

Saskatchewan, including three Whooping Cranes 2 miles west of Marcelin, April 20 and 21, 1968.

†Indicate the ten species new to the Prince Albert area since publication of Houston and Street's *Birds of the Saskatchewan River* in 1969. This brings the area total to 240 species.

SASKATOON BLUEBIRD TRAIL — 1969 - 1973

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The following table summarizes data on species and numbers of occupants, broods and banded birds for the Saskatoon Bluebird House Trail for the last five years.

	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total houses	207	(368)	(412)	(410)	(430) ¹
No. in study area	(115)	182	208	216	224
Tree Swallows	128	130	172	161	147
Mountain Bluebirds	3	8	12	25	35
House Wrens	2	0	0	2	2
House Sparrows	1	11	17	48	52 ¹
Total occupied	134	145	191	213	214
Intact, empty	11	15	12	2	6
Damaged, empty	62	22	5	1	4
Used by two species	0	4	10	21	24 ²
Occupancy rate	65%	80%	91%	99%	95%
Tree Swallow					
Young banded	176	266	558	596	334
Brood size	4.5	5.83	5.64	6.08	5.39
Mountain Bluebird					
Young banded	9	18	45	135	126
Brood size	4.50	6.00	5.00	5.87	4.50
Houses - 0 brood fledged	— ³	— ³	7	2	13
Houses - 1 brood fledged	—	—	3	16	19
Houses - 2 broods fledged	—	—	3	7	3

¹After the removal of 30 houses used by House Sparrows previously.

²Including one Tree Swallow — White-footed mouse nest.

³Late visits for second nests not made.

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The Canada Jay's "nickname", whisky-jack, and sometimes whisky-joh comes from the Cree word for him, *weskuchanis*, meaning little blacksmith (from the bird's sooty color).