

ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF MEADOWLARK NIGHT SONG

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In 1959 I reported a record of night song given by a Western Meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) (**Blue Jay**, 17: 59). Since then I have heard a meadowlark sing at night on two occasions. A single brief song was heard in 1961 on May 25 at 10:30 p.m., and on June 4 at 10:40 p.m. (M.D.T.). Both songs were apparently given in response to our car as we passed slowly along a field road searching for mice about eight miles east of Regina. Since the song was heard in about the same place each time I presume that it was given by the same territorial bird. On each occasion we re-traced our route at least once but the song was only heard on our first passage. Although I have driven many miles at night in similar situations I have no other record

of night song in this species. Night song was not recorded for any diurnal species during the course of a study in Wisconsin by Aldo Leopold and Alfred E. Eynon (1961. Avian daybreak and evening song in relation to time and light intensity. **Condor**, 63: 269-293).

INFORMATION WANTED RE: HORNED GREBE

Victor Schmidt of Melville is studying the life history of the Horned Grebe and would appreciate receiving information from other Saskatchewan observers re: spring and fall migration, nest records, etc. Victor is also interested in other migration records from various parts of Saskatchewan; perhaps other young naturalists would like to compare notes with Victor. We also remind him to watch for the Co-operative Spring Migration reports in the September issue of the **Blue Jay**.

Plants



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Astragalus gilviflorus Sheld.

This early-flowering legume is one of the *Astragalus* species being studied by our Editor. As the **Blue Jay** goes to press, the cushion milk-vetch shown here is coming into bloom, and Dr. Ledingham is collecting other species of *Astragalus* in the southwestern United States. Readers who know the Editor as a careful observer and keen naturalist will be looking forward to hearing about his trip.