

# THE CALLIN SERIES

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The SNHS will soon launch a new series of special publications, to be called the Callin Series, in honour of Manley Callin, long-time Society member whose bequest stimulated and made it possible.<sup>1</sup> Designed to fill in gaps in our knowledge of bird abundance and distribution, it will culminate in *The Birds of Saskatchewan*, which will provide a definitive picture of bird distribution across the province.

Manley was well known for his articles on birds and especially for his *Birds of the Qu'Appelle, 1857-1979*, certainly one of the best regional annotated bird checklists published.<sup>2</sup> His will left the residue of his estate to the SNHS to be used for "a new checklist of Saskatchewan birds and works related thereto." In his usual modest way, Manley had never discussed the intended bequest with the Society executive and the final sum, exceeding \$100,000, was an unexpected and very substantial boost to the Society's programs.

The Society has placed the entire sum in the Manley Callin Bequest Fund. All monies are invested and the estimated annual revenue of \$12,500 will be used to support gradual publication of The Callin Series. If work comes in on budget and on

schedule, in 1995 when *The Birds of Saskatchewan* is completed the SNHS should still have continuing income from the fund to support further publications or other Society initiatives.

As has been true of all SNHS special publications, The Callin Series will be written by SNHS members who receive no remuneration for their efforts. Mary Gilliland, the Society's Director of Special Publications, will oversee and edit the entire series.

The authors of these regional lists welcome additional information from other birders' files and notebooks. C. Stuart Houston, senior author and coordinator of *The birds of Saskatchewan*, will also be happy to receive information on bird populations from parts of the province where few data have been collected. Beginning in 1988 through its Project Birdwatch, the Society has offered to reimburse some expenses of members who wish to birdwatch in these lesser-travelled areas and submit their findings to SNHS.

Manley Callin's passion was birds. He approached birding in a careful, organised way, keeping the meticulous lists which

The new series will consist of eight titles. They and their authors are as follows:

1989	Birds of Last Mountain Lake.	B.C. DALE
1989	Saskatchewan Birds: a geographical perspective.	A.R. SMITH
1990	Birds of Eastern Saskatchewan: Hudson Bay to Greenwater Provincial Park.	D.F. HOOPER
1991	Birds of Saskatoon.	J.B. GOLLOP
1991	Birds of Yorkton	C.S. HOUSTON
1994	Birds of Cypress Hills	M.A. GOLLOP
1994	Birds of Moose Jaw	LEITH KNIGHT
1995	Birds of Saskatchewan	C.S. HOUSTON, <i>et al.</i>

eventually allowed him to produce *Birds of the Qu'Appelle*. Manley clearly wished his life's work documenting bird abundance and distribution to be carried on. His generous contribution to the Society ensures that that work will continue, in a fashion of which Manley would surely approve.

<sup>1</sup> BRAZIER, FRANK 1986. In memoriam — Eric Manley Callin (1911-1985). *Blue Jay* 42:66-69.

<sup>2</sup> CALLIN, E. MANLEY 1980. Birds of the Qu'Appelle, 1857-1979. Sask. Nat. History Soc. Special Publ. 13.



*Sharp-tailed Grouse, Saskatchewan's provincial bird.*

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