

information on whether or not all birds of this species normally breed when a year old. Nor are there weather data on hand at this time that might suggest that breeding was unsuccessful in some area in 1971.

It is also interesting that both species of godwits remained through August and into September in 1970. The most noticeable weather factor during the week in 1971 that the birds left was 2.8 inches of rain with strong north winds on July 24.

This movement into the Prairies may be something new in the life cycle of the species. There are no summer-fall Saskatoon records prior to 1970. It is, nevertheless, possible that a significant portion of the population has stopped over on a lake in the grassland-parkland sections of the Prairie Provinces more often than the records indicate.

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EUROPEAN WIDGEON SIGHTING AT CUMBERLAND HOUSE, SASKATCHEWAN

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Three students and I observed a pair of European Widgeon at Cumberland House on May 7, 1971. The male was identified as a bird of this species; the female was presumed to be the same. The birds were first spotted swimming in a ditch on Cumberland Island. We first watched them from the car about 100 yards away, using two pairs of field glasses, 7 X 35 and 7 X 50. We then slowly approached to within 50 yards, at which distance we could see very easily the male's reddish head with the pale yellow forehead. The forehead marking was not so pronounced as that shown in the picture on page 76 of Earl Godfrey's *Birds of Canada*. The male's body was light greyish in colour; the female was more of a brownish colour on the breast than the male.

At this point a horse and rider scared the pair and they flew away. Though I watched the ditch for several weeks afterwards and also visited the surrounding sloughs, I did not see the ducks again.

Because I have hunted and watched ducks since I was a young boy, I can readily recognize most ducks of Saskatchewan. Also, we had Godfrey's *Birds of Canada* in the car with us and while watching the birds we carefully checked every duck. They were definitely European Widgeons.

SIGHT RECORD OF A SNOWY EGRET AT CYPRESS LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

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On June 19, 1970, at about 6:00 p.m., I had the good fortune to observe a Snowy Egret (*Leucophoyx thula*) at the Cypress Lake dam, south of Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. As I drove onto the dam, I flushed the egret, which was then about 75 feet from me, as well as several Great Blue Herons which accompanied it. The egret