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; Sharptailed 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; Blackbird (sp?) 1.—Fred C. Parchman.

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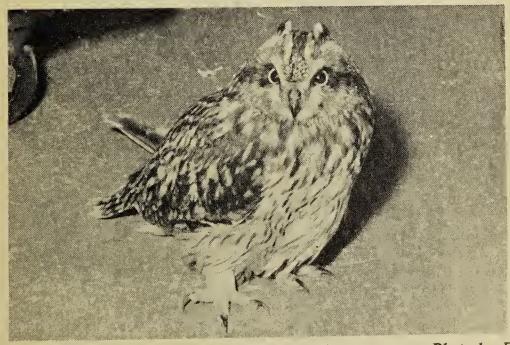


Photo by F. W. Lahrman

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.