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## WHY BIRDS ARE SO NAMED.

BY KATIE M. ROADS.

### NAMED IN HONOR OF PERSONS.

Aiken's Screech Owl. Brewster. "Named in honor of C. E. Aiken, of Colorado Springs, Colo. The first specimen collected by C. E. Aiken, May 29, 1872, in El Paso County, Colorado."

Abert's Towhee. Baird. "Described June, 1852, and named in honor of Lt. Abert, from whom the first specimen was obtained in New Mexico."

Anna's Hummingbird. Less. "Named by M. Lesson in honor of Mme. Anna, Duchess de Rivoli."

Allen's Hummingbird. Henshaw. "Named in honor of Mr. Chas. A. Allen, who first discovered it at Nicasio, Cal., and furnished a series of fine specimens to Henshaw."

Anthony's Green Heron. Mearns. "Named in honor of Mr. A. W. Anthony, who contributed so much to the avifauna of the west, collected by Dr. Mearns in the Colorado desert, April 12, 1894."

Audubon's Warbler. Townsend. Audubon says, "Was discovered by Mr. Townsend, who has done me the honor of naming it after me."

Audubon's Woodpecker. Trudeau. Audubon says, "Presented to me by its discoverer on account of the honor which he conferred upon me," i.e. by naming it in his honor.

Bachman's Sparrow. Cabanis. "Named in honor of Dr. Bachman, who furnished the first account to Mr. Audubon. Discovered on the Edisto, near Harper's Ferry, S. C., April 1832."

Bachman's Warbler. Aud. "This specie was discovered a few miles from Charleston, S. C., July, 1833, by Dr. Bachman, for whom it was named."

Baird's Bunting. Aud. "Named in honor of his young

friend, Spencer F. Baird, of Carlisle, Pa. First discovered on July 26, 1843, by John G. Bell."

Bailey's Mountain Chickadee. Grinnell. "I take pleasure in naming this well-marked new chickadee for Mrs. Florence Bailey, whose accurate accounts form an important component of the ornithology of the west."

Baird's Hawk. Hoy. "Named in honor of Spencer F. Baird of the Smithsonian Institution."

Barlow's Chickadee. Grinnell. "Named for Chester Barlow, an ornithologist of California."

Bartram's Sandpiper, or Bartramian Sandpiper. Bon. "I have honored it with the name of my very worthy friend, near whose botanical gardens I first found it."

Batchelder's Woodpecker. Batch. "Common, given in honor of the collector and describer. First found at St. Vegas, Hot Springs, N. Mex., December 18, 1882."

Bell's Sparrow. Cassin. "Named in honor of John G. Bell, who first discovered it in San Diego, Cal."

Bell's Vireo. Aud. "Named in honor of John G. Bell, his companion, who first discovered it near Black Snake Hills, May 4, 1843."

Bendire's Thrasher. Coues. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Lt. Bendire."

Berlandier's Wren. Couch. "This species has been named by its discoverer, Lieut. Couch, for Dr. Berlandier, late of Metamorras, Mexico."

Bewick's Wren. Aud. "Named in honor of the reviver of engraving on wood in this country. Found October 19, 1821, in Louisiana, five miles from St. Francisville."

Bicknell's Thrush. Ridg. "Named in honor of Mr. Eugene P. Bicknell, who first discovered it in the Catskill Mountains."

Bischoff's Song Sparrow. Baird. "Named in honor of Ferd Bischoff, who first discovered it at Kadiak Island, 1869."

Blandig's Finch. Gambel. "Was discovered in Rocky Mountains by Dr. Gambel and named in honor of the scientist, Dr. Blandig."

Bonaparte's Flycatcher. Aud. "Discovered by Audubon and dedicated to Prince Charles Bonaparte."

Brewer's Blackbird. (Wagl) Caban. "Collected by R. Kennicott at Pembina, Minn., September 20, 1857, and named in honor of Thomas M. Brewer."

Brewer's Sparrow. Cassin. "Named in honor of Dr. Thomas M. Brewer, of Boston."

Brewster's Linnet. Ridg. "Named in honor of Mr. Wm. Brewster, of Cambridge, who first discovered it at Waltham, Mass., November, 1870."

Brewster's Warbler. "Named in honor of Mr. William Brewster, who first discovered it at Newtonville, Mass., May 18, 1870."

Bryant's Cactus Wren. Anthony. "In honor of Mr. W. E. Bryant, an ornithologist of Lower California. Discovered by A. U. Anthony at St. Telmo, L. Cal., April 30, 1893."

Bullock's Oriole. Swains. "Named in honor of the discoverer."

Cabot's Wren. Cabot. "It has received its common name from the discoverer and describer."

Cahoon's Wren. Brewst. "Named in honor of J. C. Cahoon, who first discovered it at Sonora, Mexico, May 13, 1887."

Cairns's Warbler. Coues. "Named in honor of John Cairns, who first discovered and described it (John S. Cairns)."

Cassin's Purple Finch. Baird. "Collected by Dr. Kennedy, January 22, 1854, at Pueblo Creek, N. Mexico, and named in honor of John Cassin."

Cassin's Sparrow. Woodhouse. "Discovered by Dr. Woodhouse at San Antonio, April 25, 1851, and named in honor of John Cassin, ornithologist."

Clarke's Grebe. Lowe. "Named in honor of J. H. Clark, who first discovered it in Chihuahua, Mexico."

Clarke's Nutcracker. Wils. "Discovered on the Lewis and Clarke expedition and named in honor of Gen. Wm. Clarke."

Cooper's Hawk. Bonp. "He has imposed upon it the name of a scientific friend, Wm. Cooper, of New York."

Cooper's Henhawk. Cassin. "Named in honor of Dr. Cooper, who obtained the first specimen in 1855 in Santa Clara Valley, California."

Cooper's Sandpiper. Baird. "Named in honor of Wm. Cooper, who first discovered it at Raynor, South Long Island, May 24, 1833."

Cooper's Tanager. Ridg. "Dedicated to Dr. J. G. Cooper, so well known for his research in the Natural History of Western North America."

Cory's Shearwater. Cory. "It has received its English name from the discoverer and describer of the species."

Cory's Least Bittern. Cory. Cory says, "When I described this bird in 1886, I gave it no English name. The committee of the A. O. U. have since honored me by giving it my name."

Costa's Hummingbird. "Named by M. Bourriur in honor of M. le Margins Costa de Beauregard."

Couch's Kingbird. Baird. "Named in honor of D. N. Couch, who first discovered it in New Lew, Mexico."

Coue's Flycatcher. Caban. "Named in honor of Dr. Elliot Coues, who first discovered it at Fort Whipple, Arizona, August 24, 1864."

Cuvier's Kinglet. Aud. "In honor of the scientist in General Zoölogy, Baron Cuvier."

Douglas' Crested Quail. Bonp. "Found by Douglas in Upper California."

Douglas' Snipe. Swains. Nuttall says, "The only known specimen was killed on the banks of the Columbia in Oregon by Mr. Douglas, whose name it bears."

Everman's Ptarmigan. Elliot. "Named in honor of Prof. B. W. Everman, who first brought this ptarmigan to the notice of naturalists."

Feilner's Owl. Licht. "Named in honor of John Feilner, who discovered it at Fort Cook, North California, August 23, 1860."

Fisher's Petrel. Ridgw. "Named in honor of Mr. Fisher, who first discovered it on Kadiak Island, June 11, 1882."

Floresi's Hummingbird. "Named in honor of Mr. Floresi, who presented a specimen to the late Mr. George Loddigs."

Forbush's Sparrow. Brewst. "In honor of E. H. Forbush."

Forster's Tern. Nuttall. "In honor of the eminent naturalist and voyager, Forster, who first pointed out it was a distinct species."

Frazer's Green Heron. Brewst. "In honor of M. Abbott Frazer, of Watertown, Mass."

Frazer's Oystercatcher. Brewst. "In honor of the collector, M. Abbott Frazer."

Gairdner's Woodpecker. Aud. "First discovered near Fort Garland, Colo., May 26, 1873, by H. W. Henshaw. Named in honor of Dr. Gairdner."

Gambel's Quail. Nuttall. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Dr. William Gambel, who found it first in New Mexico."

Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow. Nuttall. "Specimens obtained by Mr. Townsend on the Columbia River and named for the ornithologist, William Gambel."

Giraud's Oriole. Cassin. "Named in honor of Jacob P. Giraud, Jr., of New York, an ornithologist."

Grace's Warbler. Coues. "Named for his sister."

Grinnell's Water-Thrush. Grinnell. "The common name given to it is that of the discoverer and describer."

Gruber's Hawk. Ridgw. "Dedicated to Mr. Gruber, the collector and donor of the specimen."

Hammond's Flycatcher. Kantus. "This species is named after Dr. W. A. Hammond of the United States Army."

Harlan's Hawk. Aud. "Named in honor of his excellent friend, Dr. Richard Harlan, of Philadelphia."

Harris' Hawk. Aud. "Named in honor of his friend, Edward Harris."

Harris' Woodpecker. Aud. "Named in honor of his friend, Edward Harris. Discovered by Townsend on the Columbia River, September 7, 1834."

Havell's Tern. Aud. "Named in honor of Robert Havell, an ornithological engraver."

Heerman's Gull. Cassin. "Named in honor of Mr. Heerman, who first made it known that it was a North American bird in 1852."

Heerman's Merganser. Cassin. "Dedicated to Dr. A. L. Heerman, who first discovered it at San Diego, Cal."

Heerman's Song Sparrow. Baird. "Named in honor of the late Dr. Heerman, who first obtained specimens of this bird in the Tejon Valley."

Henshaw's Flycatcher. Bonp. "Named in honor of Dr. Henshaw, who discovered the first in the U. S. at Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona, August 24, 1874."

Henslow's Sparrow. Aud. "Named in honor of Prof. Henslow, of Cambridge."

Hoover's Warbler. Macgregor. "Named in honor of his friend, Theodore J. Hoover, who collected the types and kindly placed his material in my hands for examination."

Hepburn's Rosy Finch. Baird. "Named in honor of Mr. Hepburn, an eminent English naturalist."

Hoyt's Horned Lark. Bishop. "First discovered by L. B. Bisher, Cando, N. D., April 22, 1895, and named in honor of William H. Hoyt, Stanford, Conn."

Hutchins' Goose. Sw. and Rich. "This species was named in honor of Mr. Hutchins, of whom Pamant and Lartam derived most of their information respecting the birds of Hudson Bay."

Hutton's Flycatcher. Cassin. "Named in honor of Mr. William Hutton, a naturalist, of San Diego, Cal."

Kennicott's Owl. Elliott. "Taken by Bischoff at Sitka and named for Mr. Kennicott, the explorer of the north in search of science."

Kennicott's Warbler. Blas. "Collected by Charles Pease, August 16, 1866, at St. Michaels, Alaska. Named in honor of Mr. Kennicott, the martyr naturalist of the Russo-American Telegraph Expedition."

Kirtland's Owl. Hoy. The first was captured October,

1821. "I have named this species as a slight token of respect to that zealous naturalist, Prof. Jared P. Kirtland, of Cleveland, Ohio, who first discovered it at Cleveland in 1851."

Kirtland's Warbler. Baird. "Named in honor of Dr. J. P. Kirtland, of Cleveland, Ohio, who first discovered it at Cleveland in 1851."

Krider's Hawk. Hoopes. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Mr. Krider, of Philadelphia."

Kumlien's Gull. "Named in honor of Kumlien, who found the bird breeding in numbers on Cumberland Gulf."

Lawrence's Goldfinch. Cassin. "Discovered by J. G. Bell in California and named in honor of Mr. Geo. M. Lawrence, a naturalist of New York."

Lawrence's Oriole. Cory. "Dedicated to Mr. Geo. M. Lawrence, of New York."

Lawrence's Warbler. Herrick. "First described by Herrick in 1874 and named in honor of Mr. Geo. M. Lawrence."

Leconte's Sparrow. Aud. "First discovered by J. G. Bell on May 24, 1843, and named in honor of his young friend, Dr. Leconte."

Leconte's Thrasher. (Lawr). Coues. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Dr. Leconte, and first described in 1851."

Lewis's Woodpecker. (Wils.) Bonp. "Discovered by an exploring party under the command of Captain Lewis and Lieut. Clark and named in honor of Captain Lewis."

Lincoln's Finch. Aud. "Named in honor of the discoverer and his young companion, Thomas Lincoln."

Lloyd's Bush-tit. Sennett. "Named in honor of Wm. Lloyd."

Lucy's Warbler. Cooper. "Discovered by J. G. Cooper at Ft. Mohave, Arizona, March 25, 1861."

Mac Gillivray's Seaside Sparrow. Aud. "He bestowed upon the species the name of his friend, William Mac Gillivray."

Mahlherbe's Flicker. (Mahl.) Baird. "The common name given in honor of the original describer of the species."

Marian's Marsh Wren. Scott. "Named in honor of his wife, Marian J. Scott."

McCown's Longspur. Lawrence. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Captain McCown, who obtained it in Texas,"

McFarlane's Gyrfalcon. (Forst.) Ridgw. "Named in honor of R. McFarlane, who first discovered it at Fort Anderson, May 24, 1864."

McFarlane's Screech Owl. Brewst. "Named at the request of the collector, Chas. E. Bendire, in honor of Robert McFarlane, a professional friend of Robert Kennicott. Collected October 22, 1881, at Fort Walla Walla, Wash."

Maynard's Cuckoo. Ridgw. "Dedicated to Mr. C. J. Maynard, the Florida ornithologist."

Maxmilian's Nutcracker. Max. "First discovered and described by that eminent naturalist, Maxmilian, Prince of Wied."

McGregor's House Finch. Anthony. "Named in honor of his friend, Mr. R. C. McGregor."

McLeod's Sparrow. Brewster. "Named in honor of R. R. McLeod, of Hutton, Maine."

Mearns' Partridge. Nelson. "It is named for Dr. Edgar A. Mearns, U. S. A., in recognition of the great amount of zoölogical work he has done in the region which it inhabits."

Mearns' Thrasher. Anthony. "Named in honor of Dr. E. A. Mearns. Collected at San Quintin, Lower California, January 2, 1894."

Merrill's Song Sparrow. Brewster. "Named in honor of Dr. J. C. Merrill, U. S. A., who first discovered it at Fort Sherman, Idaho, March 6, 1895."

Morelet's Seedeater. Pucheran. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Morelet."

Nelson's Gull. Henshaw. "Named in honor of Nelson, who first found it at St. Michael, June 20, 1877."

Nelson's Ptarmigan. Stejneger. "Named in honor of E. W. Nelson, who obtained the first specimen on the Aleutian Islands."



Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Allen. "First obtained in the Calumet marsh by E. W. Nelson."

Nuttall's Whippoorwill or Poor-will. Aud. "Named in honor of his friend and scientist, Thomas Nuttall. First discovered September 8, 1843, by J. G. Bell."

Nuttall's Woodpecker. Gambell. "Shot by Gambell near the Pueblo de los Angeles, Upper California, December 10, 1843, and named in honor of Nuttall."

Pallas' Dipper. Bonp. "Named in honor of Pallas, who is supposed to have found it in the Crimea."

Palmer's Thrasher. Ridgw. "We have pleasure in dedicating this curious form to Dr. Edward Palmer, who has added very much to our knowledge of the national history of the region, eastern Arizona, where the bird is found."

Parkman's Wren. Aud. "Named in honor of his friend, Dr. George Parkman, of Boston."

Peale's Petrel. Peale. "The common name has been given in honor to the discoverer and the first to describe the species."

Richardson's Grouse. (Dougl). Baird. "Named in honor of Dr. Richardson, the distinguished traveler."

Richardson's Merlin. Ridgw. "Dedicated to the author, who first recognized its distinctness from the Pigeon Hawk."

Ridgway's Junco. Mearns. "Named in honor of Robert Ridgway, of Washington, D. C. Discovered by C. Druxler on May 28, 1858, at Fort Bridger, Utah."

Ridgway's Noddy. Anthony. "Named in honor of Mr. R. Ridgway, whose notes first called my attention to this undescribed form."

Rivoli's Hummingbird. "Lesson named it in honor of M. Massena, Prince of Essling, and Duke of *Rivoli*."

Rodgers' Fulmar. Cassin. "Dedicated to Commodore John Rodgers of the United States Navy, and through whose encouragement and assistance the success of the zoölogical expedition was due."

Ross' Gull. MacGil. "Named in honor of the Arctic explorer, Sir James Clark Ross, who killed the first specimen at Alagreak, Melville Pen, June, 1823."

Ross' Snow Goose. (Cassin.) Ridgw. "Specimens first obtained by Robert Kennicott and Bernard R. Ross of the Hudson Bay Co., and presented to the Smithsonian Institution and named in honor of Ross."

Sabine's Gull. Sabine. "The common name given in honor of the discoverer."

Salvin's Hummingbird. Brewst. "Dedicated to Osbert Salvin, Esq."

Salvin's Oriole. Cassin. "Dedicated to Osbert Salvin, an ornithologist of London."

Samuels' Sparrow. Baird. "Named in honor of the collector, E. Samuels, who first found it in Pulatim, Sonoma County, California."

Say's Pewee. Bonp. "Dedicated to his friend, Thomas Say."

Scott's Oriole. Couch. "Named for Major General Winfield Scott."

Scott's Rail. Sennett. "Named in honor of the collector, W. E. D. Scott, who first found it at Tarpon Springs, Fla., December 27, 1886."

Scott's Seaside Sparrow. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Mr. W. E. D. Scott, who found the first specimens at Tarpon Springs, Fla., in 1888."

Selby's Flycatcher. "Named in honor of Mr. Selby, the distinguished ornithologist."

Semichrast's Wren. Lawr. "Named in honor of Prof. F. Semichrast, who furnished the first specimens to the Smithsonian Institution."

Sennett's Nighthawk. Coues. "Named in honor of Geo. B. Sennett, who first collected it at Whorton County, Texas, May 27, 1887."

Sennett's Warbler. Coues. "This species was added to the fauna by Mr. Geo. B. Sennett in his tour of Texas in 1877."

Sharpe's Seedeater. Laur. "Named in honor of his friend, Mr. R. B. Sharpe, who recognized it as being distinct from Morelet's Seedeater."

Shufeldt's Junco. Coale. "Named in honor of Robert W. Shufeldt, U. S. A., who first discovered it at Fort Wingate, N. M., October 13, 1885."

Smith's Longspur. "Named in honor of Dr. Gideon B. Smith, of Baltimore."

Sprague's Missouri Titlark. Aud. "Named in honor of Mr. Isaac Sprague, who first discovered it near Fort Union, Upper Missouri, on June 9, 1843."

Steller's Duck. (Pallas.) Brandt. "Named in honor of the discoverer, who first found it at Kamschatka."

Steller's Jay. Gmel. Audubon says, "Discovered by Steller, whose name it bears."

Swainson's Warbler. Aud. "Dedicated to his ornithological friend, Swainson. First discovered in Charleston, S. C., 1832, by John Bachman."

Temmick's Guillemot. (Temm.) Coues. "First described by the distinguished ornithologist whose name it bears, from a Japanese specimen."

Tolmie's Warbler. Townsend. "In honor of W. F. Tolmie, an officer of the Hudson Bay Co."

Townsend's Bunting. Bonp. "Named in honor of Mr. J. K. Townsend, who first discovered it at New Gorden, Chester County, Penn., May 11, 1833."

Townsend's Ptarmigan. Elliott. "The sub-species named in honor of C. H. Townsend, who has brought many specimens of Ptarmigans from various islands in the Aleutian chains."

Townsend's Solitaire. "The first specimen shot by Capt. Brothie at Fort George, Astoria, and given to Mr. Townsend and by him to Audubon."

Townsend's Sparrow. (Gm.) Ridgw. "Named in honor of Mr. Townsend."

Townsend's Warbler. Nuttall. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Dr. Townsend, who first found it on the banks of the Columbia, October, 28, 1835."

Traill's Flycatcher. Aud. "Dedicated to his friend, Dr. Traill, of Liverpool."

Trudeau's Tern. Aud. "Named for J. Trudeau, of Louisiana, who first discovered it at Great Egg Harbour, N. J."

Turner's Ptarmigan. Turner. "The common name given in honor of the discoverer, Mr. L. M. Turner, who first found it at Atka Island, west end of the Aleutian chain."

Vigors's Warbler. Aud. "In honor of the naturalist by that name."

Viosca's Pigeon. Brewst. "At Frazar's request I have named this bird for Mr. Viosca, U. S. consul at La Paz, who has been most kind and helpful in furthering the success of Mr. Frazar's expedition."

Virginia's Warbler. Baird. "Was first discovered in New Mexico by Dr. W. U. Anderson, and Professor Baird; dedicated it to the wife of the discoverer."

Wagler's Oriole. Sclater. "First described by Fagler in Isis, 1829. The first obtained in North America, May, 1853, at Coahuila, Mexico, by Lieut. Couch."

Ward's Heron. Ridgw. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Chas. W. Ward, who first found it at Oyster Bay, March, 1881."

Wilson's Phalarope. (Sabine.) Coues. "Named in honor Geo. O. Welch, who first obtained specimens upon which the species is founded, in May and June, 1883."

Wilson's Phalarope. (Sabine.) Coues. "Named in honor of the ornithologist who first discovered it, but did not live to describe it."

Wilson's Plover. Ord. "The specimen upon which the specie is founded was shot the 13th day of May, 1813, on the shore of Cape Island, N. J., by my ever regretted friend, and I honored it with his name."

Wilson's Sandpiper. "Named in honor of the great ornithologist."

Wilson's Snipe. (Temm.) Audubon says, "To Wilson is due the merit of having first showed the difference between this and the common snipe of Europe and it is honorable for the ornithologists of that region of the globe to have dedicated our species to so zealous and successful a student of nature."

Woodhouse's Jay. Baird. "Named in honor of Dr. Woodhouse, who first discovered it on October 11, 1851, at San Francisco Mountains, N. Mex."

Worthington's Marsh Wren. Brewst. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Mr. W. W. Worthington, who first found it at Sapelo Island, Ga., November 17, 1887."

Wright's Flycatcher. (Swains.) Baird. "Named in honor of the discoverer, Mr. C. Wright, of the Mexican Boundary Survey, who obtained the specimens at El Paso in Texas."

Xantus's Hummingbird. Lawr. "Named in honor of Mr. Xantus's, who discovered it."

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## A STUDY OF THE AVIFAUNA OF THE LAKE ERIE ISLANDS.

BY LYNDS JONES.

### THE BIRDS OF PELEE ISLAND.

By referring to the first article of this series of papers it will be noted that this, the largest island of the group studied, was visited August 28 to September 1, 1905; for about two hours on July 28, and again from August 18 to 21, 1908; July 16 to September 7, 1910; and finally the evening of August 21 and the morning of August 22, 1911. This list, therefore, takes account only of the summer resident birds and the beginning of the autumn migrations. It cannot be regarded as more than preliminary even for the summer season. The correctness or incorrectness of the reports which the residents of the island made to us of vast migrations of the birds, particularly the water fowl, during the last of September and well into November need corroboration. There seems to be no resident of the island now who is competent to make the necessary observations.

The writer believes that the list as here presented represents the actual conditions of the bird population during the