

Great Horned Owl, 1, Dec. 28; Hairy Woodpecker, 2, Dec. 29; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 30.)— *Bohdan and Irene Pylypec*.

WETASKIWIN, Alta. Dec. 25; around farm yard; temp. -18° to -10° ; cloudy, clearing at noon; light south wind. 9 species, 41 individuals. Downy Woodpecker, 1; Northern Three-toed Woodpecker, 1; Blue Jay, 2; Black-billed Magpie, 2; Black-capped Chickadee, 6; House Sparrow, 24;

Evening Grosbeak, 3; Pine Grosbeak, 1; Common Redpoll, 1. (Add: Gray Partridge, 1, Dec. 27; Bohemian Waxwing, 20, Dec. 26; Starling, 5, Dec. 24 and 20 on Dec. 21; White-winged Crossbill, 8, Jan. 2; Snow Bunting, 125, Dec. 27.)—*Fred H. Pegg*.

CAMBRIDGE BAY, N.W.T. Dec. 29; 5 miles in 4 hours on foot; temp. -50° ; wind NW at 5; almost light. 1 species, 11 individuals. Rock Ptarmigan, 11.—*Ramon C. Burron*.

Third Annual Manitoba Christmas Bird Count, 1964

by **L. B. Smith**, Winnipeg

There were 40 species seen during the count period this year by the 42 observers who braved sub-zero temperatures and a snow depth of 7-14 inches to make the annual Christmas count. Three of these species had not been recorded on the two previous counts—Long-eared Owl, Cedar Waxwing and Red-winged Blackbird. This brings the three-year total for Manitoba to 60. Birds were reported generally to be scarce in the southern part of the province but at Thompson there were more birds than usual. Reports were received from 14 localities, two less than in 1963. All of these localities but Thompson are in the southern part of the province, ranging from Great Falls and Seven Sisters Falls in the east to Melita in the west.

The Long-eared Owl was seen at Winkler. There were two Cedar Waxwings seen in Winnipeg, one with a flock of Bohemian Waxwings and one alone. The three Red-winged Blackbirds were seen at Oak Lake in L. M. Hatch's farmyard. Black-billed Magpies were reported from nine localities, one of these being Thompson where two were seen. The numbers at the other localities ranged from one at Stonewall to 36 at Oak Lake. Blue Jays seemed to be only one third as numerous as in 1963. The highest count of Ravens was 74 from Thompson.

Snowy Owls were seen at Melita (3), Wawanesa (1) and Winnipeg (1) while one Hawk Owl was seen at Winkler. Bohemian Waxwings were seen at Boissevain (40) and at Winnipeg (132). Most of the Evening Grosbeaks were

sighted in the eastern part of the province, the top number being only 36 at Seven Sisters Falls. The reports of Common Redpolls from six localities indicated they were not abundant anywhere but were well distributed throughout the province. The numbers of Snow Buntings ranged from one at Melita to 400 at Boissevain.

Some of the summer resident birds that were attempting to survive the winter were a female Mallard at Stonewall, a Golden Eagle at Oak Lake, Horned Larks at Boissevain and Wawanesa, a Robin at Winnipeg, a Slate-coloured Junco at Oak Lake and a White-throated Sparrow at Seven Sisters Falls.

I am indebted to Harold Hosford who did most of the collecting and preliminary compiling of the data. A fuller account will appear in the Newsletter of the Manitoba Natural History Society.

COOPERATIVE SPRING MIGRATION STUDY

Records are again requested for the continent-wide survey being made under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As soon as it is available, we shall have a list of species for which reports are wanted; please write for the list and then submit your records by June 15, 1965, to

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