

## White Evening Primrose



Photo by L. T. Carmichael

The above photo of the White Evening Primrose, *Oenothera Nuttallii* Sweet, is one of the 173 photos in the 186-page book, **Prairie Wildflowers**, by L. T. Carmichael. The book printed in Canada this year is available for \$3.10 in the **Blue Jay Book Shop**, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina.

Each photo is accompanied by about half a page of text. For the White Evening Primrose Mr. Carmichael describes how the flowers close and turn pink in the heat of the afternoon. The flowers open in the late evening for pollination by the night-flying moths. They remain showy during most of the morning of the next day and then they begin to fade.

The flowers are arranged from Crocus Anemone and Leafy Musineon which open in early spring to the False Ragweed and Closed Gentian which are often conspicuous in the autumn. The photos, all in black and white, have frequently been badly bleached or otherwise poorly reproduced by the publishers but we have heard many favorable comments from people who have bought the book. Teachers and others casually interested in the identification of our wildflowers are finding the book

of considerable help. Mr. Carmichael, our former **Blue Jay** editor, is to be congratulated for providing this much needed and interesting book on prairie wildflowers.

The **Annotated Catalogue of the Vascular Flora of Saskatchewan** which was published by August J. Breitung in the **American Midland Naturalist** in 1957 is now available in reprint form from the **Blue Jay Book Shop**. The booklet, 72 pages plus a 3-page supplement of additions and corrections, lists 1380 entities, including 204 introduced species, arranged by family. There is no index. Notes on each species are very brief but Breitung has examined specimens in various important herbaria in Canada and the United States to make this the most scientific and up-to-date listing of Saskatchewan plants available. Each botanist interested in the abundance and distribution of our plants should have a copy. Send one dollar to the **Blue Jay Book Shop**, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina.