
MEMBERS VIEWPOINTS

A SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In the last issue of the *Blue Jay* there was an insert advertising a part-time office manager position, which I think is great if the SNHS can afford it without jeopardizing its conservation activities. The point to which I took objection is that the position was advertised as being in either Saskatoon or Regina. I thought we had a Saskatchewan Natural History Society, not a Saskatoon-Regina Natural History Society. I did some quick checking (nothing statistically valid or random) with some of the current executive and found that some of the reasons for this restriction on location were of questionable significance (cheaper for the society, closer to political scene, etc.) to the society, others were down-right self-centered. But, the question is, do we still have a *Saskatchewan* NHS which truly reflects the opinions and thoughts of Saskatchewan Naturalists. I checked the inside back covers of the *Blue Jay* and found that I had to go all the way back to 1964 to find a truly rural president (i.e. one that did not work or live in an urban centre), Steve Mann. Since that time the *officers* of this society have read like a Regina-Saskatoon directory. Sure there have been some intrusions but not a large number. Don't get me wrong — I am not inferring there was anything wrong with the individuals involved. In fact I have been impressed with the quality of leadership we have had over the past 20 years, but the point is that this society still has a major portion of its membership based in rural Saskatchewan. I do not think it is right or proper that when hiring an office manager, which was apparently only being advertised to

SNHS members and their friends (through *Blue Jay*), that only Regina or Saskatoon be considered just because it is the current executive's own back yard. Let's have a Saskatchewan natural history society. I am sure that there are equally qualified and willing people living outside of Saskatoon or Regina who are capable of running our society both as elected officers and in hired positions. — *Wayne C. Harris*, Box 414, Raymore, Saskatchewan. S0A 3J0

EDITOR'S NOTE: Members' commentary on controversial issues of any kind are welcome. Don't save it all for the annual meeting, start the action any time!

37th ANNUAL MEETING

Saskatchewan Natural History Society

October 18-19-20, 1985

**Landmark Inn, 4150 Albert Street S.
Regina, Saskatchewan**

October 18:

- 7:00 pm Registration
- 8:00 pm Conservation highlights
- 9:00 pm Members slides

October 19:

- 7:15 am Bird Hike
- 9:00 am Business meeting
- 7:00 pm Banquet
Speaker Brian Schantz of
Ellis Bird Farm, Alberta

October 20:

- 9:30 am Last Mountain Lake
tour for birds