
POETRY

PELICAN BALLET

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A hundred black wing tips
Float in the sky
Turning and climbing
My eyes look and sigh

They turn in circles
First black and then white
A precision dance
'Till they're out of sight

They have no limits
The heavens are theirs
Rising thermal winds
Are their only cares

As higher they go
With each puff of air
My life as a man
Seems truly unfair

I can't leave the earth
At a moment's whim
Or soar to the bounds
Of God's outer rim

If only my life
Could change for a day
I'd dance the dance
Of Pelican Ballet



“Finding a wet/dry meadow with large patches of dogbane and milkweeds adjacent to a rich woodland lets you preview your place in heaven.”

ERRATA

All four photographs in Bernie Gollop's article on international butterfly counts (*Blue Jay* 57:101-109, June 1999) should have been credited to Anna Leighton, not to Gollop.

In Diana Bizecki Robson's article, "New bird records for the McLennan Lake area, Saskatchewan," (*Blue Jay* 57:114, June 1999, paragraph 2, line 12), change "White-throated Vireo" to "White-throated Sparrow."



Snakes (from *Blue Jay* Volume 7, No. 3, September 1949)

One of the largest Bull Snakes to be caught in Saskatchewan was brought to the Provincial Museum this spring by G.A. Carnie of Regina. ... Caught ... at Estevan. It is 72 inches long and weighed 3 pounds, 7 ounces.

On July 14 last [1948], Albert Swanston, of the museum staff, caught a snake about twelve miles west of Gibbs. ... a Garter Snake, 37 and a half inches in length ... when it was being prepared for mounting, 44 young were removed from its body.