

12th Annual Saskatchewan

Outstanding this year was the excellent coverage of the Saltcoats area arranged by Frank Baines, who organized 20 observers (including C. Stuart Francis who was visiting from Torch River), in seven parties, each of which covered the passable roads in two different school districts.

A total of 27 localities reported, 85 observers participating. Forty species were seen during the main count and another eight species reported for the remainder of the period, December 20—January 3.

Species most commonly seen, in order of frequency, were Magpie, English Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Snow Bunting, Common Redpoll, Downy Woodpecker, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Pine Grosbeak, and Ruffed Grouse. Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ruffed Grouse and Hungarian Partridge

BLADWORTH, Dec. 26, 10 mi. car, 6 mi. foot. 7 SPECIES. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 13; Horned Owl, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie 5; English Sparrow, 25; Common Redpoll, 150; Snow Bunting, 500. (6 additional: Amer. Rough-legged Hawk, Golden Eagle, Hungarian Partridge, Snowy Owl, Horned Lark, Bohemian Waxwing.) **P. Lawrence Beckie.**

BREDIN SIDING, Jan. 2, 4 mi. foot. 8 SPECIES. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 8; Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 1; Magpie, 4; Robin, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 50; English Sparrow, 50; Common Redpoll, 6. (4 additional: Downy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Northern Strike.) — **Doug Gilroy.**

BROADVIEW, Jan. 1, 40 mi. car. 7 SPECIES. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 9; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; English Sparrow, 100; Common Redpoll, 50; Snow Bunting, 400. (Additional: Am. Rough-legged Hawk, Hungarian Partridge.) — **Audrey and Charles Thacker.**

DILKE, Jan. 3, 3 mi. car, chores. 6 SPECIES. Golden Eagle, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 12; Hungarian Partridge, 11; Horned Lark, 4; Magpie, 2; English Sparrow, 25. (6 additional: Marsh Hawk on Dec. 25; Short-eared Owl on Dec. 27; Northern Shrike, Starling, Redpoll, Snow Bunting.) — **J. B., Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher.**

DUVAL, Dec. 26, 12 mi. car, 8 mi. foot. 14 SPECIES. Bald Eagle, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 6; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 31; Hungarian Partridge, 12; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Canada Jay, 1; Magpie, 9;

Black-capped Chickadee, 14; Bohemian Waxwing, 7; English Sparrow, 48; Snow Bunting, 79. (Additional: 4 Cedar Waxwings on Dec. 21; Downy Woodpecker; Northern Shrike.) — **Geo. H. Herber.**

FORT SAN, Jan. 2, 26 mi. car. 6 SPECIES. Am. Golden-eye, 1; Magpie, 1; Starling, 1; English Sparrow, 10; Common Redpoll, 15; Snow Bunting, 100. (Add: Black-capped Chickadee, Robin on Dec. 30, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak.) — **E. M. Calin.**

GRENFELL, Dec. 27, 3 mi. foot. 3 SPECIES. Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; English Sparrow, 20. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, Pine Grosbeak, Snow Bunting.) **Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard.**

HAWARDEN, Dec. 31, 20 mi. car, 3 mi. foot. 6 SPECIES. Snowy Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 3; Magpie, 1; Starling, 4; English Sparrow, 200; Snow Bunting, 95. (Add: Am. Rough-legged Hawk; Sharp-tailed Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, Bohemian Waxwing, Redpoll.) — **Harold and Gerhard Kvinge.**

McLEAN, Jan. 1, 20 mi. car, 2 mi. foot. 4 SPECIES. Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Snow Bunting, 50. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Evening Grosbeak.) — **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bray.**

MELFORT, Dec. 26, 3 mi. foot. 4 SPECIES. Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; English Sparrow, 4. — **J. M. Gale and party.**

NAICAM, Jan. 3, 6 mi. foot. 9 SPECIES. Ruffed Grouse, 3; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 4; Black-capped Chick-

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were all reported from fewer localities than last year, as was the Hairy Woodpecker.

Two new species were reported this year—a Mourning Dove at Saltcoats and a wounded American Bittern at Yorkton. An unusual number of other species apparently lost their migration urge during the mild fall weather. Golden-eye Ducks remained at Sutherland and Fort San; Short-eared Owls at Dilke, Hawarden, Saltcoats and Yorkton; a Marsh Hawk at Dilke; a Pigeon Hawk at Prince Albert; Crow and Brewer's Blackbirds at Saltcoats; Song Sparrow at Somme; Cedar Waxwings at Duval, Robins at Bredin, Fort San and Yorkton; and Juncos at Prince Albert and Yorkton.

In the following report is given the result of the day's count; then in brackets the other species seen during the period, Dec. 20 to January 5.

adee, 8; English Sparrow, 5; Pine Grosbeak, 5; Common Redpoll, 1; Snow Bunting, 45. (Add: Hairy Woodpecker, Raven.) — **W. Yanchinski.**

NIPAWIN, Jan. 3, 36 mi. car, 4 mi. foot. 15 SPECIES. Hungarian Partridge, 22; Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Canada Jay, 9; Blue Jay, 7; Magpie, 1; Raven, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 9; Hudsonian Chickadee, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 1; English Sparrow, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 67; Snow Bunting, 162; (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Shrike, Starling, Evening Grosbeak.) — **Walter and Billy Matthews.**

PATHLOW, Jan. 1, 5 mi. foot. 9 SPECIES. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Horned Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 1; Starling, 1; English Sparrow, 60; Pine Grosbeak, 3; Snow Bunting, 1. (5 additional: Sharp-tailed Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, Snowy Owl, Black-capped Chickadee, Redpoll.) — **Rev. T. M. Beveridge.**

PRINCE ALBERT, Dec. 26, 10 mi. car, 2 mi. foot. 9 SPECIES. Blue Jay, 1; Magpie, 1; Raven, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Hudsonian Chickadee, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 50; English Sparrow, 12; Common Redpoll, 15; Slate-colored Junco, 1. (Add: Goshawk on Jan. 2, Pigeon Hawk on Dec. 24.) — **E. W. Brooman.**

REGINA, Dec. 25. English Sparrow, 10; Snow Buntings, heard. — **Miss E. Barker.**

RIDGEDALE, Dec. 26, 5 mi. foot. 5 SPECIES. Ruffed Grouse, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 11; Eng-

lish Sparrow, 100. (Add: Hungarian Partridge.) — **Jack Grandy, Dr. J. H. More.**

SALTCOATS, Dec. 26. 20 observers in 7 groups. 191 mi. car, 3 mi. foot. 16 SPECIES. Goshawk, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 5; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 36; Mourning Dove, 1; Horned Owl, 3; Short-eared Owl, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Magpie, 17; Crow, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 36; Northern Shrike, 1; English Sparrow, 624; Brewer's Blackbird, 4; Pine Grosbeak, 21; Common Redpoll, 22; Snow Bunting, 1240. — **Dave, Frank, Stuart and Walter Baines, Stuart J. and C. Stuart Francis, Charles, Ben and Jackie Maddaford, Chrissie, Louise and Jim Rooke, Jimmy Spokes, Perry Strom, Leslie Turberfield, Lawrence and George Wiley, Lois, Velma and Ed Wiley.**

SHEHO, Dec. 26, 5 mi. foot. 10 SPECIES. Ruffed Grouse, 4; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 16; Horned Owl, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Magpie, 6; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Pine Grosbeak, 8; Common Redpoll, 5; Snow Bunting, 100. (Add: Northern Shrike, Evening Grosbeak.) — **Wm. Niven.**

SOMME, Dec. 26, 6 mi. foot, 9 mi. horseback. 15 SPECIES. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 14; Hungarian Partridge, 10; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Canada Jay, 3; Blue Jay, 5; Magpie, 4; Black-capped Chickadee, 8; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; English Sparrow, 2; Pine Grosbeak, 18; Song Sparrow, 1; Snow Bunting, 1. (10 additional: Spruce Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, Horned Owl, Arctic 3-toed Woodpecker, American 3-toed Woodpecker, Raven,

Hudsonian Chickadee, Brown Creeper, Hoary Redpoll, Common Redpoll.) — **Ronald, Donald and Edna Hooper.**

SPIRIT LAKE, Dec. 25, 9 mi. foot. 9 SPECIES. Goshawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 15; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 16; English Sparrow, 30; Common Redpoll, 2; Snow Bunting, 32. (Additional: Golden Eagle on Dec. 31; Horned Owl, Hairy Woodpecker, Evening Grosbeak, Pine Grosbeak.) — **William Anaka.**

SPIRIT LAKE, Jan. 2, 2½ mi. foot. 10 SPECIES. Ruffed Grouse, 3; Horned Owl, 1; Hawk Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 27; Pine Grosbeak, 5; Common Redpoll, 11; Snow Bunting, 32. (Additional: Bohemian Waxwing, Evening Grosbeak.) — **Joyce Gunn.**

SUTHERLAND, Dec. 27, 20 mi. car. 7 SPECIES. Am. Golden-eye, 2; Hungarian Partridge, 10; Snowy Owl, 1; Magpie, 19; Bohemian Waxwing, 200; English Sparrow, 60; Common Redpoll, 30. (Additional: Starling, Snow Bunting.) — **Arthur, Colin and Stan Ward.**

SWAN RIVER, MAN., (14 miles from Sask. boundary), Dec. 26, 60 mi. car, 1 mi. foot. 11 SPECIES. Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 6; Raven, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Brown Creeper, 1; English Sparrow, 200; Pine Grosbeak, 17; Hoary Redpoll, 1; Common Redpoll, 15; Snow Bunting, 6. (Additional: Downy Woodpecker.) — **Diane and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Riddell.**

TISDALE, Jan. 3, 6 mi. foot. 7 SPECIES. Snowy Owl, 1; Blue Jay, 1; Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, many; English Sparrow, many; Redpoll, 4; Snow Bunting, 8. — **Ray Chartier.** (Downy Woodpecker and 12 Pine Grosbeaks noted by **E. W. Van Blaricom** on Dec. 29.)

WALLWORT, Dec. 30, 6 mi. foot. 7 SPECIES. Snowy Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Canada Jay, 3; Raven, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; English Sparrow, 4; Common Redpoll, 6. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, Magpie.) — **J. Turnquist.**

WAUCHOPE, Dec. 28, 15 mi. car. 7 SPECIES. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 30; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; English

Sparrow, 150; Pine Grosbeak, 9; Snow Bunting, 250. (Add: Horned Owl, Redpolls.) — **Marion and John E. Nixon.**

YORKTON, Dec. 26, 23 observers in 6 parties. 131 mi. car, 12 mi. foot. 20 SPECIES. Am. Bittern, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 3; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 36; Hungarian Partridge, 8; Horned Owl, 1; Snowy Owl, 2; Short-eared Owl, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Blue Jay, 3; Magpie, 23; Black-capped Chickadee, 58; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Starling, 25; English Sparrow, 443; Evening Grosbeak, 7; Pine Grosbeak, 14; Common Redpoll, 125; Slate-colored Junco, 50; Snow Bunting, 596. (Additional: Robin, Dec. 30, and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Dec. 22.) — **Tyrone Balacko, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bjarnason, Wayne Bjorgan, Brother Clarence, Lionel and Ronald Coleman, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Houston, Brother Justin, Preston Macdonald, Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Allan Nurse, Jack Park, Phil Pawluck, Greg, Irving and Wayne Pearce, Cliff Shaw, Frank and Gillean Switzer, Brother Vincent, D'Arcy Wershler.**

Bats—A Drastic Measure

Mrs. Ellen Averill

With regard to bats which I have read about in two or three "Blue Jays" we have had a great deal of experience with these, as have some of our neighbors. They have almost driven us out of house and home. Our house, partly built of logs, sided inside and out, and partly of lumber, is over 60 years old. The bats got in before we realized and increased quite rapidly up in the attic. They were quite noisy and squawking and scuttling about when we wanted to sleep.

We decided we had to try to drive them out, or at least lessen their numbers considerably — even if they did destroy myriads of harmful insects. A few pounds of moth balls helped, but were not effective enough. Then two years ago we bored auger holes in the gable ends and put a long pipe to the exhaust of our car, and let them have it! It drove out numbers of them in broad daylight. Many others died in the attic. We had to go up through a trap door and sweep them up.