

migration for both these species. At least three Purple Finches hit picture windows and were brought for identification.

**Bobolink**—always scarce and local, have been located in at least six areas within a 30-mile radius of Saskatoon. Largest colony—12 males—6 miles north and 4 miles west of Saskatoon. B. Gollop.

**Lark Bunting**—first Saskatoon records. Five males near the Forestry Farm, June 8 and 10, 1960. B. Gollop. One on Highway #5, 13 miles east of city. R. Folker.

**Chestnut-collared Longspur** — first Saskatoon record—small colony in pasture, just west of Burke Lake, 15 miles east of Saskatoon. Further study will be made of these birds. R. Folker, J. Hogg, F. Roy.

## INFLUX OF LARK BUNTINGS AT HAWARDEN

by Harold Kvinge, Hawarden

We have had an influx of Lark Buntings into this area this summer. There are perhaps a dozen pairs just northwest of our buildings. I presume they are nesting as they have been around for some weeks, although I have not so far found any nests (up to July 15). This is the largest concentration of these birds in this district since maybe 1937 when they were all around here.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The movement of Lark Buntings northward into south-central Saskat-

chewan during the past two years has been noted with interest by birders in various districts. A year ago in the *Blue Jay* (XVII:129) we printed several reports of the increase of Lark Buntings in 1959 in areas where they had been scarce for some years. This year I have seen them commonly around Regina where, until they reappeared in small numbers last year, they have been more or less absent since the thirties, at which time they were considered a common breeding resident. At Moose Jaw, too, I have noted that they seem to be as common this year as during the thirties. North of Hawarden where Mr. Kvinge reports them as abundant, the Saskatoon Natural History Society is reporting Lark Buntings for the first time this year (see previous article in this issue by Frank Roy).

## A REPORT ON SPRING MIGRATION IN THE REGINA AREA, 1960

Again this year members of the staff of the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History and of the Bird Group of the Regina Natural History Society co-operated in a study of spring migration in the Regina area. Records submitted to the Museum and filed by Frank Brazier have been used as the basis for the following list of early arrival dates. A few additional dates were submitted to Margaret Belcher by members of the Bird Group and these have also been incorporated in the list.

### SPRING ARRIVAL DATES, 1960

Species	Date
Horned Grebe (2)	April 23
Eared Grebe (2)	May 4
Western Grebe (1)	May 8
Pied-billed Grebe (2)	May 2
Double-crested Cormorant (2)	May 12
Black-crowned Night Heron (2)	May 1
Whistling Swan (4)	April 11
Canada Goose (a few)	April 5
White-fronted Goose (40)	April 9

Snow Goose	April 20
Blue Goose (2)	April 9
Gadwall (4)	April 23
Pintail (23)	March 31
Green-winged Teal	April 14
Blue-winged Teal (2)	April 21
American Widgeon	April 7
Shoveler (6)	April 10
Redhead (2)	April 10
Ring-necked Duck (2)	April 17
Canvasback (1)	April 8
Lesser Scaup (14)	April 10
Common Goldeneye (5)	April 1
Bufflehead	April 17
Common Merganser (8)	March 31
Red-breasted Merganser (1)	April 10
Sharp-shinned Hawk (1)	April 12
Marsh Hawk (1)	April 6
Cooper's Hawk (1)	April 12
Red-tailed Hawk (1)	April 9
Broad-winged Hawk (1)	May 3
Rough-legged Hawk (1)	March 27
Ferruginous Hawk (1)	May 6
Bald Eagle (1)	April 11
Sparrow Hawk (1)	April 11
Sandhill Crane (50)	April 14
American Coot (1)	April 15

Semipalmated Plover (1) .....	May 7	Orange-crowned Warbler (1) .....	May 4
Killdeer .....	April 14	Yellow Warbler (1) .....	May 11
American Golden Plover .....	May 9	Magnolia Warbler (3) .....	May 25
Black-bellied Plover (1) .....	May 7	Myrtle Warbler (3) .....	April 25
Common Snipe (1) .....	April 25	Audubon's Warbler (1) .....	May 31
Spotted Sandpiper (1) .....	May 3	Blackpoll Warbler (3) .....	May 6
Solitary Sandpiper (1) .....	May 3	Palm Warbler .....	May 15
Willet (1) .....	April 20	Ovenbird (1) .....	May 26
Greater Yellowlegs .....	April 30	Northern Waterthrush (1) .....	May 26
Lesser Yellowlegs (1) .....	April 9	Mourning Warbler (2) .....	May 25
Pectoral Sandpiper (1) .....	May 5	Macgillivray's Warbler (1) .....	May 28
Baird's Sandpiper (24) .....	May 6	Yellowthroat (1) .....	May 15
Long-billed Dowitcher .....	May 6	Wilson's Warbler (1) .....	May 24
Marbled Godwit (1) .....	April 28	American Redstart (1) .....	May 17
Hudsonian Godwit (27) .....	April 23	Western Meadowlark (1) .....	April 1
American Avocet .....	April 23	Yellow-headed Blackbird .....	April 15
Wilson's Phalarope (5) .....	May 10	Redwinged Blackbird .....	April 15
Northern Phalarope (6) .....	May 14	Baltimore Oriole .....	May 16
Herring Gull (6) .....	April 10	Rusty Blackbird (4) .....	March 30
Ring-billed Gull (7) .....	April 15	Brewer's Blackbird (several) .....	April 26
Franklin's Gull (2) .....	April 21	Common Grackle .....	April 18
Bonaparte's Gull (5) .....	May 4	Brown-headed Cowbird (1) .....	May 9
Forster's Tern .....	May 6	Rose-breasted Grosbeak (5) .....	May 17
Common Tern (2) .....	May 7	Lazuli Bunting (1-2) .....	May 30
Black Tern .....	May 9	Purple Finch (3) .....	April 25
Mourning Dove (2) .....	April 16	American Goldfinch (2) .....	May 21
Burrowing Owl (4) .....	May 6	Rufous-sided Towhee (1) .....	May 8
Short-eared Owl (1) .....	April 16	Lark Bunting (1) .....	May 21
Common Nighthawk (8) .....	May 28	Savannah Sparrow (1) .....	April 29
Belted Kingfisher (1) .....	April 22	Vesper Sparrow (1) .....	April 20
Red-shafted Flicker (1) .....	April 10	Slate-colored Junco (2) .....	April 4
Yellow-shafted Flicker (1) .....	April 13	Oregon Junco (1) .....	April 25
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (1) .....	April 24	Tree Sparrow (1) .....	March 26
Eastern Kingbird .....	May 13	Chipping Sparrow (2) .....	May 10
Western Kingbird .....	May 12	Clay-colored Sparrow (2) .....	May 8
Say's Phoebe .....	April 30	Harris' Sparrow .....	May 10
Least Flycatcher (1) .....	May 10	White-crowned Sparrow (1) .....	May 2
Western Wood Pewee (1) .....	May 16	White-throated Sparrow .....	April 26
Horned Lark (3) .....	Jan. 31	Fox Sparrow (4) .....	April 25
Tree Swallow (4) .....	April 25	Lincoln's Sparrow (8) .....	May 2
Roughwinged Swallow (1) .....	May 19	Song Sparrow (1) .....	April 10
Barn Swallow (1) .....	May 5	Lapland Longspur .....	April 4
Purple Martin (1) .....	May 6	Chestnut-colored Longspur (2) .....	April 15
Common Crow (12) .....	March 30		
Red-breasted Nuthatch (2) .....	May 3		
Brown Creeper (1) .....	April 26		
House Wren (1) .....	May 23		
Catbird (1) .....	May 21		
Brown Thrasher (1) .....	May 13		
Robin (11) .....	April 10		
Hermit Thrush (1) .....	April 24		
Swainson's Thrush (1) .....	May 4		
Gray-cheeked Thrush (4) .....	May 5		
Mountain Bluebird (1) .....	March 26		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (1) .....	May 5		
Water Pipit (2) .....	May 1		
Sprague's Pipit (a few) .....	April 16		
Cedar Waxwing (2) .....	May 19		
Loggerhead Shrike (1) .....	April 10		
Solitary Vireo (2) .....	May 26		
Red-eyed Vireo (1) .....	May 16		
Warbling Vireo (1) .....	May 17		
Tennessee Warbler (4) .....	May 17		

## NEST RECORD CARDS

As soon as your summer nest record cards are completed please send them in so that a summary of nesting information for 1960 may be prepared for a report in the BLUE JAY. Cards should be sent to:

**Prairie Nest Records Scheme,  
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