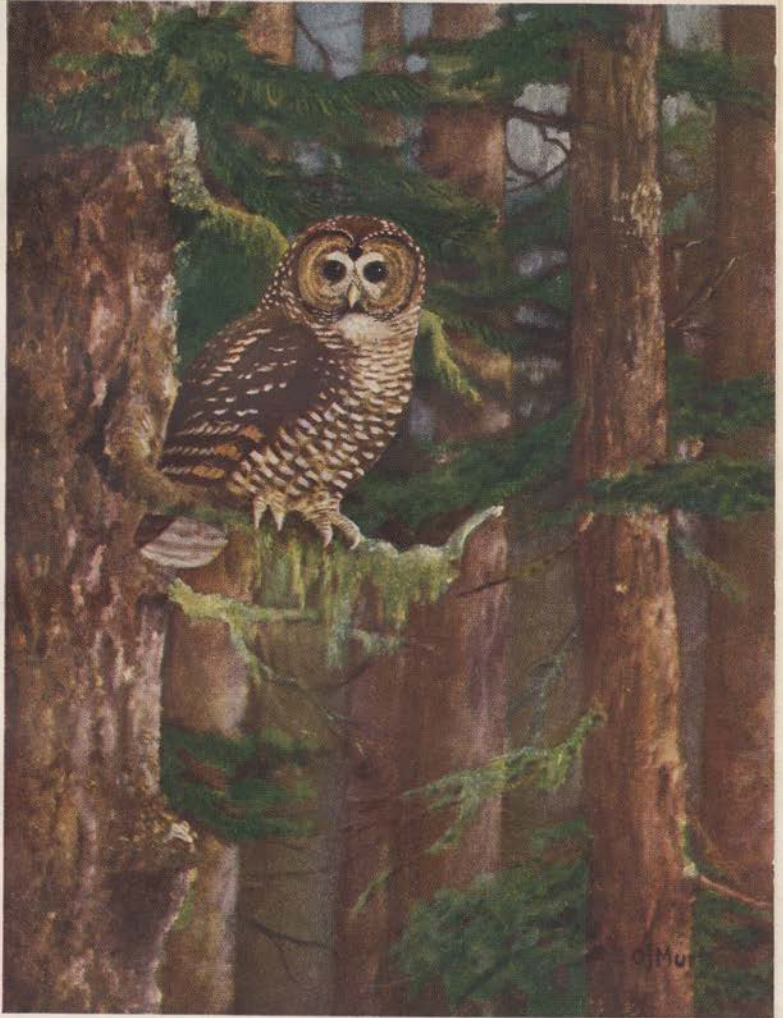




# Birds of OREGON

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## PROSPECTUS OF

# *The Birds of Oregon*

"The Birds of Oregon," by Ira N. Gabrielson, Chief, Bureau of Biological Survey, and Stanley G. Jewett, Superintendent, Malheur Migratory Bird Refuge, Oregon, is about to be published as a cooperative project of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey and Oregon State College. It is the first comprehensive bird book of Oregon, which, ornithologically, is one of the richest and most interesting areas of the entire West. It represents the active cooperation not only of the sponsors of the book but of the National Museum, the Oregon State Game Commission, the State Fish Commission, and many individual scientists and students of birds.

Dr. Gabrielson, before becoming chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, was located in Oregon for nearly twenty years, a period during which his observations of Oregon birds were chiefly conducted. The book reflects the research and field work of approximately thirty-six years on the part of Superintendent Jewett, at least twenty years on the part of Dr. Gabrielson, and the active collaboration of the two authors for the past eight years.

Through many years of congenial associations in scientific research and field work, particularly in biology, cooperative relations have been established between the authors and Oregon State College that are continued in this publication.

"The book has been written," the Preface explains, "entirely by Gabrielson, but a large part of the endless task of checking records and literature has been assumed by Jewett. For the identifications and for distribution data, the authors are jointly responsible, except that in some of the more difficult groups the specimens have been submitted to others. To these, especially to Dr. H. C. Oberholser, Dr. Joseph Grinnell, Harry S. Swarth, and George Willett, the authors are particularly grateful for their patience in having helped with knotty problems and having answered inquiries."

The book, 6 x 9 inches, with more than 700 pages and approximately 200 illustrations, bound in cloth, is a high-grade publication in all respects. The illustrations, many of which are from photographs by Dr. William L. Finley, distinguished naturalist, and by



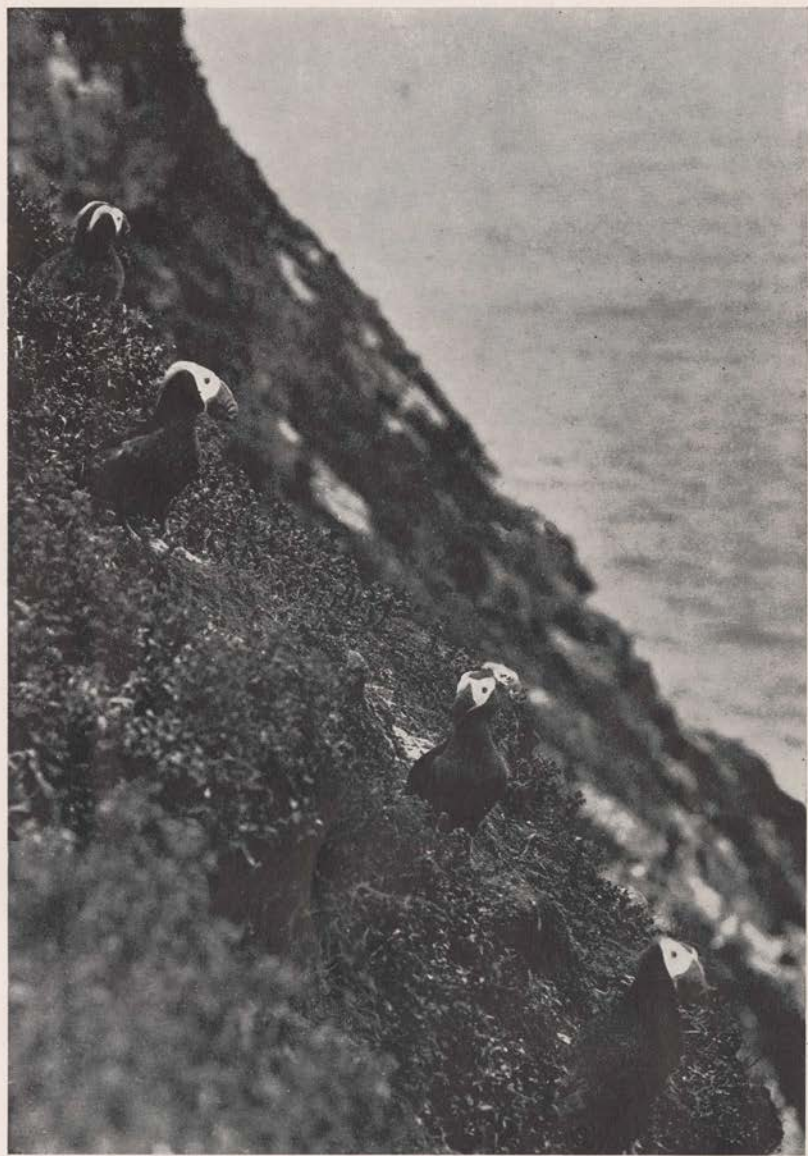


Plate 55. Tufted Puffins. "In Oregon: Nests on suitable offshore rocks and headlands along entire coast. . . . There, above the thunder of the surf, on the steep slopes of . . . precipitous headlands it digs its shallow nesting burrow, lays its single egg, and rears its young . . ."

the authors, are not only authentic representations of the subjects, but rare specimens of photographic art.

This prospectus gives a few specimen illustrations and sample sections from the book. Its purpose is to afford opportunity to those who wish to purchase the book to obtain a copy at the estimated cost price of the first edition. The prompt return of the order blank, accompanied by requisition or cash, will insure that you receive a copy of the book on publication.

(The following section devoted to the Northern Spotted Owl, pictured on the front page of this prospectus, appears here in the type form that will be used in the printed book.)

NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL: *Strix occidentalis caurina* (Merriam)

DESCRIPTION.—Upper parts dark brown, head and neck spotted with round white spots, wing quills spotted with pale brown and white and slightly tipped with whitish; tail banded, under parts whitish, barred and spotted with brown. (Adapted from Mrs. Bailey.) *Size*: Length 16-19, wing 12-13, tail 8-9. *Nest*: In a hollow tree or crevice in a cliff. *Eggs*: 2 to 3, white.

DISTRIBUTION.—*General*: Permanent resident from British Columbia to San Francisco Bay, California. *In Oregon*: Permanent resident west of Cascades.

THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL (frontispiece and Pl. 61, *B*), a strictly nocturnal resident of the thick fir and spruce forests, is rarely seen except by accident, and little is known regarding its abundance or habits in Oregon. Jewett (1916b) published the first record for the State, an adult male taken at Netarts April 12, 1914. Shelton (1917) listed a specimen in the University of Oregon collection. Prill (1928) recorded one taken at Scio November 1, 1924. In 1929 we published the record of one taken near Oswego, November 15, 1914, by E. F. Gonty and referred to two specimens without data in the Portland City Museum, presumably taken near Portland (Jewett and Gabrielson 1929). A specimen taken November 9, 1914, by W. H. Riddle at Ocean View is now in Jewett's collection. W. E. Sherwood located a nest containing young near Trail, Jackson County, in June 1925. He kept several of these young birds as pets, taking numerous photographs of them, and collected at least one of the birds, which went into the Dr. L. C. Sanford collection. In addition to these known specimens there are a few sight records by competent observers. In the migration reports to the Biological Survey, Overton Dowell, Jr., reported seeing one at Mercer April 25, 1920, and Vernon Bailey (field notes) saw one at Eugene between June 15 and 20, 1914. Gabrielson



Plate 12A. White Pelicans with eggs in foreground.



Plate 85. Black Throated Gray Warbler, feeding young near nest.

saw a single bird near Corvallis on December 27, 1918. It swooped at him while he was "squeaking" to attract the attention of some small birds. These notes are given in detail to show how little we know about this bird that is probably much more common than these records indicate.





Plate 14. Brandt's Cormorant at nest with young. This striking sea bird is described as common all along the Pacific Coast in Oregon, wherever the topography is especially steep and rugged, and as wintering in all the bays and estuaries.

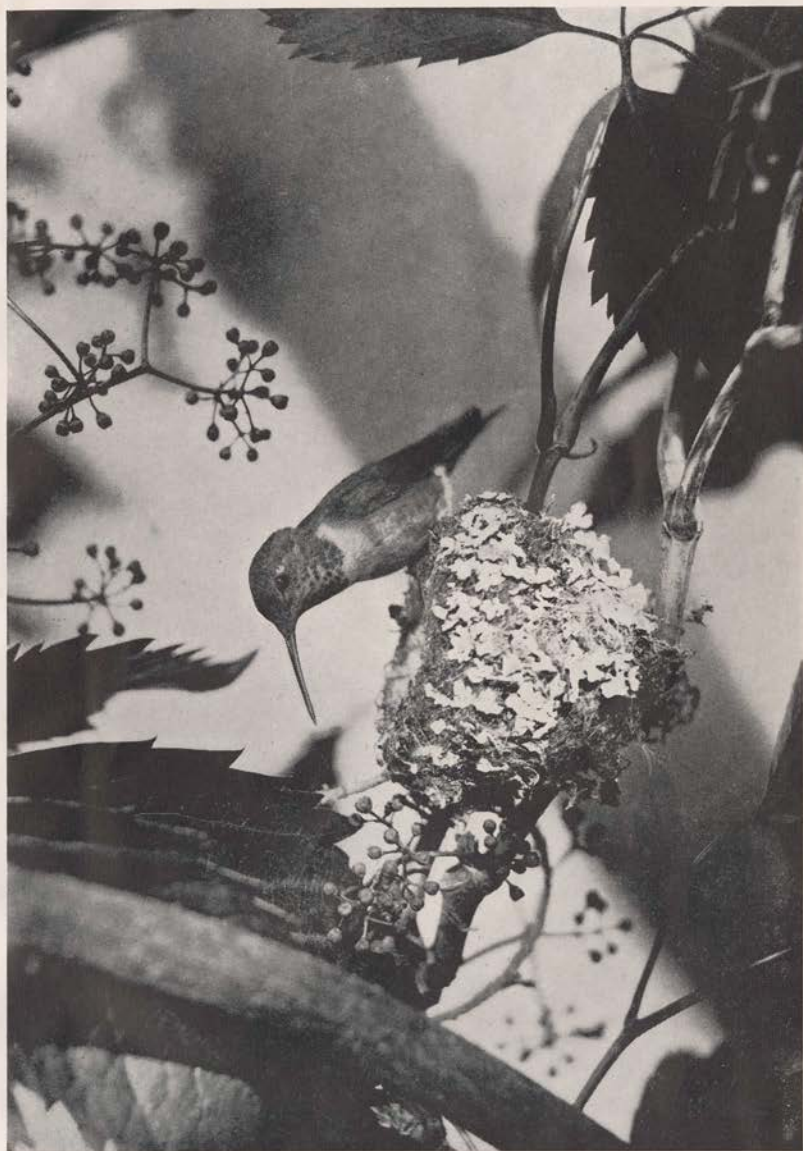


Plate 66. Rufous Hummingbird at nest.

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