

Audubon Junior Clubs. We should again like to draw the attention of teachers and anyone connected with young people's groups to the advantages of organizing an Audubon Junior Club. Audubon Junior Clubs are sponsored by the Audubon Society of the United States, to promote an interest in birds and wildlife generally. To form a club it is necessary to have an adult advisor and at least ten members. Dues are ten cents for the school year and in return each member receives a badge, six four-page bird leaflets and six colored bird plates, as well as the club paper "News On The Wing". The adult advisor also receives a special leaflet "Things To Do". In Canada registration may be made through the magazine "Canadian Nature", 177 Jarvis St., Toronto. There are now Junior Audubon Clubs in every province of Canada and many clubs exchange nature notes and ideas for club meetings, activities and so on.

Books. We have been asked several times to recommend a bird book for children.

The best one that we know for quite small people is "The Burgess Bird Book for Children." Older children, from ten years up, will appreciate "Birds of Canada" by Taverner. This is the one essential book for every bird lover. Birds of Canada was first issued as a bulletin of the National Museum, Ottawa, but is now published by Musson and Co. and costs \$3.50. As the ideal Christmas gift for anyone interested in the out-of-doors, we suggest the new book on "Ducks, Geese and Swans of North America" by Kortwright.

"Birds of Nipawin". Maurice G. Street's List of the Birds of Nipawin, to which we referred in our July issue of the "Blue Jay" is now available and has already had splendid "write ups" in the bird columns of the Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Tribune. In the Free Press' "Chickadee Notes", A.G. Lawrence wrote "In all, Mr. Street has listed 196 species, of which 115 are known to breed. This is an excellent record and Mr. Street is to be congratulated upon his splendid series of observations.....and we are glad that the Yorkton Natural History Society has been able to present these in a form which can be widely distributed to assist other bird lovers and to bring Mr. Street to the fore as a competent amateur ornithologist. We recommend the list to all Saskatchewan and western Manitoba bird enthusiasts, it is a model local record." And in the Tribune's "Wild Wings", B.W. Cartwright said "Mr. Street has been keeping records of the bird life of his district since 1922. Without contact with other ornithologists, except by correspondence his list is a notable achievement, and will be recognised by other ornithologists as an accurate piece of scientific observation." Copies of this ten-page list may be obtained for ten cents from our secretary, C. Stuart Houston, Box 642, Yorkton, who undertook the big job of the mimeographing. In our next "Blue Jay" we will comment on certain of Mr. Street's records of more uncommon birds.

Christmas Bird Census. It may seem rather early to talk about a Christmas Bird Census but we want to remind readers of the most successful count which was made last year and we are hoping that still more members will get out and make a count for their particular locality this year. The census should be taken on any one day between Christmas and New Year; often the intervening Sunday is chosen. If possible, observers should be in the field for six hours, but weather conditions may make this impossible. All birds seen should be counted, for example, "one Blue Jay, 250 Snow Buntings", but, if the same territory is traversed on a return trip, the birds should only be counted on either the outward or homeward journey. Please send, as well, notes on the weather, temperature, wind and any other special points of interest. Will all members let us have their counts as soon as possible after they are made so that they may appear in the January "Blue Jay". It will be most interesting to compare this season's census with that of last year.