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The summer of 1942 will probably be remembered as the "wet summer" unless this past season proves to be the first of a cycle of wet years. As far as bird life was concerned the most obvious result of the great increase in surface water was the large number of ducks which grew to maturity, but smaller moisture-loving birds also responded to the change over from drought conditions. In Yorkton we noticed an abundance of Maryland Yellow-throats present throughout the nesting season and Bobolinks were seen immediately east of town and on the north side of No. 11 S.F.T.S. . Until this year the only records we had of the latter were from the hay-meadows of Saltcoats and Crescent Lake.

An exceptionally heavy migration of small birds passed through this Fall. Owing however to high water all round the district and the consequent absence of mud flats we have seen very few wading birds. No outstanding records of rare birds have been noted so far this year.

This fall we have made a serious effort to collect "last seen dates" for the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States. Recording last seen dates is not an easy matter and really requires a lot more time than most of us have at our disposal just now but it is a most fascinating side of "birding."

Our Society is proud to include as honorary members, Sgt. D. Foreman, Canadian Ordnance Corps; Gnr. D.R. Robinson, 64th Fld Bty., 21st Fld Reg., R.C.A.; and Jack Culver now with the United States Air Force. We send them all greeting, especially to "Doug" Foreman who has been in England for nearly two years, and assure them we will try and look after their "former happy hunting grounds."

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