

HERBARIUM --- Prov. Museum, Regina

Through the Dominion Experimental Station at Swift Current, the Museum has received a Herbarium. These 530 specimens are identified and mounted and come to Museum, through the interest and courtesy of E. W. Tisdale in charge, Grassland Research Lab. and Mr. A. C. Budd, Curator of Herbarium. Our special thanks go out to these men for this splendid contribution. It is our intention to house these specimens suitably to make it possible for students for reference and study.

The Museum is anxious to render further services of this nature. However, until provisions are made whereby reasonable care can be taken of such specimens and space to provide these services, then they must remain packed away and such projects kept in mind.

NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF EMMA LAKE, Saskatchewan.
(Canadian Field-Naturalist, Vol. 61, pp.105-115,
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This is an excellent list, recording the status of 156 species of birds noted by Farley M. Mowat, at Emma Lake, Sask., from June 26 to July 22, 1939, and on other visits to the area in 1936 and 1937. The list as the author says in his introduction, "may be said to comprise the bulk of the resident species which are normally to be expected, but does not include many species which are normally only encountered in migration."

Probably the most interesting record is that of one male Wood Duck in full plumage, accompanied by three females of this species, observed flying up a small stream near Emma Lake on July 6, 1939. A further record was secured by a local hunter who shot a male Wood Duck in the autumn of 1938 and had it identified by the local game guardian! The author states that "The species cannot be considered accidental and is probably a well-distributed, if rare, summer resident through the Lower Canadian Zone".

Mr. Mowat's list comprises a most welcome addition to our knowledge of Saskatchewan avifauna.

The Yorkton Natural History Society has obtained a number of copies of the May-June, 1947, issue of the Canadian Field-Naturalist, containing both lists, by Mr. Breitung and Mr. Mowat, as reviewed on this page.

Copies are available at .50¢ apiece from Miss Pauline Summers, Secretary, Yorkton Natural History Society, 34 Sixth Ave., Yorkton, Sask.