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BIRDING AT DORE LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

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This note is to report some interesting birds found at Dore Lake, Saskatchewan between 29 May and 22 August 1986.

The weather during the period was variable from sunny and calm to overcast and blustery. The main lake was ice-free on 28 May with the bays ice-free some time prior to that date.

Osprey were seen at various times during the summer, usually flying just offshore. An Osprey came to fish near our boat while we were analysing the day's catch on 7 July.

Sandhill Cranes were heard overhead 17 June.



Semipalmated Plover, McConnell River

G.W. Beyersbergen



Ruddy Turnstone

Fred Lahrman

A Semipalmated Plover was observed on the graveled road leading to the Dore Lake Resources Office on 3 June. A single bird was seen feeding along the water's edge at Tower Beach 22 August.

An Upland Sandpiper, a very nervous bird, was seen briefly at the Dore Lake Resources Office also 22 August.

Four Ruddy Turnstone were found on a rocky island in Bazil Bay 4 June.

Pectoral Sandpipers fed in a flooded grassy area near the Dore Lake Resources Office on 11 August.

A Pomarine Jaeger followed the Michel Point Lodge owner across Dore Lake as he returned from a fishing trip 23 July.

One Long-tailed Jaeger was seen briefly flying over open water 31 July.

Sabine's Gulls were seen on five occasions in groups of 2, 5, 10 and singly in open water on the main lake between 29 May and 3 June.

A single singing male Lazuli Bunting was observed by a Michel Point cottage owner who later identified the bird from a Peterson field guide.

A male Le Conte's Sparrow was heard singing and later observed in a small marsh area near the airport 2 June.

Four long-billed shorebirds were seen overhead on 30 May south of Saskatoon Island. Although they were at close range, a positive identification was not made. They appeared to be Long-billed Curlews, which I have observed in southern Saskatchewan. If they were indeed Curlews, Dore Lake is north of their normal range. Godfrey, in the revised edition of *Birds of Canada*, mentions an occurrence in the Northwest Territories.