

A LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF THE GENTLING BIRD PAINTINGS FOR THEIR BOOK, OF BIRDS
AND TEXAS, WHICH ARE PLEDGED AS LOAN SECURITY TO THE CAMP BOWIE NATIONAL BANK

Note:

The measurements for the paintings are given for the image size only, with the base measurement being given first, then followed by the measurement of the height. The forty plates are given in the order in which they appear in the book. Since the forty bird plates are preceded in the book by ten plates of landscapes, the first bird plate has the Roman numeral, XI.

PLATE XI

Turkey Vulture 20" X 26" watercolor (w/c)

A large vulture with wings partially spread perches on a branch overlooking the Brazos River in Summer.

PLATE XII

Cardinals 20" X 26" w/c

Two rival male red cardinals confront each other at dawn among grapevines. A female cardinal looks on from her nest in the upper right hand corner of the picture.

PLATE XIII

Cattle Egrets 20" X 26" w/c

Two white water birds on land. One is standing on a dead log while the other is standing near the water's edge thrusting its beak at an insect on a leaf. The background shows a cypress swamp scene set against a grey sky.

PLATE XIV

Pigeon Hawks 20" X 26" w/c

Two small hawks. One of them is flying up and eyeing the viewer. The other is perched on a branch of a red oak tree. It has a dead bird in its claws. The prey's tail is just barely visible to the hawk's right.

PLATE XV

American Oystercatchers 20" X 26" w/c

Two large black, brown and white shore birds with bright red-orange bills and yellow eyes. In the background is the Gulf of Mexico with a sandy shoreline and a blue sky with billowing clouds.

PLATE XVI

Wild Turkey 29½" X 38½" w/c

A young turkey cock portrayed life-size strides across the rocky open ground against a Central Texas " Cross Timbers " country landscape.

PLATE XVII

Purple Gallinule 26" X 20" w/c

A medium-sized blue and green bird emerges from a bank of water hyacinths and steps on the skull of an alligator.

PLATE XVIII

Burrowing Owls 20" X 26" w/c

Two Owls stand at the edge of a bluff of red earth. Below them is an armadillo digging in an old burrow. The background shows desert country and blue sky.

PLATE XIX

American Woodcocks 20" X 26" w/c

A pair of these birds in flight descending against a stormy sky. In the background is a marsh and a dark wooded landscape.

PLATE XX

Acorn Woodpeckers 20" X 26" w/c

Three small greenish-black and white woodpeckers cling to the trunk of a Sycamore Tree with brown leaves. The background shows blue sky and white clouds.

PLATE XXI

Roseate Spoonbill 20" X 26" w/c

A large pink bird is perched on a branch rising out of the water. The background shows the Gulf of Mexico with an island in the distance and a grey sky.

PLATE XXII

House Wrens 20" X 26" w/c

Two small brown birds are perched on a pair of cowboy boots.

PLATE XXIII

Sharp-shinned Hawks 20" X 26" w/c

Two small flying hawks. The background shows an early morning scene with dark fields and trees and a distant pond or stream. The sun is rising between clouds near the horizon.

PLATE XXIV

Snow Goose 20" X 26" w/c

A large white goose is shown walking against a background of lily pads, a foggy lake and a grey sky.

PLATE XXV

Scaled Quail 26" X 20" w/c

Five birds are shown in a row, four of them running toward the right side of the picture. The foreground is in dark shadow, and the background shows a sunlit desert scene with mountains in the distance.

PLATE XXVI

Black-crowned Night Heron 20" X 26" w/c

Night scene with a large grey and black bird climbing a branch. The background shows a moonlit river bend.

PLATE XXVII

Barn Swallow 20" X 26" w/c

A small dark blue and orange swallow is shown flying over a lily pond with three blooming pink lilies.

PLATE XXVIII

Red-shouldered Hawk 20" X 26" w/c

A single Hawk is perched in a tree against a sky in which the sun has just set. The bird holds a crawfish in its claws. The background shows a cabin set in the piney woods of East Texas.

PLATE XXIX

Red-billed Pigeons 20" X 26" w/c

A pair of reddish-purple pigeons is building a nest in a flowering lemon tree. The background shows cultivated fields and distant palm trees near McAllen, Texas.

PLATE XXX

Bufflehead Ducks 20" X 26" w/c

Two small black and white ducks are fighting each other in the water. The background shows a shoreline of Buffalo Grass and distant trees.

PLATE XXXI

Mourning Dove 26" X 20" w/c

A single dove stands near a dinosaur track filled with water.

PLATE XXXII

Flammulated Owl 20" X 26" w/c

A small owl with wings partially spread is about to take off from a pine branch in pursuit of a moth. The background shows a distant mountain river valley against an orange sunset sky.

PLATE XXXIII

Great-tailed Grackles 20" X 26" w/c

Three shiny blue-black birds are perched in a sweetgum tree with red autumn leaves. A brown female is partially seen in the upper left hand corner. The background shows a distant field and woods beneath a grey sky.

PLATE XXXIV

Pyrrhuloxias 20" X 26" w/c

Two Cardinal-like grey and red birds are perched on a stem of a flowering yucca covered with many small red blossoms. The background shows rocky terrain beneath a clear blue sky.

PLATE XXXV

Rufous-sided Towhees 20" X 26" w/c

Two birds are perched on two pumpkins. A winter woods is in the background.

PLATE XXXVI

Purple Martins 20" X 26" w/c

Five Purple Martins are perched on a telephone wire

near the side of a white house. More martins fly in the blue and cloudy sky above. Beyond the view of prairies is a distant view of Fort Worth in the left background.

PLATE XXXVII

Crested Caracaras 26" X 20" w/c

Two large hawks have surrounded a Texas Tortoise. The background shows a view of the old Spanish fort at Goliad.

PLATE XXXVIII

Mockingbird 20" X 26" w/c

A singing Mockingbird flies upward into a starlit night sky. The background shows the roof tops of a small town neighborhood and blooming honeysuckle bushes.

PLATE XXXIX

Bobwhite Quail 20" X 26" w/c

Seven Quail are roosting together in a semi-circle at the base of a fallen branch upon which briars are growing. The landscape shows dead leaves, a distant woods of bare trees set against a blue sky.

PLATE XL

Six Migratory Warbler Species 20" X 26" w/c

Eleven small warblers move among the branches of a Cedar Elm tree. In the background is a quiet stream at the edge of a prairie.

PLATE XLI

Canvasback Ducks 26" X 26" w/c

Two large ducks are on the shore by the edge of a pond. The background shows an orange dawn sky silhouetting a distant bluff.

PLATE XLII

Rivoli's Hummingbird 20" X 26" w/c

A single green-throated hummingbird hovers in the air and is about to fly out of view. The background shows a heavy overcast sky with a view of pine branches and distant mountains.

PLATE XLIII

Roadrunner 20" X 26" w/c

The Roadrunner is standing on a rock with its head lowered and its tail raised. Under the rock is a small Garter Snake. A hill of dried grass and a grey sky make up the background.

PLATE XLIV

Cliff Swallow 26" X 20" w/c

A single swallow flies from right to left. In the background is the side of a cliff covered with indian pictographs. In the upper left corner of the picture are three swallow nests made of mud. They are shown in the shadow of a ledge projecting overhead. Swallow heads appear at the entrances of two of the nests.

PLATE XLV

Chuck-will's-widow 26" X 20" w/c

A single brownish bird is perched on a fence post surrounded by orange blooming Trumpet Vines. The background shows a prairie scene with a distant view of a tornado.

PLATE XLVI

Zone-tailed Hawk 20" X 26" w/c

A large dark brown hawk is shown in flight. It is diving with wings folded back and its banded grey tail broadly spread. The background shows a distant mountain landscape at Boot Springs in the Chisos Mountains at Big Bend Park.

PLATE XLVII

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers 20" X 26" w/c

Two birds in flight challenging each other. The background depicts a scene of Central Texas farming country with farm buildings and fields of Bluebonnets and other flowers. The sky is cloudy with patches of blue.

PLATE XLVIII

Lichtenstein's Orioles 20" X 26" w/c

Three bright orange and black birds are in a leafy Spanish Oak Tree. The background shows blue sky and clouds.

PLATE XLIX

Ring-necked Pheasant 20" X 26" w/c

A male pheasant is perched on a tree stump against a background scene of a snow-covered field mostly in shadow. In the distance some trees catch the early morning light.

PLATE L

Surf Scoter 26" X 20" w/c

A large black duck with a black, white, yellow and red bill and white eyes swims alone out to sea.