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APPENDIX. Species recorded alighting on or passing ships at sea in the western Atlantic Ocean (Scholander 1955, Williams et al. 1974, McClintock et al. 1978, Larkin et al. 1979). Number counted is in parentheses.

I. Eastern North American populations that rarely migrate south of the southeastern United States: *Columba livia* (3), *Colaptes auratus* (5), *Sayornis phoebe* (1), *Eremophila alpestris* (several), *Tachycineta bicolor* (19), *Sitta canadensis* (5), *Certhia familiaris* (1), *Regulus satrapa* (1), *R. calendula* (1), *Turdus migratorius* (3), *Toxostoma rufum* (1), *Bombcilla cedrorum* (6), *Sturnus vulgaris* (5), *Dendroica coronata* (8 + several), *D. dominica* (1), *D. pinus* (13), *D. discolor* (4), *D. palmarum* (24), *Geothlypis trichas* (3), *Passerculus sandwichensis* (8), *Spizella passerina* (1), *Ammodramus savannarum* (8), *Passerella iliaca* (1), *Melospiza melodia* (1), *M. georgiana* (several), *Zonotrichia albicollis* (6), *Z. leucophrys* (1), *Junco hyemalis* (13), *Plectrophenax nivalis* (1), *Molothrus ater* (3), *Carpodacus purpureus* (1), *Loxia curvirostra* (1), *Carduelis pinus* (1 + several), *C. tristis* (2).

II. Winter mainly in the southeastern United States but some migrate to the Caribbean: *Ardea herodias* (21), *Falco sparverius* (1), *F. columbarius* (1), *Gallinula chloropus* (1), *Tyto alba* (1), *Asio otus* (1), *Dendroica coronata* (8 + several), *Sturnella magna* (2), *Agelaius phoeniceus* (4).

III. Trans-Gulf migrants to Central or South America (rare in the eastern West Indies): *Coccyzus* sp. (1), *Chordeiles minor* (2), *Chaetura pelagica* (1), *Contopus borealis* (1), *C. virens* (1), *Empidonax flaviventris* (1), *E. minimus* (1), *Riparia riparia* (2), *Hirundo rustica* (11), *H. pyrrhonota* (1), *Vireo flavifrons* (1), *Vermivora peregrina* (1), *V. ruficapilla* (2), *Dendroica virens* (2), *D. fusca* (1), *D. castanea* (1), *Wilsonia pusilla* (1), *Icteria virens* (2), *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* (1), *Icterus galbula* (6), *Spiza americana* (2), *Passerina cyanea* (1).

IV. Mainly winter in or migrate through the West Indies: *Mniotilta varia* (3), *Parula americana* (4), *Dendroica petechia* (2), *D. tigrina* (7), *D. caerulescens* (5), *D. striata* (6), *Seiurus aurocapillus* (3), *S. noveboracensis* (1), *Setophaga ruticilla* (15).

V. Unlikely transoceanic migrants: *Athene cucularia* (1), *Tyrannus dominicensis* (2), *Zonotrichia atricapilla* (1).

The 20th International Ornithological Congress will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 2-9 December 1990. The Congress program will include 6 plenary lectures, 48 symposia, contributed papers (spoken and poster), workshops, discussion groups, and films. There will be a mid-Congress excursion day. Longer excursions are planned to interesting ornithological sites in New Zealand before and after the Congress.

In late 1990 New Zealand will also host the 20th World Conference of the International Council for Bird Preservation in Hamilton on 21-27 November 1990 and a Pacific Festival of Nature Films in Dunedin on 27 November to 1 December 1990. Photographic and stamp exhibitions will be held in Christchurch in association with the International Ornithological Congress. Requests for the First Circular, which includes information on the above events, should be sent to Ben D. Bell, Secretary-General, 20th International Ornithological Congress, Department of Zoology, Victoria University of Wellington, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand (Telex NZ30882 VUWLIB; Facsimile NZ(04)712070).