

ridges, Pigeons and Grouse, are the most abundant land birds sought for food.

The middle states, says Morse, including Virginia, appear to be the climates, in North America, where the greatest number and variety of birds of passage celebrate their nuptials and rear their offspring, with which they annually return to more southern regions.— Most of our birds are birds of passage from the southward. The eagle, the pheasant, grouse and partridge of Pennsylvania, several species of woodpeckers, and crows, blue jay, robin, marsh hen; several species of sparrows or snow birds, and the swallow, are perhaps nearly all the land birds that continue the year round to the north of Virginia.

Very few tribes of birds build or rear their young in the south or maritime parts of Virginia, in Carolina, Georgia and Florida; yet all those numerous tribes, particularly of the soft billed kind which breed in Pennsylvania, pass, in the spring season, through these regions in a few weeks time, making but very short stages by the way; and again, but few of them winter there on their return southwardly.

It is not known how far to the south they continue their route during their absence from the northern and middle states.

Tortoise or Terrapins, Crabs and Oysters, are furnished by the Chesapeake waters to the inhabitants of Maryland, of very superior quality, and in great abundance.