

of the Marsh Hawk, which has an awkward habit of rearing up in its normal quartering over the fields when an aircraft approaches. Fortunately none have, so far, hit any aircraft that I have been flying.

... once while indulging in some very low flying with an instructor over Rush Lake, we saw a heron which puzzled us. However, by doing a steep turn we found it again and noted its broad ash-grey wings and dark green or black

body. Both of us being English knew we had not seen that type of heron before. I imagine it was a Black-crowned Night Heron and, if it was breeding there, the nest would certainly have to be on the ground. That particular trip was fun, for though bird watching at 100 m.p.h. is not easy, we recognized several species we had seen on other occasions, including Blue-winged Teal, Pintail, Bladpate, Red-winged Blackbird, Black Tern, Franklin's Gull and others.

1973 CONSERVATION AWARD

The SNHS Conservation Award is presented annually to a person who "has made a significant contribution to conservation in the Province of Saskatchewan." At the 25th Annual Meeting in Saskatoon on October 13, 1973, this award was given to Mr. Ronald L. Dutcher, Chief Naturalist, Prince Albert National Park. Mr. Dutcher's major responsibility is the nature interpretive program in the Park. This

includes writing brochures, conducting tours and answering questions in all fields of natural history. The popularity of the interpretive programs is truly impressive. The total head count for all activities was 98,088 in 1973, up 25 per cent from the previous year. There were over 6,000 on the conducted nature trails; 9,447 was the attendance at slide presentations, and there were over 9,000 visits to the nature interpretive centre. The new Wolf Country pamphlet had a circulation of 27,000.



Ron Dutcher receives the 1973 Conservation Award from SNHS President Margaret Belcher.

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