

### **7. *Fringilla hudsonias***

Finch, dark grey, beak whitish, with the lower breast, belly, and four shorter outer parts of the tail feathers white.

Habitat: Hudson's Bay, during the warm season. They feed on grasses and seeds.

Description: about the size of a goldfinch.

Beak whitish, marked somewhat with a reddish tinge.

Eye region blue.

Body blackish-grey all over, or may be sooty-black.

Lower breast and belly white.

Flight feathers dark, edged with grey; the wings, when folded, reach almost to the middle of the tail.

Tail feathers dark, broad, the outer two white on either side, the third dark with an oblong white patch towards the edge on the inner side, according to Machin, the tips touching; the remainder all dark.

Weight: half an ounce.

Length  $6\frac{1}{4}$  English inches.

Breadth: 9 inches.

### **8. *Muscicapa striata***

Spotted flycatcher, greyish-green, the back with a black stripe, yellowish-white below; throat and sides of the breast with dark spots.

Habitat: around Hudson's Bay.

Since the male and the female differ greatly from each other, wherever associated together, the two sexes will be described separately.

Description

*Male*

Three-cornered beak; the upper mandible is a little longer, with a slight border before the tip, black; the lower one is yellowish towards the base.

Nostrils ovoid.

Eyelids black.

Head above totally dark, even as far as the eyes. The cheeks from the beak to the back of the head all white; the back of the head variegated black and white.

Throat yellowish white with dark spots.

Breast whitish, the sides towards the junction with the back of the head variegated with black spots.

Back greyish-green, with broader longitudinal black stripes or patches, vivid green at the margins of the little black feathers.

Belly white.

Rump grey, spotted with black.

Wings dark; the primary flight feathers of the wing have pale margins, the secondaries have a delicate white tip; the last two are completely white on the outer margin, the wing coverts are dark, mostly yellowish-white, the smallest ones spotted with white at the tip, so that they form white bands on the wings.

Tail dark; the primary flight feather on either side or the outside flight feathers with a large white patch on the inner side, reaching the inner edges; the third on either side is edged with white on the inner face towards the tip.

Feet golden-yellow, claws short, pale and dark.

Size about that of a black-capped chickadee.

Length 5 inches.

Breadth 7 inches.

#### *Female*

Beak, wings, tail, belly, posterior, feet and measurements as in the male.

Head yellowish-green, with short and narrow longitudinal black stripes; deep yellow lines starting at the base of the beak and leading over the eyes; yellowish eyelids.

Throat, cheeks and breast whitish-yellow, with occasional dark, elongated spots on either side at the axis, towards the sides of the breast.

Back as in the male, but much greener and with a smaller and more numerous black stripes.

### ***9. Parus hudsonicus.***

Boreal chickadee, the head dark red, the back grey, throat black, with white stripes below the eye and on the breast; reddish underbelly.

Habitat: at Hudson's Bay they live on shoots of juniper; in winter they form small groups, and I have seen them even in extreme cold around the houses in England. By the nomadic native Americans it is called 'Pechekeshish'. It lays five eggs.

Description. Beak pointed, very powerful, dark, from the area of the base of the nostrils with a little band of rust-coloured bristles; four lines lengthwise.

Head dark rust-coloured with a white stripe below the eyes; throat a dark black colour with a wide white band below.

Back greyish-green due to the longer feathers, dark with the tip of the downy feathers white.

The sides of the belly and the thighs rust-coloured.

Dark wings, the edges of all the flight feathers grey.

Tail dark and rounded, with 12 flight feathers edged with grey.

Rump covered with small, somewhat black feathers with white tips.

Feet black, the rear digit with a claw double the length of the medial forward digit.

Length  $5\frac{1}{8}$  English inches.

Breadth 7 inches.

Tail  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.