

FIFTH ANNUAL MAY DAY COUNT SASKATOON NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, MAY 22, 1961

Ordinarily May 22 should be an ideal day to record warbler and shore-bird migrants. This year, all but a few stragglers had moved north by that date. Since few ponds contained water, most of the duck, shorebird and yellow-headed blackbird records are from the Hudson Bay Slough and Moon Lake.

Twenty-one observers in four parties, covering the Christmas Count area, recorded 100 species, one more than last year, 12 fewer than the record of 112 established in 1959.

The list of birds seen follows. Last year's totals are given in brackets.

Horned Grebe, 20 (21), Eared Grebe, 3 (6); Western Grebe, 5 (0); Great Blue Heron, 1 (0); Mallard, 165 (92); Gadwall, 11 (5); Pintail, 23 (23); Green-winged Teal, 17 (4); Blue-winged Teal, 78 (10); American Widgeon, 32 (19); Shoveler, 38 (25); Redhead, 16 (2); Canvasback, 30 (17); Lesser Scaup, 52 (50); Common Goldeneye, 5 (0); Bufflehead, 3 (0); Cooper's Hawk, 1 (0); Red-tailed Hawk, 2 (1); Swainson's Hawk, 4 (0); Marsh Hawk, 7 (5); Sparrow Hawk, 4 (2); Sharp-tailed Grouse, 25 (2); King-necked Pheasant, 9 (6); Gray Partridge, 6 (0); Sora, 1 (2); Coot, 114 (55); Semipalmated Plover, 2 (0); Killdeer, 28 (12); Golden Plover, 1 (0); Spotted Sandpiper, 6 (1); Willet, 19 (9); Lesser Yellowlegs, 2 (5); Baird's Sandpiper, 1 (60); Silt Sandpiper, 10 (0); Semipalmated Sandpiper, 50 (0); Marbled Godwit, 16 (1); Sanderling, 2 (1); Wilson's Phalarope, 15 (18); California Gull, 4 (50); Ring-billed Gull, 66 (110); Franklin's Gull, 11, (76); Black Tern, 82 (119); Rock Dove, 65 (24); Mourning Dove, 69 (29); Yellow-shafted Flicker, 15 (3); Hairy Woodpecker, 1 (1); Downy Woodpecker, 2 (0); Eastern Kingbird, 11 (14); Western Kingbird, 4 (0); Eastern Phoebe, 3 (2); Say's Phoebe, 1 (0); Least Flycatcher, 70 (26); Western Wood Pewee, 1 (0); Horned Lark, 15 (14); Tree Swallow, 22 (16); Bank Swallow, 42 (6); Barn Swallow, 36 (41); Cliff Swallow, 4 (0); Blue Jay, 1 (2); Magpie, 37 (34); Crow, 79 (71); Black-capped Chickadee, 4 (10); House Wren, 20 (14); Catbird, 6 (7); Brown Thrasher, 28 (26); Robin, 44 (33); Swainson's Thrush, 1 (18); Veery, 3 (1); Mountain Bluebird, 33 (7); Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3 (1); Sprague's Pipit, 9 (4); Loggerheaded Shrike, 13 (3); Starling, 53 (29); Philadelphia Vireo, (?) 1 (0); Warbling Vireo, 9 (4); Black and White Warbler, 1 (0); Tennessee Warbler, 4 (2); Yellow Warbler, 129 (49); Myrtle Warbler, 4 (0); American Redstart, 1 (3); House Sparrow, 480 (162); Western Meadowlark, 51 (49); Yellow-headed Blackbird, 75 (39); Red-winged Blackbird, 227 (111); Baltimore Oriole, 28 (18); Brewer's Blackbird, 134 (79); Common Grackle, 28 (24); Cowbird, 37 (28); Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 3 (0); Pine Siskin, 37 (0); American Goldfinch, 1 (12); Rufous-sided Towhee, 8 (9); Lark Bunting, 1 (0); Savannah Sparrow, 34 (26); Vesper Sparrow, 131 (59); Chipping Sparrow, 24 (24); Clay-colored Sparrow, 360 (67); White-throated Sparrow, 1 (3); Lincoln's Sparrow, 1 (0); Song Sparrow, 74 (73). Compiler: FRANK ROY, Saskatoon.

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING BIRD CENSUS REGINA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, MAY 13, 1961

As a continuing feature of the R.N.H.S.'s summer field trip program the Annual Spring Bird Census, to take place on the Saturday nearest May 15th, was inaugurated on May 13, 1961. We kept to the area of the Christmas Bird Count, deploying the teams in the main in accordance with the country water. We chose the more difficult census rather than the simpler count of species as being of more value as time goes on; also, it will tie in well with Saskatoon's now well established census taken about ten days later. The six teams turned up 131 species (an estimated 11,478 birds) including such notables as Upland Plover (1), Bonaparte's Gull (1), and a flood of migrant sparrows unprecedented in numbers.

SPECIES LIST: Horned Grebe (108); Eared Grebe (26); Western Grebe (18); Pied-billed Grebe (22); White Pelican (8); Great Blue Heron (7); Black-crowned Night Heron (8); American Bittern (2); Mute Swan (4);

Whistling Swan (12); Canada Goose (126); Mallard (372); Gadwall (56); Pintail (138); Green-winged Teal (141); Blue-winged Teal (457); American Widgeon (175); Shoveler (216); Redhead (63); Ring-necked Duck (2); Canvasback (35); Lesser Scaup (1110); Common Goldeneye (1); Bufflehead (16); Ruddy Duck (107); Common Merganser (15); Red-tailed Hawk (3); Swainson's Hawk (12); Rough-legged Hawk (3); Marsh Hawk (22); Ruffed Grouse (1); Ring-necked Pheasant (5); Gray Partridge (8); Sora (10); American Coot (1630); Semipalmated Plover (16); Killdeer (49); Golden Plover (49); Black-bellied Plover (2); Common Snipe (6); Upland Plover (1); Spotted Sandpiper (14); Solitary Sandpiper (12); Willet (60); Greater Yellowlegs (19); Lesser Yellowlegs (42); Pectoral Sandpiper (270); Baird's Sandpiper (77); Least Sandpiper (106); Long-billed Dowitcher (40); Semipalmated Sandpiper (67); Marbled Godwit (24); American Avocet (42); Wilson's Phalarope (67); Ring-billed Gull (236); Franklin's Gull (59); Bonaparte's Gull (1); Common Tern (28); Black Tern (20); Rock Dove (105); Mourning Dove (55); Great Horned Owl (2); Burrowing Owl (4); Short-eared Owl (7); Belted Kingfisher (3); Yellow-shafted Flicker (8); Eastern Kingbird (1); Western Kingbird (9); Say's Phoebe (2); Least Flycatcher (48); Horned Lark (120); Tree Swallow (165); Bank Swallow (12);