

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.