

27, Jan. 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 26; Blue Jay, 1, Dec. 21; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 24.) [ED. NOTE: The Skull Creek count was made on Jan. 4, three days later than the official count period.]—**Henry, Doug and Mrs. Edith Borman, Carolyn Drever, Mrs. Betty Mann, Steve Mann (compiler), Mrs. Steve Mann, Joan and Fred Stevens, Peter, George and Donna Swain, Harry Williams.**

SPIRIT LAKE, Sask. Dec. 30; sandhills, hay meadows, farmyards; 5 party hours and 5 party miles on foot; temp. -1° ; wind S.E. light; snow flurries. 13 species, 143 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 9; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 60; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; House Sparrow, 40; Evening Grosbeak, 9; Pine Grosbeak, 2; Common Redpoll, 5; Slate-colored Junco, 1; Snow Bunting, 5. (Add: Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 21; Horned Lark, 2, Dec. 28-Jan. 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 2, Dec. 21, Dec. 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 1).—**Bill Anaka, Joyce Gunn.**

TULLIS, Sask. Dec. 27; open prairie; 3 hours—6 miles by truck, otherwise on foot; temp. 17° ; clear, becoming

cloudy and colder; little snow. 4 species, 20 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 5; House Sparrow, 11; Snow Bunting, 2. (Add: Snowy Owl, 1, Dec. 20; Common Redpoll, 2, Dec. 28).—**Mrs. E. C. Boon, Chris and Robert Boon.**

WOLSELEY, Sask. Dec. 30; 8 miles on horseback; temp. 8° ; wind 15 m.p.h.; mostly clear; 6 inches snow. 8 species, 144 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 8; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; House Sparrow, 100; Common Redpoll, 31; Song Sparrow, 1. (Add: Hawk (large hawk unidentified), 1, Dec. 24; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 23, Dec. 21, 26; Gray Partridge, 10, Dec. 20; Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 24; Northern Shrike, 1, Dec. 20; Starling, 19, Dec. 21; Pine Grosbeak, 1, Dec. 26; Snow Bunting, 40, Dec. 19).—**Donald Hayward.**

WOODROW, Sask. Dec. 20. 7 species, 252 individuals. Ring-necked Pheasant, 14; Gray Partridge, 31; Snowy Owl, 1; Short-eared Owl, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 3; Starling, 2; House Sparrow, 200+.—**C. H. Shulver.**

First Manitoba Christmas Bird Count, 1962

Edited by **David Hatch**, Oak Lake, Manitoba

This summary covers the first province-wide Christmas Count to be conducted in Manitoba. Thirteen areas took part in the survey, with a co-operative group of seven parties in Winnipeg making the biggest count in the province, of 23 species.

The exceedingly mild fall and winter preceding Christmas day resulted in many species remaining in the area instead of migrating south. The Horned Larks seen at Oak Lake and Melita were unusual for this time of year, but like the Tree Sparrows at Oak Lake and Slate-colored Juncos at Winnipeg and Brandon, had been recorded more than once on counts in past three years. The five Mallards seen in Winnipeg and the 67 Common Goldeneyes from Point du Bois and Seven Sisters were the only waterfowl on the count. One Harris' Sparrow, one Song Sparrow, and two Marsh Hawks in Winnipeg were odd-

ities, as was the Sparrow Hawk at Brandon and the Mockingbird at Oak Lake. The count produced only five Snowy Owls. The Barred Owl reported from Point du Bois was an unconfirmed report. Woodpeckers were down sharply with only one Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, 26 Hairy Woodpeckers and 21 Downy Woodpeckers. Evening Grosbeaks, Pine Grosbeaks and Bohemian Waxwings were here in smaller number than in 1961. A total of 45 species was seen in the province during the count period. Dr. Lawrie B. Smith and Mr. Harold V. Hosforth kindly assisted in compiling the counts.

ASHERN, Man. Dec. 30; semi-open country with some black spruce and poplar; 2 miles on foot in one hour, 6 miles by car in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.); temp. -10° to -5° ; clear; 10 inches snow. 7 species, 51 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-

tailed Grouse, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Common Raven, 5; Black-capped Chickadee, 7; White-winged Crossbill, 32.—**David Hatch, Lawrie B. Smith** (compiler).

BIRD'S HILL, Man. Dec. 26. 10 species, 71 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 5; Great Horned Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 8; Black-capped Chickadee, 14; Evening Grosbeak, 17; Pine Grosbeak, 5; Common Redpoll, 7; White-winged Crossbill, 10; Snow Bunting, 2.—**David Mossop, Harold Mossop.**

BRANDON NORTH, Man. Dec. 26; 22 miles in 3 hours (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.); temp. 2° to 10°; wind N.E. at 10 m.p.h.; overcast. 6 species, 28 individuals. Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 5; Black-capped Chickadee, 12; White-breasted Nuthatch, 5; Starling, 1. (Add: Sparrow Hawk, 1; Common Raven, 1; Northern Shrike, 1).—**D. Hart, J. Lane, R. K. Lane, A. Lenny, R. McPhail, M. Malyon, W. Miller, D. Plews, W. Pugh, B. Wong, D. Wong.**

BRANDON SOUTH, Man. Dec. 30; area 13 miles south of Brandon; 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; temp. 4° to 0°. 8 species, 49 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 2; Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Evening Grosbeak, 25; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 15. (Add: Boreal Chickadee, 2; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 1).—**M. Eamer, M. Gaudin, M. McCowan, Barbara Robinson** (compiler), **D. Robinson, J. Robinson.**

MARCHAND, Man. Dec. 29; 9 miles by car and 1/2 mile on foot from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; temp. -2° to 1°; wind N.W. at 15 m.p.h.; 6 inches snow. 5 species, 66 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Gray Jay, 3; Common Raven, 6; Pine Grosbeak, 54.—**David Hatch.**

MELITA, Man. Dec. 28; 36 miles by car and 2 miles on foot from 1:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; temp. 9° to 6°; wind N.W. at 15-20 m.p.h.; overcast; 5-6 inches snow. 8 species, 283 individuals. Sharp-tailed Grouse, 7; Ring-necked Pheasant, 1; Gray Partridge, 17; Snowy Owl, 1; Horned

Lark, 3; Black-billed Magpie, 14; Common Redpoll, 40; Snow Bunting, 200.—**Mr. and Mrs. David Braddell.**

OAK LAKE, Man. Dec. 26; 61 miles by car in 6 hours and 4 miles by foot in 3 hours, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; temp. -4° to 7°; wind N. at 5-15 m.p.h.; light snow in a.m., clear in p.m.; 4 inches snow. 19 species, 1366 individuals. Golden Eagle, 1; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Sharp-tailed Grouse, 26; Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 10; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 29; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Mockingbird, 1; Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 170; Evening Grosbeak, 11; Pine Grosbeak, 2; Hoary Redpoll, 14; Common Redpoll, 584; Tree Sparrow, 5; Snow Bunting, 497. (Add: Goshawk, 1, Dec. 25).—**David Hatch.**

POINT DU BOIS, Man. Dec. 26; 30 miles by car and 3 on foot, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; temp. -3° to 4°. 10 species, 220 individuals. Common Goldeneye, 58; Barred Owl, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 6; Common Raven, 9; Black-capped Chickadee, 25; House Sparrow, 22; Pine Grosbeak, 8; Common Redpoll, 30; Snow Bunting, 60.—**Claude Anderson** (compiler), **John Comer.**

ST. AMBROISE, Man. Dec. 31; temp. 10°; wind S.E. at 20-30 m.p.h. 4 species, 125 individuals. Snowy Owl, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 1; Common Redpoll, 9; Snow Bunting, 113.—**Doug Kyle, J. J. Mott,** (compiler).

SEVEN SISTERS, Man. Dec. 26; 15 miles by car and 2 on foot, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; temp. -3° to 4°; overcast in a.m., clear in p.m.; 3 1/2 inches snow. 9 species, 53 individuals. Common Goldeneye, 9; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Blue Jay, 3; Common Raven, 3; Black-capped Chickadee, 8; White-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Evening Grosbeak, 18; Pine Grosbeak, 1.—**Harold C. Hosford** (compiler), **Warren Johnston.**

SOURIS, Man. Dec. 20; 6 miles by car and one mile on foot in 2 1/2 hours; temp. 20° to 30°; no wind; clear; very little snow. 6 species, 71 individuals. Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; White-breasted Nut-

hatch, 2; House Sparrow, 30; Snow Bunting, 30.—**F. Hitchcock, Mrs. F. A. Hollies** (compiler), **Mrs. B. Reed**.

WAWANESA, Man. Dec. 28; 15 miles by car and 5 miles on foot, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; temp. 14° to 10°; wind N. at 20 m.p.h.; snowing; 2-3 inches snow on ground. 10 species, 54 individuals. Ruffed Grouse, 2; Blue Jay, 1; Black-billed Magpie, 1; Common Raven, 1; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Bohemian Waxwing, 24; House Sparrow, 5; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 11.—**Ed Robinson**.

WINNIPEG, Man. Dec. 23; city parks, cemeteries, dumps, airport, Assiniboine and Seine Rivers; all-day count—total party hours 23 (18½ on foot, 4½ by car), total party miles 100 (24 on foot, 76 by car); temp. -9° to 3°; wind N.W. at 15-20 m.p.h.; sunny in a.m., but cloudy in p.m.;

2 inches snow. 23 species, 2248 individuals. Mallard, 5; Marsh Hawk, 2; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Gray Partridge, 34; Screech Owl, 2; Great Horned Owl, 4; Snowy Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 12; Downy Woodpecker, 7; Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 9; Black-billed Magpie, 4; Black-capped Chickadee, 47; White-breasted Nuthatch, 26; Brown Creeper, 1; Bohemian Waxwing, 44; Starling, 313; House Sparrow, 1578; Evening Grosbeak, 61; Common Redpoll, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 4; Song Sparrow, 1; Snow Bunting, 180. (Add: Prairie Falcon, 1; Hawk Owl, 1; Common Raven, 6; Robin, 4; White-winged Crossbill, 2; Harris' Sparrow, 1).—**R. D. Bird, H. Copland, H. V. Hosford, K. Johanneson, W. Johnston, W. D. Kyle, B. Liddle, M. MacNichol, D. Mossop, H. Mossop, V. Scott, Perry Silverman, L. T. Simmons, G. Smith, L. B. Smith** (compiler), **R. W. Sutton**.

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Records are again requested for the continent-wide survey of spring migration being made under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please write to Mrs. Wade for forms listing the species for which reports are required, and then submit your records by June 15, 1963, to her at the following address:

Mrs. Dorothy Wade
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The request I placed in the last issue brought good response. These reports and others indicate a large influx of Snowy Owls this year. Therefore, I would like to repeat my request for sightings and include a further request for any sightings back to and including the winter of 1950-51. Please send to:

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