seen about ranches and
among mesquites in bottomlands all along our
route.

↓
Circus hudsonius. Seen about ranches in Pahump
and Vegas valleys. Not common

↓
Falco sparverius. Seen in Pahump & Vegas valleys.

↓
Falco mexicanus. A number seen in Pahump &
Vegas Valley and at the Colorado. One was
eating a duck on a cliff in Vegas wash
as we passed through on our way to the river.

↓
Bubo virginianus - 2 sp? A Horned Owl was heard
about our camp on the east slope of Charleston mts.

↓
Geococcyx californianus. Numerous tracks seen
in the lower end of Vegas valley and along the Colorado.

✓
Alaptes Cafir. Seen in Pahump Vegas valleys.

Prochilus Costar (corrected from Costar Dec 27, 1891)

~~Alaptes~~, One seen in Vegas wash no sex 10th

✓
Sayornis sayi. Found sparingly wherever we went.

✓
Otocoris ^{arumica} — ~~sp?~~ Seen about mud flats in
Pahump and Vegas valleys — the same form
as that obtained at ash meadows.

✓
Aphelocoma woodhousei, Common in the
cedar and Nut Pine belt on Charleston mts.

✓
Corvus americanus. A flock seen at
Pahump Valley ranch.

✓
Corvus corax sinuatus. Seen sparingly
wherever we went.

✓
Sceloporphagus cyanocephalus. Seen in
Pahump & Vegas valleys. Not numerous.

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✓
Sturnella ^{m.} neglecta. Common about ranches
in Pahump and Vegas Valley.

↓ Agelaius phoeniceus. Common about ranches in Pahump & Vegas valley.

↓ Pipilo maculatus megalonyx. Common in cedar belt on Charleston Mts.

↓ Melospiza lincolni. Common at Vegas Ranch and in Vegas wash about wet places among bushes.

↓ Melospiza fasciata montana. Common ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Pahump and Vegas valleys about wet places on ranches.

↓ Amphispiza belli nevadensis. Commonly distributed wherever we went.

↓ Junco ^{lin.} ~~o.~~ shufeldti. Common in Cedar belt Charleston Mts.

↓ Spizella breweri. A number seen in Vegas Wash Mch 10 to 13th.

↓ Zonotrichia intermedia. Common among bushes in damp fertile spots in Pahump & Vegas.

valley. Also in Cedar Belt on Charleston
Mts.

Poocaetes
~~Poocaetes~~ granivorus confinis. A few seen by
Mr Bailey at Vegas Ranch in Vegas Valley.
March 10 to 13th.

Passerculus sandwichensis alaudinus?
Common about wet ground in Patsump
& Vegas Valleys & in Vegas wash.

Carpodacus mexicanus frontalis. Small
parties seen near water whenever we went.

✓✓
Helgidapteryx serripennis. A few seen in
Vegas wash & near the Colorado March 10 to 13.

✓
Colinus

~~Colinus~~ ripa. Seen in same locality
singing in company with the former species.

✓
Tachycineta bicolor a number seen near
the Colorado March 10 to 13th.

✓
Tachycineta thalassina two or three seen near
upper end of Vegas wash March 10.

Amphispiza bilineata excubitorides. Seen sparingly
wherever we went. A small Perognathus
and a lizard were found on stones where
this bird had placed them in Vegas Valley.

Dendroica auduboni. Several seen at Vegas
ranch.

Anthus pensilvanicus. Small parties seen
about wet ground in both Vegas and Pak-
rump valleys; to the upper end of Vegas wash.

Zonotrichia palustris palustris. Common in
marshy wet-ground spots about springs in
Pakrump and Vegas valley and Vegas wash.

^{Thryothorus}
~~Thryothorus~~ trivirgatus ^{louisianae} louisianae a few seen in
Vegas Valley & wash.

Salpinctes obsoletus. Seen sparingly where-
ever we went among broken ground -
Sometimes seen out on flats among low
bushes.

Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus. Rather common

in Vegas valley about the sand, in mesquites,
and becoming still more numerous near
the Colorado in Vegas wash.
Found the birds in full song March 10th

↓
Auriparus flaviceps. Common in lower
end of Vegas valley and extending its range
to the northern end of this valley at least to
Carr Creek.

↓ Parus
~~Lophophanes~~ inornatus griseus. Common in
the Cedar belt on Charleston Mts.

↓ Polioptila - ^{plumbea(?)} ~~sp?~~ Several birds of this
species were seen in Vegas valley and
Bailey saved a skin for identification.

↓ Phainopepla nitens. Rather common in the
lower part of Vegas valley & upper end
of the "wash". On the Colorado at lower end of
the wash they are very abundant.

↓ Harporhynchus crissalis. Found a nest
containing 3 eggs of this bird at Cottonwood Spring
on the east slope of Charleston Mts. on March 8th

A bird was shot from the nest.

The latter was built in a desert Willow (Chilopsis saligna) growing in a ^{brush} canon full of bushes of various kinds; and near water.

The nest was placed on a large branch of the desert Willow and partly resting on the top of an Atriplex canescens growing up under the willow.

The nest was a coarse structure 10 inches deep and 8 inches wide external measure beginning at a narrow base and widening rapidly to the top. The eggs were placed in a rounded depression 3 inches deep and 4 inches across. The nest was made externally of coarse twigs 3 to 6 inches long lined with hemp-like shreds of bark from a species of Gaura growing in the vicinity. This bird was afterwards seen at various points in Vegas Valley and down Vegas Wash to the Colorado.

Geothlypis trichas. Common in the mesquites in Pahump Valley to the Western base of Charleston mts.

These mountains appear to form the barrier to the eastward extension of the range of this bird as it does ~~not~~ for the western limit of *H. crissalis*. The latter has not been seen by us west of this range though common to the eastward of it and *lecontei* was not seen to the east of this range though we made special effort to find it, and it is common to the west of these mountains.

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Oroscoptes montanus. Seen sparingly in Pahump & Vegas valleys.

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Nyadestes townsendi. Common in Cedar belt of Charleston Mts.

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Merula migratoria propinqua. Common about ranches in Pahump & Vegas valleys - Also in Cedar belt of Charleston Mts and in Vegas wash nearly to the Colorado.

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Psalis archia Seen in the Charleston Mts at Cedar belt and on adjacent slopes.

halia mexicana.

Several seen about Vegas ranch and in
Vegas Wash.

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