

Saskatchewan Christmas Bird Count, 1960

Edited by **Mary Houston**, Saskatoon

The highlight of the nineteenth annual Christmas bird count was the Cardinal spotted at Craven by Gary Anweiler and Frank Brazier. This bird was collected later that day to become the first specimen for the province—and the 311th specimen to be definitely identified in Saskatchewan. It also was one of six new species to be added to the 99 species previously observed in Saskatchewan in the Christmas season. The other new species were a Hooded Merganser at Estevan, Redheads at Fort Qu'Appelle, a Brown Thrasher at Saskatoon, and Townsend's Solitaire and Bufflehead at Regina.

The energetic Regina group covered 145 miles on foot and 296 miles by car to set a new record of 34 species seen within a 7½ mile radius on one day, and an additional 9 species seen on others days in the Christmas season. Formal counts were taken at an all-time high of 34 localities (compared to 30 in both 1958 and 1959). In turn, a record 63 species were seen during the day of the count and 9 others during the 10-day Christmas season. A total of 161 persons participated.

As usual, the magpie was reported from every locality. Bohemian Waxwings were well distributed, but redpolls were less common than usual. Altogether, Golden Eagles were reported from 12 localities and the Short-eared Owl from 11 localities, both species being more common than usual. On the other hand, Snowy Owls were uncommon for the third successive year, being seen at only 5 localities. Goshawks were only seen once! The unusually warm weather was likely responsible for mallards being reported from eight localities and robins and crows from five each.

BANGOR, Sask. Jan 5; about the yard and 14 miles by car; calm, sunny. 9 species, 408 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 3; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; House Sparrow, 78; Pine Grosbeak, 13; Snow Bunting, 300. (Add: Redpolls).—**Mrs. A. Thomson.**

BATTLEFORD, Sask. Dec. 26; 11 miles by car and 4 miles on foot, in 7¼ hours; temp. 2°; wind 20 mph; cloudy with snow falling; 12 inches of snow. 21 species, 4,537 individuals. Golden Eagle, 2; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 17; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 4; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Gray Partridge, 17; Rock Dove, 113; Great Horned Owl, 6; Short-eared Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 24; Common Crow, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 24; Robin, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 673; Starling, 17; House Sparrow, 273; Pine Grosbeak, 18; Common Redpoll, 40; Snow Bunting, 3,000. (Add: Saw-whet Owl, 1, Jan. 2).—**Spencer Sealy.**

BLADWORTH, Sask. Dec. 23; 4 hours by truck and 1½ hours on foot; temp. 15° to 28°; wind W.N.W. 5-15 mph; clear; 4 inches of snow. 7 species, 599 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 48; Gray Partridge, 25; Great Horned Owl, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 6; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 127; Snow Bunting, 391 (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 28; Short-eared Owl, 2, Dec. 28; Horned Lark, 1, Dec. 24, and 8, Dec. 29; Common Redpoll, Dec. 22, 24, 28 and 31).—**Gerald, Lawrence and Sam Beckie.**

BROADVIEW, Sask. Dec. 28; 59 miles by car in 3½ hours; temp. 0; calm, sunny. 11 species, 1293 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 7; Hawk-Owl, 1 (no details — Ed.); Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 36; House Sparrow, 4; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Hoary Redpoll, 2; Common Redpoll, 38; Snow Bunting, 1200. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2, Dec. 29; Ruffed Grouse, 4, Dec. 27; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 27; Hairy Woodpecker, 2, Dec. 27).—**Audrey and Charles Thacker.**

CRAVEN, Sask. Dec. 29; 8 hours; 5 inches snow on ground. 21 species, 1633 individuals. Golden Eagle, 1 (?); Ruffed Grouse, 10; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 2; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Gray Partridge, 10; Rock Dove, 25; Great Horned Owl, 4; Snowy Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 5;

Black-billed Magpie, 118; Black-capped Chickadee, 66; Robin, 22; Bohemian Waxwing, 528; House Sparrow, 500; Cardinal, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 30; Common Redpoll, 82; Tree Sparrow, 2; Snow Bunting, 250.

—**Gary Anweiler, Frank Brazier (compiler), William Fleming, Elmer Fox, Bernard Nelson, Robert Nero, Rickey Sanderson, Albert Swanston, Alan Wade, Dorothy Wade, Douglas Wade.**

DILKE, Sask. Dec. 25; 2 miles in 3 hours on foot and by team and horseback about yards and fields, and 57 miles in 3½ hours by car; temp. 15° to 32°; wind N. 30-35 mph; overcast; 7 inches drifted snow. 9 species, 479 individuals. Prairie Falcon, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 6; Gray Partridge, 39; Rock Dove, 7; Great Horned Owl, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 7; Bohemian Waxwing, 28; House Sparrow, 89; Snow Bunting, 300. (Add: Pigeon Hawk, Dec. 28; Northern Shrike, Dec. 31; Lapland Longspur, Dec. 30).—**J. B. Belcher (compiler), Margaret Belcher, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Belcher.**

DUBUC, Sask. Dec. 28; 9 species, 74 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Great Horned Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 5; Black-capped Chickadee, 11; Bohemian Waxwing, 3; House Sparrow, 50; Snow Bunting, 1. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2, Dec. 22; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3, Dec. 23, and 7, Dec. 25; Pine Grosbeak, 5, Dec. 31; Common Redpoll, 1, Dec. 31).—**George Chopping.**

ESTEVAN, Sask. Dec. 30; 11 miles by foot in 3½ hours; temp. 20°; wind N.W. 20 mph; 7 inches of snow. 15 species, 425 individuals. Mallard, 26; Hooded Merganser, 3; Common Merganser, 1; Rock Dove, 7; Great Horned Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 6; Black-billed Magpie, 10; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 153; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 153; Pine Grosbeak, 50; Common Redpoll, 10; Pine Siskin, 1; Snow Bunting, 1. (Add: Ring-necked Pheasant, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1, all on Dec. 24).—**Darrel Carlson, Ross Lein (compiler).**

FORT QU'APPELLE, Sask. Dec. 25; 25 miles by car in 3½ hours; temp. 27°; cloudy; calm; 6 inches of snow where not melted. 15 species, 333 individuals. Mallard, 2; American Widgeon, 1; Redhead, 2; Common

Merganser, 1; Golden Eagle, 1; Short-eared Owl, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 5; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Robin, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 250; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 50; Pine Grosbeak, 1. (Add: Ruffed Grouse, 2, Dec. 27; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 2, Dec. 26; Gray Partridge, 4, Dec. 24; Rock Dove, 6, Jan. 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2, Dec. 26; Starling, 6, Dec. 22; Evening Grosbeak, 2, Dec. 24; Common Redpoll, 11, Dec. 24; Snow Bunting, 25, Dec. 27).—**Alden Barnett, Dr. G. D. Barnett, E. M. Callin (compiler), E. Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. B. deVries, S. Harrison, F. Hudell, H. Jennings, J. Lowe, R. A. Nevard, S. P. Regan.**

FOXFORD, Sask. Dec. 29; 3 miles in 1½ hours on foot; temp. 23°; wind 8 mph developing into a snowstorm; 8 inches of snow. 5 species, 35 individuals. Goshawk, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Snow Bunting, 30. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 4, Dec. 30; Raven, 2, Dec. 25).—**Tom Bird.**

GRENFELL, Sask. Jan 2; 2½ miles on foot in 1½ hours; temp. 6°; wind light; overcast with a little snow; 6-8 inches of snow. 3 species; 82 individuals. Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; House Sparrow, 75. (Add: Sharp-tailed grouse, 8, Dec. 30; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 29; Bohemian Waxwing, 14, Dec. 30; Pine Grosbeak, 3, Dec. 28).—**Mrs. John Hubbard.**

HAWARDEN, Sask. Dec. 30; 20 miles by car and on foot in 6 hours; temp. 25°; wind S.W. light; 4 inches of snow. 5 species, 1008 individuals. Horned Lark, 6; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 200; Snow Bunting, 800. (Add: Gray Partridge, 14, Dec. 27; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Bohemian Waxwing, 15, Dec. 25).—**Harold Kvinge.**

HIGH HILL-ROUND LAKE, Sask. Dec. 28; 7 miles on foot through heavy bush and farm land in 7 hours; temp. 12°; light wind; dull with some fog. 8 species, 87 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Raven, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 2. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 26; Evening Grosbeak, 1, Dec. 21).—**Steve Waycheshen.**

KEATLEY, Sask. Dec. 23; 25 miles by truck and 5 miles on foot; mild calm; 6 inches of snow. 9 species, 633 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 17; Black-billed Magpie, 9; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 22; House Sparrow, 45; Pine Grosbeak, 5; Common Redpoll, 32; Snow Bunting, 500. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 2, Jan. 1; Common Crow, 1, Dec. 27).—**A. P. Pym.**

KELVINGTON, Sask. Dec. 24. 6 species, 193 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Bohemian Waxwing, 30; House Sparrow, 150. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 3, Dec. 23; Pine Grosbeak, 6, Dec. 28, and 11, Dec. 30; Snow Bunting, 500, Dec. 22, and 30, Dec. 25).—**Brian Irving.**

KINDERSLEY, Sask. Dec. 26; 5 miles on foot in 4 hours; temp. 8°; wind S.E. 15 mph. 8 species, 800 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 1; Gray Partridge, 70; Rock Dove, 118; Short-eared Owl, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 4; Bohemian Waxwing, 20; Starling, 6; House Sparrow, 579. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 22; Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 22; Snow Bunting, 500, Dec. 29).—**Glen A. Fox.**

LEADER, Sask. Dec. 31; 12 miles in 1½ hours by car and 2½ hours afield on foot; temp. 20°; calm, cloudy; 12 inches of snow. 5 species, 123 individuals. Ring-necked Pheasant, 25; Gray Partridge, 26; Rock Dove, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 8; House Sparrow, 63.—**Daisy Myers.**

McLEAN, Sask. Dec. 29; seen around the yard; temp. 30°; wind light, westerly; 10 inches of snow. 5 species, 24 individuals. Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Pine Grosbeak, 8. (Add: Gray Jay, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 75; House Sparrow, 8; Snow Bunting, 10).—**Mrs. Harold Bray, Mrs. Hilda Newton.**

MARQUIS, Sask. Dec. 25. Western Meadowlark.—**Mrs. Leo Fitzpatrick.**

MASEFIELD, Sask. Dec. 30; 35 miles by truck and 3 on foot along Frenchman River; temp. 28°; overcast-clearing; calm; 16 inches of snow. 9 species, 271 individuals. Mallard, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 8; Gray Partridge, 10; Hawk-Owl, 2 (no details, Ed.); Horned Lark, 14; Black-billed

Magpie, 4; House Sparrow, 80; Pine Grosbeak, 2; Snow Bunting, 150. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 28).—**J. David Chandler.**

MELVILLE, Sask. Dec. 25; 8 miles on foot; wind 10 mph; 6 inches of snow. 5 species, 73 individuals. Great Horned Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 9; Black-capped Chickadee, 12; House Sparrow, 50. (Add: Short-eared Owl, 1, Dec. 29; Horned Lark, 2, Dec. 29; Common Redpoll, Dec. 27).—**Gary Anweiler, Victor Schmidt.**

MOOSE JAW, Sask. Dec. 27; 109 miles, 17½ party hours; temp. 15°; calm, sunny. 15 species, 552 individuals. Ring-necked Pheasant, 2; Gray Partridge, 13; Snowy Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 25; Black-capped Chickadee, 4; Thrush (?), 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 94; Starling, 100; House Sparrow, 119; Pine Grosbeak, 10; Common Redpoll, 75; Slate-colored Junco, 4; Snow Bunting, 100. (Add Dec. 31: Peregrine Falcon, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Western Meadowlark, 1).—**Sylvia Curtis, Carl Ellis, Alice Ellis, John Ellis, Mary Jane Ellis, McLaren Ewart, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Ewart, Patty Ewart, Barry Green, Mrs. N. Greenwood, Frank Hill, J. Horton, Mrs. Vesta Humphries, Mrs. Cy Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lillico, Michel Lillico, J. H. Monson (compiler), Gordon Morley, Don Peden, Mrs. Anne Pugh, M. Riome, Molly Ritchie, Mrs. Dorothy Rhodes, Michael Rhodes, Mrs. Clarence West, B. Whittaker (Moose Jaw Natural History Society).**

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. Dec. 29; 7 miles on foot in 5 hours; temp. 5° to 20°; overcast, snowing in the afternoon; 20 inches of snow. 18 species, 148 individuals. Mallard, 3; Common Goldeneye, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Rock Dove, 23; Gray Jay, 1; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; Boreal Chickadee, 20; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 1; House Sparrow, 14; Evening Grosbeak, 35; Pine Grosbeak, 3; Hoary Redpoll, 1; Common Redpoll, 11; Red Crossbill, 5; White-winged Crossbill, 19. (Add: Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Common Raven, 1, Dec. 27).—**Don Karasiuk.**

REGINA, Sask. Dec. 26; 145 party miles on foot and 296 party miles by

car in a 9 hour period; temp. 2° to 6° wind E.S.E. at 10 mph; sunshine in afternoon; 3 inches of snow. 34 species, 4321 individuals. Horned Grebe, 1; Mute Swan, 6; Whistling Swan, 7; Canada Goose, 147; Mallard, 303; Pintail, 3; American Widgeon, 3; Lesser Scaup, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 25; Ring-necked Pheasant, 17; American Coot, 1; Rock Dove, 430; Great Horned Owl, 5; Snowy Owl, 3; Short-eared Owl, 10; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Black-billed Magpie, 28; Common Crow, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 40; Townsend's Solitaire, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 500; Northern Shrike, 2; House Sparrow, 2533; Evening Grosbeak, 1; Pine Grosbeak, 30; Common Redpoll, 73; Pine Siskin, 3; Red Crossbill, 1; White-winged Crossbill, 3; Song Sparrow, 1; Snow Bunting, 133. (Add: Pied-billed Grebe, 1; Common Goldeneye, 1; Bufflehead, 1; Prairie Falcon, 2; Gray Partridge, 10; Starling, 7; Rusty Blackbird, 2; Common Grackle, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 1).—**Jessie Bailey, Margaret Belcher, Frank Brazier, Isabel Coleman, Elizabeth Cruikshank, George Dodd, Bill Fleming, Elmer Fox, Tom Gentles, Doug Gilroy, Marian Goudy, Marjory Harrison, Walter Knudson, Marjorie Ledingham, George Ledingham, Bob McCall, Helen McGillivray, Robert Nero, Elizabeth Parkin, Maur- een Rever, Rickey Sanderson, Gert- rude Smith, Alan Wade, Douglas Wade (compiler), Dorothy Wade, Don Westlund, Vic Wilshire (Mem- bers and friends of the Regina Natural History Society).**

RIVERHURST, Sask. Dec. 29; 2 miles on foot and 2 miles by car; temp. 22°; overcast; calm. 8 species, 133 individuals. Mallard, 8; Golden Eagle, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 11; Black-cap- ped Chickadee, 20; Bohemian Wax- wing, 50; Pine Grosbeak, 15; Snow Bunting, 25.—**Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dew and Joyce Dew.**

SASKATOON, Sask. Dec. 26; 19½ party miles on foot in 12½ hours, 257 party miles by car in 24 hours; temp. —1°; wind E. at 8 mph; light snow, clearing by 10.00, cloudy to overcast by 3.00; 4 inches of snow. 24 species, 7,194 individuals. Mallard, 3; Com- mon Goldeneye, 2; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 2; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 24; Ring-necked Pheasant,

6; Gray Partridge, 12; Rock Dove, 277; Great Horned Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 8; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Blue Jay, 4; Black-billed Magpie, 132; Black-capped Chickadee, 31; Red- breasted Nuthatch, 2; B r o w n Thrasher, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 2812; Cedar Waxwing, 13; Starling, 22; House Sparrow, 2474; Pine Gros- beak, 113; Hoary Redpoll, 3; Com- mon Redpoll, 228; Snow Bunting, 1,000. (Add: Robin, 1, Dec. 29; Nor- thern Shrike, 1, Dec. 25; Bronzed Grackle, 1, Dec. 22.)—**A. Binnie, B. Binnie, Pern Cordery, Carol Dahlen, R. Folker, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gerrard, Jonathan Gerrard, G. Gerrity, B. Gollop, Mrs. M. Gollop, Vi Harper, J. D. Hogg, Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Hous- ton, Dr. and Mrs. C. J. L'Ami, Jean MacKenzie, Bob Mills, T. Ortynski, J. F. Roy (compiler), J. Shadick, Lindy Wedge, Terry Wedge, Wendy Wedge, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wedge.**

SHAUNAVON, Sask. Dec. 23; 5 miles on foot along White Mud River and 55 miles by car; temp. 40°; sunny; 12 inches of snow. 10 species, 362 indi- viduals. Golden Eagle, 1; Sharp- tailed Grouse, 3; Ring-necked Pheas- ant, 3; Long-eared Owl, 2; Black- billed Magpie, 9; Common Crow, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 2; Starling, 2; House Sparrow, 336; Snow Bunting, 3.—**Douglas Young.**

SKULL CREEK, Sask. Dec. 29; temp. 26°; light wind. 23 species, 732 indi- viduals. Golden Eagle, 3; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 42; Ring-necked Pheasant, 4; Gray Partridge, 19; Great Horned Owl, 6; Short-eared Owl, 1; Yellow- shafted Flicker, 1; Downy Wood- pecker, 5; Horned Lark, 1; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 58; Black- capped Chickadee, 37; Robin, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 161; Northern Shrike, 1; House Sparrow, 217; Red- winged Blackbird, 1; Brewer's Black- bird, 2; Evening Grosbeak, 7; Pine Grosbeak, 77; Common Redpoll, 64; Tree Sparrow, 2; Snow Bunting, 21. (Add: Mallard, 25, Dec. 30; Rough- legged Hawk, 1, Dec. 27; Prairie Falcon, 1, Dec. 20; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 31; Common Crow, 1, Jan. 1.) —**Mrs. Lena Bennetto, Stanley Bir- chall, Mrs. Borman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mann (compilers), Peter Swain, Harry Williams.**

SPIRIT LAKE, Sask. Dec. 23; 6 miles in 7 hours; temp. 35°; strong wind; mild; 6 inches of snow. 12 species,

209 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 7; Black-billed Magpie, 6; Black-capped Chickadee, 55; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 16; House Sparrow, 42; Evening Grosbeak, 4; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 65; Snow Bunting, 5. (Add: Sharp-tailed Grouse, 8, Dec. 31; Great Horned Owl, 2, Dec. 28.)—**Bill Anaka, Joyce Gunn.**

STAR CITY, Sask. Dec. 27; 2 miles on foot in 3 hours; temp. 25°; wind SW 8 mph; partly cloudy; 15 inches of snow on ground. 7 species, 108 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 20; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 5; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; House Sparrow, 30; Snow Bunting, 50. (Add: Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 21; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Jan. 1.)—**David and Wesley Grant.**

STORNOWAY, Sask. Dec. 27; temp. 0°; NW wind. 9 species, 79 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 26; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; Bohemian Waxwing, 7; Evening Grosbeak, 3; Pine Grosbeak, 10; Snow Bunting, 25. (Add: Goshawk, 1, Dec. 24, 25; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 31; Northern Shrike,

1, Dec. 25; Common Redpoll, 4, Dec. 21.)—**Stanley Zazelenchuk.**

STRUAN, Sask. Dec. 23; 10 miles on foot; temp. 30°; wind NW 20 mph; clear; 4 inches of snow. 8 species, 112 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Gray Partridge, 15; Rock Dove, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 11; Black-capped Chickadee, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 24; House Sparrow, 55. (Add: Snow Bunting, 200, Dec. 27.)—**Wm. E. Jasper.**

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. Dec. 29; 30 miles by car and on foot in 8 hours; 11 species, 384 individuals. Golden Eagle, 2; Gyrfalcon (?) 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 18; Ring-necked Pheasant, 4; Gray Partridge, 10; Rock Dove, 15; Black-billed Magpie, 20; Bohemian Waxwing, 41; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 224; Pine Grosbeak, 48.—**Bill Adkins, Richard Bennett, Wm. Berezowski, Carl Ellis, Fred Dick, Mrs. R. S. Hare (compiler), Sheila McIntosh, Norman Watson.**

WOODROW, Sask. Dec. 27; 20 miles by car and 1 mile on foot; temp 20°; wind W at 20 mph. 7 species; 2554 individuals. Ring-necked Pheasant, 4; Gray Partridge, 40; Rock Dove, 4; Horned Lark, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 4; House Sparrow, 2500; Black-bird (sp?) 1.—**Fred C. Parchman.**

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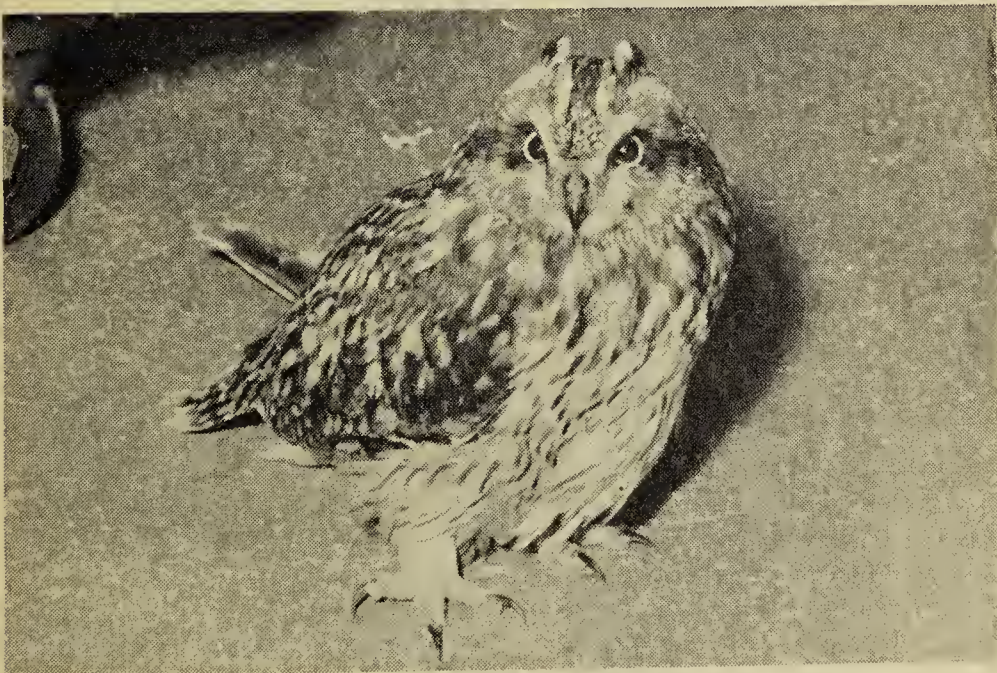


Photo by F. W. Lahrman

In spite of its conspicuous ears, this is the Short-eared Owl. Observed in this pose it sometimes confuses the novice, who reports seeing a "long-eared" owl.

After a prolific breeding season, Short-ears were unusually common in the late fall of 1960. Mrs. K. D. Paton reported numerous Short-ears flying over the stubble fields at Oxbow, and they were reported from 11 localities on the 1960 Christmas count. Our last report before going to press was of two seen in the Qu'Appelle Valley north of Regina, January 22, 1961, by Lucy Murray and Elizabeth Cruickshank.