



Blue Jay Chatter

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Our members will be pleased to see that this issue is in the same form as the last one. This change-over, which we hope now will be permanent, has been made possible because of increased membership and the earnestly expressed desire of many of our readers for the change.

The Director of the Provincial Museum of Natural History, Mr. Fred Bard, was the direct cause for the final decision of the Executive. On his recommendation his Department has subscribed to 200 copies of each issue. These will be distributed to field officers of the Department of Natural Resources and others, with whom the Museum is in contact and who are interested in natural history and the conservation of wildlife.

We wish at this time to express our thanks for the many letters of appreciation and encouragement which have been received during the past three months. The Society is particularly indebted to Miss Rose Ducie, Women's Editor of the "Western Producer", whose write-up on the last issue of the BLUE JAY and the work of the Society in general has resulted in a considerable increase in our membership. Copies of our magazine distributed by the Adult Education Branch of the Department of Education have also been instrumental in bringing us new members.

We welcome the 61 men and women who have joined the Society this spring. It is to be hoped that they will continue with us from year to year, take an active interest in our conservation endeavours, and brighten our columns with their own nature experiences and observations from time to time.

The BLUE JAY acknowledges with thanks the special cash donations sent to the Society, in appreciation of our last issue, by Messrs, Fred Langstaff of Yorkton, E. M. Callin of Fort San, E. Symons of Rocanville and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Partridge of Gull Lake.

Once more we are making an appeal to each member to do his utmost in trying to solicit one more member during 1951. We are firmly convinced that the aims and objects of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society are worthy ones and will not rest content until the BLUE JAY, not only stands on a firm financial basis, but is known and read by those in every section of the province who add to the joy of living because of their appreciation of wildlife and their desire "to enter the kingdom of Nature and wander therein."