

LETTERS

PRAIRIE NEST RECORD REPORT

The Prairie Nest Record Scheme 1978 season report is now available. For this season, an increase in contributors is needed to fill out information cards on nesting birds thereby giving broader coverage in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. For information and blank nest record cards write — H. W. R. Copland, Prairie Nest Records Scheme, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 0N2.

SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER AT TUGASKE, SASKATCHEWAN

On 6 June, 1978, Frank Perlett of Tugaske had an excellent view of a strange bird in his field 4 miles north and 1 mile east of Tugaske. The bird had pinkish underparts and a divided, ridiculously long tail about 12 inches long.

Fran came to see me that weekend and described the bird to me. I opened my field guide at the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and he said that was exactly the bird he saw. Dr. C. S. Houston tells me that this is the third sight record for Saskatchewan, with previous reports from Miestone in 1970 and Lumsden in 1975.^{1 2} — *Hugh Hedger*, Box 41, Tugaske, Saskatchewan, S0N 4B0.

¹BRADLEY, J. E. 1971. A sight record of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher for Southern Saskatchewan. *Blue Jay* 29:34.

²MACAULAY, A. J. 1976. Sight record of the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher for Saskatchewan. *Blue Jay* 34:95.



Shaggy Mane mushrooms J. B. Gollo

MUSHROOM CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTED

I would be interested in corresponding with anyone who collects studies or photographs mushrooms and related fungi in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. I have been studying and eating wild mushrooms, mostly in Saskatchewan, for three or four years.

I would like to hear from people with similar interests to compile information on distribution of various species, and also to make contact for field investigations in various parts of the province. If interested seems to warrant, I would be interested in starting an occasional newsletter to be distributed among amateur mycologists. — *Robert Kreba*, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Wascana Park, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3V7.