

# BIRDS OF WILDCAT HILL WILDERNESS AREA

by **Stan Shadick**, Saskatoon

The following 100 species of birds were seen May 22 - 24, 1971, in or around the Wildcat Hill Wilderness Area by Dr. and Mrs. Jim Jowsey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hogg, John Shadick, myself, and by others from Regina, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon:

Red-necked Grebe; Western Grebe; Pied-billed Grebe; White Pelican; American Bittern; Mallard; Pintail; Green-winged Teal; Blue-winged Teal; American Widgeon; Shoveler; Red-head; Ring-necked Duck; Lesser Scaup; Common Goldeneye; Bufflehead; Ruddy Duck; Red-breasted Merganser; Goshawk; Sharp-shinned Hawk; Red-tailed Hawk; Ferruginous Hawk; Marsh Hawk; Pigeon Hawk; Sparrow Hawk; Ruffed Grouse; Sora; American Coot; Killdeer; Spotted Sandpiper; Greater Yellowlegs; Lesser Yellowlegs; Pectoral Sandpiper; Semipalmated Sandpiper; California Gull; Bonaparte's Gull; Common Tern; Rock Dove; Mourning Dove; Barred Owl; Saw-whet Owl; Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Belted Kingfisher; Yellow-shafted Flicker; Pileated Woodpecker; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker;

Hairy Woodpecker; Downy Woodpecker; Northern 3-toed Woodpecker; Eastern Kingbird; Eastern Phoebe; Least Flycatcher; Horned Lark; Tree Swallow; Bank Swallow; Barn Swallow; Purple Martin; Gray Jay; Blue Jay; Black-billed Magpie; Common Raven; Common Crow; Black-capped Chickadee; Red-breasted Nuthatch; House Wren; Brown Thrasher; Robin; Hermit Thrush; Starling; Warbling Vireo; Black-and-white Warbler; Orange-crowned Warbler; Yellow Warbler; Chestnut-sided Warbler; Blackpoll Warbler; American Redstart; House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark; Yellow-headed Blackbird; Redwinged Blackbird; Baltimore Oriole; Brewer's Blackbird; Common Grackle; Brown-headed Cowbird; Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Evening Grosbeak; Purple Finch; Pine Grosbeak; Pine Siskin; American Goldfinch; Red Crossbill; Savannah Sparrow; Vesper Sparrow; Slate-colored Junco; Chipping Sparrow; Clay-colored Sparrow; Harris' Sparrow; White-throated Sparrow; Lincoln's Sparrow; Song Sparrow.

## YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER SIGHTING AT WEYBURN

by **Robert Kreba**, Weyburn

The Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) has apparently never been reported in Saskatchewan and it is a rare bird in Canada. Godfrey (1966) records a single specimen from St. John's, Newfoundland and two sight records from Niagara Falls and Manotick in southern Ontario; he warns: "To be identified in Canada with caution."

I wish to report a sighting of a pair of Yellow-throated Warblers at about 6:30 a.m. on May 16, 1970 at Weyburn, Saskatchewan. That day there was only a slight morning chill, and at 9:00 a.m. it was already too warm to wear a coat. The sky was for the

most part clear, with some cloud along the horizon, especially in the southwest. Clouds to the east occasionally blocked full sunlight, but only for brief periods, and the wind was low.

Most of my observations that morning were made in the southeast section of the city and the surrounding marshes and countryside. Observations were made with 7 X 35 power binoculars. I first noticed the two warblers from a distance of about 10 yards in a low bush in a row of large trees beside the Souris River. This was in Riverside Park, a campground on the outskirts of the city with no surrounding streets or houses.