

SQUAW RAPIDS-CARROT RIVER. Jan. 1; 8 hours; temp. -21°C , calm, overcast to 4 PM; 18 species, 1,749 individuals. — John Comer, Terry Klassen, Roland Lockhart, Gladys and Stan Riome (compiler).

TUBEROSE. Dec. 26; 40 miles by car in 2 hours; temp -6° to -4°C , calm, sunny; 5 species, 115 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 1, Dec. 20). — Cliff Matthews.

WASECA. Dec. 26; 2-1/2 miles on foot around farmstead and marsh area; temp. -4°C , sunny, light SE wind; 20 cm snow; 10 species, 156 individuals. (Add: Common Redpoll, 50, Dec. 22 and 24; Snow Bunting, 100, Dec. 22 and 24). — Darcy, Colleen, Maureen, Michelle, Russell and Stuart Bexson, Christine Pike (compiler).

WHITE BEAR. Dec. 28; 2 miles by car and 4-1/2 miles on foot; temp. -1°C , cloudy, light west wind; 5 to 15 cm crisp snow; 9 species, 363 individuals. (Add: Golden Eagle, 2, Dec. 29). — Oran Cates, Anne, Chris, Eric and Mark Christenson, Leroy Clark, Gary, Gerald, Laine and Sig Jordheim (compiler), David Lowe, Kenny Markella, Dan Schuler, Doug Stepples.

WYNYARD. Jan. 3; 5 hours and 10 miles by car; temp. -29°C , sunny, calm; 8 species, 682 individuals. — John and Sherry Gulley.

YORKTON. Dec. 28; temp. -2°C , wind 10 mph, clear; 9 species, 405 individuals. — Margaret Bromley (compiler), P. Pawluck, T. Pawluck.



WANTED: NORTHERN MANITOBA NESTLINES

An interesting report comes from Klon Peterson, a young fellow who lives with his family at Prospector Ranger Tower, 11 miles north of The Pas, Manitoba. Klon set out some bluebird nest boxes in 1975 and, although he had no bluebird nestings, the birds were seen in that area, which seems to be quite far north. Four Tree Swallows nested in the boxes, hatching 16 young. Wrens also used one box. We hope Klon will find time to build more nest boxes this winter and report to us again next year.

If anyone living in that area or south of The Pas is interested in establishing a nestline, it would be a worthwhile project because we would like to find out how far north our bluebirds do go. One next box at Wabowden, some 160 miles northeast of The Pas, was set out but owing to flooding it was not checked. Do we have any interested readers in that area? — *Jim Spear*, Russell, Manitoba.



FORT SMITH, N.W.T., CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

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DATE: Dec. 28, 1975.

WEATHER: Cloudy with sunny intervals; temperature about 0°C ; calm; snow depth about 40 cm; daylight 9 AM to 4 PM.

ROUTES COVERED: Fort Smith to Fox Holes road intersection; Fort Smith along Pine Lake road to Salt River; Fort Smith along Hay Camp road to Wood Buffalo National Park border. 100 miles by car in 3 hours.

BIRDS SEEN: Spruce Grouse, 13; Ruffed Grouse, 1; Rock Dove, 9; Hawk Owl, 1; Great Gray Owl, 1; Gray Jay, 31; Common Raven, 178; Boreal Chickadee, 1; House Sparrow, 10; Snow Bunting, 7. 10 species, 252 birds. Add: Willow Ptarmigan, 1, Dec. 27; Pileated Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 21; Downy Woodpecker, 1, Dec. 27; Black-capped Chickadee, 2, Dec. 27.

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