

Seventh Annual May Day Bird Count

Saskatoon Natural History Society — May 18, 1963

Saturday, May 18, 25 observers in 5 groups uncovered 137 species of birds within the Saskatoon study area, a square block consisting of 100 townships (3,600 square miles) centered on Saskatoon. In last year's count, the first made in the extended study area, 127 species were identified. The day was cloudy with frequent showers; a north-west wind blew from 15 to 20 miles per hour. The temperature ranged from 45° to 54°. Highlights of the day included the sighting of a Mockingbird and the addition of two new species to the Saskatoon list: the Surf Scoter and the Golden-crowned Sparrow. (These records will be written up in the **Blue Jay** at the end of the year.)

SPECIES LIST: Red-necked Grebe, Horned Grebe, Eared Grebe, Western Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose (Pike Lake), Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, American Widgeon, Shoveler, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck (Pike L.), Canvasback, Lesser Scaup, Common Goldeneye, Bufflehead, White-winged Scoter (Pike L.), Surf Scoter (Rice Lake), Ruddy Duck, Red-breasted Merganser (Rice Lake), Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Pigeon Hawk (S.E.), Sparrow Hawk, Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ring-necked Pheasant, Gray Partridge, Sandhill Crane, Sora, American Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, Golden Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Common Snipe, Up-

land Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Dowitcher, Stilt Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, American Avocet, Wilson's Phalarope, Northern Phalarope, California Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Bonaparte's Gull (Pike L. - 2), Common Tern, Black Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl (2 nests), Snowy Owl (S.W.), Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-shafted Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Western Kingbird, Eastern Phoebe, Say's Phoebe, Least Flycatcher, Western Wood Pewee, Horned Lark, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Black-billed Magpie, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, House Wren, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Mockingbird (S.E.), Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Swainson's Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Mountain Bluebird, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Sprague's Pipit, Loggerhead Shrike, Starling, Warbling Vireo, Black-and-white Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Palm Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Bobolink (S.W.), Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Baltimore Oriole, Brewer's Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Rufous-sided Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Leconte's Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Lark Sparrow (S.E.), Chipping Sparrow, Clay-coloured Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow (San.), White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting. Compiler: **Frank Roy**.

Third Annual May Day Bird Count

Regina Natural History Society — May 18, 1963

The 1963 Spring Census for the Regina area was scheduled for May 12, to allow comparison with counts of the two previous years (May 13, 1961, and May 12, 1962). However, because of rain and impassable country roads, the count was postponed until May 18. On May 18 there was again intermittent rain, but 21 observers in 8 parties spent the day in the field. An effort was made to count the total number of birds of each species seen, but these numbers cannot, of course, be regarded as a complete census of birds in the area. During the day, 140 species were seen, compared with 143 species on May 12, 1962, and 131 on May 13, 1961. Of the 140 species seen, 18 had not previously been recorded on the Regina spring census.

SPECIES LIST: (figures in brackets indicate numbers counted May 12, 1962): Horned Grebe 24 (70); Eared Grebe 47 (53); Western Grebe 37 (54); Pied-billed Grebe 7 (3); White Pelican 4 (0); Great Blue Heron 5 (6); Black-crowned Night Heron 5 (7); Mute Swan 14 (3); Whistling Swan 7 (1); Canada Goose 375 (191); Mallard 182 (340); Gadwall 47 (49); Pintail 39 (150); Green-winged Teal 10 (17); Blue-winged Teal 221 (100); American Widgeon 146 (140); Shoveler 112 (84); Redhead 28 (30); Canvasback 96 (50); Lesser Scaup 164 (200); Common Goldeneye 3 (0); Bufflehead 6 (3); Ruddy Duck 38 (80); Red-tailed Hawk 2 (10); Swainson's Hawk 8 (16); Rough-legged Hawk 1 (6); Bald Eagle 1 (0); Marsh Hawk 9 (32); Sharp-tailed Grouse 10 (1); Ring-necked Pheasant 4 (4); Gray Partridge 1 (9); Sora 15 (3); American Coot 683 (400); Killdeer 104 (150); American Golden Plover 1 (8); Black-bellied Plover 5 (1); Ruddy Turnstone 1 (0); Common Snipe 1 (5); Upland Plover 14 (0); Spotted Sandpiper 47 (13); Solitary Sandpiper 3 (2); Willet 40 (79); Pectoral Sandpiper 172 (7); White-rumped Sandpiper 1 (0); Baird's Sandpiper 83 (10); Least Sandpiper 17 (8); Short-billed Dowitcher 4 (0); Stilt Sandpiper 5 (13); Semi-