

Saskatchewan.³

I planned to walk east towards the mouth of the William River at Limestone Bay, searching for toads, and set out before dusk, crossing the string bog on game trails north of the powerline. I went along the line across an area of sparse Jack Pine and into a broad sedge bog that extended about a kilometre to another upland area. Beyond this, spruce, muskeg and forest extends 15 km to the William River near Limestone Bay. The sedge bog was of solid peat 1-2 m deep over bedrock. There was no open water, and the uniform vegetation of short sedges and cottongrass reminded me of the shores of James Bay.³ I disturbed about three pairs of cranes on my way east, and on the way back I saw a calling Yellow Rail. The latter species has been found in similar sites.³ I heard several other Yellow Rails and Savannah Sparrows singing in the early dawn.

Unfortunately, this night was cold and we neither saw nor heard any amphibians and our time was limited, so

we could not remain any longer. The presence of Pitcher Plants², sundew⁴, Sandhill Cranes⁵, and Yellow Rails³ testifies to the botanical and ornithological interest of these bogs, and their herpetology, particularly any evidence of hybridization between Canadian Toads and American Toads, such as we found at Limestone Bay remains unknown.¹

¹COOK, F. R. *in press*; An analysis of toads of the *Bufo americanus* group in a contact zone in northern North America. NMNS Publications in Zoology.

²HARMS, V. L. 1978. The native carnivorous plants of Saskatchewan. Blue Jay 36:71-81.

³SCHUELER, F. W., D. H. BALDWIN and J. D. RISING 1974. The status of birds from selected sites in northern Ontario. Canadian Field-Naturalist 88:141-150.

⁴SCOGGAN, H. J. 1978. The flora of Canada, NMNS, Ottawa.

⁵STEPHEN, W. J. D. 1980. Where do Sandhill Cranes raise their young? Blue Jay 38:115-116.

A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON PRIVATE HERBARIA IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Fort Qu'Appelle Herbarium is at present preparing a list of Saskatchewan Herbaria and wishes to know of the existence of private herbaria or plant collections, large or small. Additional information such as year founded, number of specimens, special interests, exchange of specimens, etc. will be greatly appreciated. — Bernard de Vries, Botanist, Fort Qu'Appelle Herbarium, Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. SOG 150.



Fungus on stump

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