

to Uranium City some years ago he admired a bouquet of Showy Lady's-slippers in a friend's home. Upon enquiring as to their origin he was informed that they were found in an area adjacent to Uranium City. It would, therefore, appear that we do have yet another of the Lady's-slippers in Saskatchewan although it has not been reported.* From some information I have, I believe that they also may be present in the northeastern part of Saskatchewan.*

— *Fenton R. Vance*, 208 - 1610 College Ave., Regina, Sask. S4P 1B7.

**Editor's Note:* This could be the Stemless Lady's-slipper (*C. acaule*) which has been reported from Lake Athabasca. If it is yellow, however, it may be another unreported location for the Yellow Lady's-slipper (*C. calceolus*) which does reach into Alaska.

A DISAPPOINTING VISIT TO "BLUE HERON VALLEY"

On June 16, 1972, after leaving the car at a little distance from the hill directly above "Blue Heron Valley", as it is locally called, (southwest of Fife Lake) I proceeded very slowly to within sight of the Blue Heron nests in the valley below me. I was disappointed to see only 5 nests inhabited as 26 were reported in the December, 1970, *Blue Jay* (page 159).

The fledglings appeared to be half-grown and stretched their heads and bodies out of the nests. One adult stood guard, straight and tall like a sentinel on a hill across the valley from me. Some adult birds were flying away from the valley in the direction of Fife Lake and others were flying in the opposite direction towards Poplar Creek. Both these bodies of water are approximately 3 or 4 air miles from the heronry. — *Effie Matson*, Rockglen, Sask.

In addition to renewing your own membership this month, please try to interest a friend in joining.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THE YEAR ROUND

by MURIEL DICKSON*

The following is a partial list of 3 magazines on natural history and conservation. Most of them are written for the general public. They are listed in alphabetical order. A Christmas subscription will produce from 4 to 30 gifts through the year.

ALBERTA NATURALIST. *Federation of Alberta Naturalists*, 2630 - 22nd St., Lethbridge, Alta., 4 issues per year, \$2.00. Well documented articles on Alberta's natural history and current efforts in conservation and environmental education. Regular features include reviews of recent publications and discussions about endangered species. Newsletter format.

AMERICAN BIRDS. *National Audubon Society*, 950 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. 6/yr., \$6.25. Devoted to the birds of North America, this scientific journal includes feature articles and photographs. Special annual issue on the Christmas Bird Count. Coverage of bird observations each season includes our Northern Great Plains region and will be useful for birdwatchers in the prairie provinces.

AUDUBON. *National Audubon Society* 1130 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028. 6/yr., \$12.00. A general magazine originally devoted to the preservation of bird life and now putting equal emphasis on wildlife, plant life and natural resources. Articles are written by authorities in nature literature and are very readable. The excellent colour photography and numerous black and white prints add to the impact of the articles.

BLUE JAY. *Saskatchewan Natural History Society*, Box 1321, Regina, Sask. S4P 3B8. 4/yr., \$3.00. A journal of natural history and conservation for Saskatchewan and adjacent regions. Well illustrated in black and white, this magazine is largely written by people who live or have worked in the Prairie Provinces and the Territories.

THE CALGARY FIELD NATURALIST. *The Calgary Field Naturalists' Society*, P.O. Box 981, Calgary, Alta. T2P 2K4. 11/yr., \$5.00. This magazine is an informative

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combination of news items, reports and specific articles on different aspects of natural history in the area. Primarily of interest to local people but the articles and book reviews will make it useful for all prairie naturalists.

CANADIAN FIELD-NATURALIST. *The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, Box 3264, Postal Station C, Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 4J5. 4/yr., \$7.00.* Canada's leading scientific journal on natural history and the environment. Articles are prepared by experts and include graphs, charts and photographs. The last yearly issue includes an index to the current volume.

DINNY'S DIGEST. *Calgary Zoological Society, St. George's Island, Calgary 21, Alta. 4/yr., 75c/issue.* A magazine for all animal lovers with excellent black and white prints and drawings. Articles describe new additions to the Calgary Zoo, as well as detailed information on various species of birds and animals.

DISCOVERY. *Vancouver Natural History Society, P.O. Box 3021, Vancouver 3, B.C. 4/yr., \$5.00.* With emphasis on British Columbia, *Discovery* includes articles on many aspects of natural history, nature education and ecology. The articles are clear and informative and include some black and white prints and diagrams.

ENVIRONMENT. *Committee for Environmental Information, 438 N. Skinker Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63130. 12/yr., \$12.00.* *Environment* is concerned with all aspects of environmental problems, and the articles are written by authorities in the field. Illustrations are black and white. Each issue includes current news items of interest mainly in the United States.

ENVIRONMENT NEWS. *Dept. of the Environment, 705 Milner Bldg., 10040 - 104th St., Edmonton, Alta. T5J 0Z2. 12/yr., free.* An Alberta government publication which reports on current projects and legislation designed to inhibit pollution and control land use for the protection of the environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. *Pollution Probe, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1A1. 5/yr., \$2.50.* A new magazine, primarily aimed at aiding teachers to develop programmes in environmental studies. Articles range from the philosophy of environmental education to specific activities and studies.

INSECT WORLD DIGEST. *World Digests, Inc., R.R. 1, Box 161, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. 6/yr., \$11.00.* A new periodical on entomology which has an attractive format including numerous illustrations and color photographs. Articles deal with specific in-

sects and the environment as it affects them.

INSIGHT. *Box 2194, Vancouver 3, B.C. 6/yr., \$4.00.* Formerly *Canadian Conservationist*, this magazine places emphasis on environmental subjects, as well as current social and political affairs relating to conservation problems. The first issue illustrates *Insight's* broad scope with excellent articles on the energy conflict, migration, poverty in Canada, the environmental devastation of Indochina, etc.

THE LIVING WILDERNESS. *The Wilderness Society, 729 - 15th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. 4/yr., \$8.50.* Next to *National Wildlife*, probably the best general American conservation magazine for teenagers and adults. Its concerns include encouraging preservation of wilderness areas and wildlife refuges. Clear maps and photographs appear in abundance.

MANITOBA NATURE. *Natural History Society of Manitoba, Clandeboye, Man. 4/yr., \$2.50.* An impressive publication on the natural history of Manitoba, this magazine will be of interest to both students and adults. The articles are well written and colourfully illustrated, and cover botany, zoology, archaeology and geology.

NATIONAL PARKS AND CONSERVATION. *National Parks Assn., 1701 - 18th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. 12/yr., \$10.00.* The National Parks Association's primary aim is to preserve the national parks of America but this magazine also includes protection of the natural environment in general. Beautifully illustrated. Contains editorial comment on national conservation issues in the United States.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE and INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE. *National Wildlife Federation Inc., 1412 - 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. 6/yr., \$7.50 each.* *National Wildlife* is one of the best known general magazines on the preservation of the environment, emphasizing how mankind and the animal world depend on the earth's resources. *International Wildlife* has the same format but offers worldwide coverage. Both magazines are beautifully illustrated with colour and black and white photographs.

NATURAL HISTORY. *American Museum of Natural History, 79th St. and Central Park W., New York, N.Y. 10024. 12/yr., \$9.00.* This magazine has a popular approach to several fields including conservation, botany, anthropology, geography and all kinds of wildlife. The articles are authoritatively written and the text is complemented by excellent colour and black and white photographs.

NATURE CANADA. *Canadian Nature Federation, 46 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5K6. 4/yr., \$5.00.* One of the best general Canadian natural history magazines, *Nature Canada* features articles on preservation of all types of wildlife, natural resources and Canadian environmental concerns. The photography, both colour and black and white, is outstanding and makes the material suitable for the junior high-adult level. Each issue includes continuing news item coverage on federal, provincial and international environmental concerns, as well as an excellent section of book reviews. In the last four issues there have been seven major articles specifically about the prairies and six others with references to the prairie provinces as well as to other parts of Canada.

OUTDOOR CANADA. *181 Eglinton St. E., Suite 300, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1J9. 6/yr., \$2.75.* A nature magazine with well-written articles on people, places, sports and hobbies. There are a few articles on the "joys of hunting" but the overall high-calibre of the articles and photography, both colour and black and white, makes *Outdoor Canada* worth a subscription.

PARK NEWS. *National and Provincial Parks Assn. of Canada, 43 Victoria St., Toronto, Ont. M5C 2A2. 4/yr., \$10.00.* This magazine contains articles, news and reports on Canadian parks. The emphasis is on preservation of natural and historic sites and research into various areas. Excellent black and white prints and detailed maps accompany the articles.

PARKS AND RECREATION. *National Recreation and Park Assn., 1601 North Kent St., Arlington, Virginia 22209. 12/yr., \$10.00.* Concerned with providing information on all phases of the park, recreation and conservation movements. Good colour photography and illustration.

THE PRAIRIE NATURALIST. *North Dakota Natural Science Society, P.O. Box 1672, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401. 4/yr., \$3.00.* The articles in this publication range from environmental concerns to specific, detailed articles on plants and animals. The emphasis is on the North Dakota area but due to the similarity in regions many of the items will be of interest to Canadian prairie naturalists.

PROBE. *P.O. Box 1372, Saskatoon, Sask. 12/yr., \$3.00.* The joint newsmagazine of Regina Pollution Probe and the Saskatoon Environmental Society, *Probe's* primary aim is to provide a forum for communication among "environmentally-aware people" in

Saskatchewan. Environmental protection and problems are discussed including legislation, the energy crisis and pollution. Reports on specific studies, such as the Churchill River Study, are informative additions.

RANGER RICK'S NATURE MAGAZINE, *National Wildlife Federation 1412 - 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. 10/yr., \$7.00.* The children's version of *National Wildlife*, designed to give a programme of activities, adventures, and knowledge which will help them appreciate and enjoy nature. Excellent colour photography. A good choice for elementary school children.

SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGY *Saskatchewan Archaeological Society Museum of Natural History, Regina, Sask. Occasional, \$3.00.* A newsletter promoting the preservation of the archaeological sites and artifacts of Saskatchewan. Detailed descriptions and photographs of archaeological discoveries as well as book reviews are included.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST. *Federation of Ontario Naturalists, 1262 Don Mills Rd. Don Mills, Ont. M3B 2W7. 10/yr., \$3.00.* A publication primarily geared to elementary school children and teachers. The articles cover birds, plants, insects and other animals. They include colour photographs as well as drawings. Nature projects and ideas for teachers are useful additions.

The following periodicals often contain articles on natural history although it is not their main priority.

THE BEAVER. *Hudson's Bay House, 7 Main St., Winnipeg, Man. R3C 2R1. 4/yr., \$3.00.* A consistently excellent periodical including articles on areas of past and present affiliation with the Hudson's Bay Company. The information may be historical or contemporary and is lavishly illustrated with colourful photographs and paintings.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. *National Geographic Society, 17th and M Sts., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036. 12/yr., \$8.65.* An excellent magazine, suitable for all ages from junior high on. The articles are colourful, clearly written, and cover topics like geography, people and customs, animals and plant life, and scientific discoveries. The National Geographic Society also publishes the **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SCHOOL BULLETIN**, a weekly pocket-sized version of the parent magazine designed for children, age 8 through 14. *30/yr., \$3.50.*