

reported from Emma Lake, Waskesiu, and the Big River area. The plant is a saprophyte, distinguished by its white or pink stem and pipe-like head. It has white scales along the stem in place of leaves. The root is densely matted.

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BULYEA

Calvin Abrahamson, a Grade XII student now attending Normal School at Moose Jaw, has a clump of double crocuses growing in his garden. Some of the interesting blossoms were exhibited on the head table at the annual banquet of the Regina Natural History Society. It is hoped that Calvin will be able to propagate this plant successfully.

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WILDLIFE

PUNNICHY, Mrs. Madeline B. Runyan

Coyotes are reported to be on the increase. Good Friday morning a deer took refuge in the barnyard, while the coyote stood by. It was later driven off with a .22 rifle.

Golden eagle, mature, seen September 1st: Bald Eagle, immature, wintered within a radius of five miles.

A cairn is suggested to mark the site of the first Hudson Bay post in the Touchwood Hills. Until a few years ago the stone chimney stood. This spot is 5 miles from the Runyan farm.

TORCH RIVER, C. Stuart Francis

Red Squirrel--On July 10th a neighbor observed a Red Squirrel carrying a young robin; coming to a bare part of the spruce it dropped the robin which fell 25 ft. to the ground. The squirrel quickly retrieved the bird and proceeded to eat it. It ate the flesh clear down to the breast bone. The scolding of 10 or a dozen old robins didn't have any effect on the squirrel.

Catbirds--Nested in the yard for the first time, they have not nested in the area before. We now have 5 Canada Geese we raised, 2 young this summer.

Timber Wolves--Numerous here, they range from grey to black, 5 have been shot in the neighborhood. Here in township 54 the weather has been very dry, crops fair, alfalfa seed crop very good, garden crop fair to good.

GRENFELL, Mrs. Bilsbury

The heavy run off filled the sloughs, resulting in a better show of ducks and coots. Four pairs of Ruddy ducks became very tame--5 pairs of Eared Grebes nested in sloughs on the farm. 5 Hungarian partridge wintering, 2 survived, now there are 9. Several flocks prairie chicken (Sharp-tails). About 2 females with young seen. We came upon a female prairie chicken sitting on her nest, and it allowed Miss Dearlove to put her hand beneath it and count the eggs. Ruffed grouse are decreasing. With more water we have

an increase in song and wading birds. Swainson hawks are increasing. Gophers are scarce, chipmunks only 2 seen, Frogs increasing, toads very scarce, muskrats increasing.

OKLA, Ross Roach

Reports a weasel working from the barn to the wood pile carrying feathers and nest material to establish a home in the wood pile. Now it is quite tame and comes within 3 feet to observe me.

WOOD RIVER

East and south of Lake Johnston, 13 painted turtles were found in a shallow pool in the wood river on October 29th. Several were taken as nets and others transferred to deeper pools in the river.

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE

While travelling from Raymore to Dafoe on July 15th Mr. Alex Gee of Regina saw a weasel spring about 20 inches to the back of the bird already in flight. The weasel evidently did not secure the desired hold and at roughly 10 ft. in height the weasel fell off.

ALBINO CROW --

In July Mr. Clarence Schaefer of Kitchener, Ontario, shot an Albino crow. The bird is being prepared by Miss E. Barker, Regina, Taxidermist.

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PRAIRIE CHICKEN " DANCING GROUNDS"

We are particularly interested in hearing of remaining grouse dancing grounds. These grounds are effected mainly through agricultural demands. Such sites are unusual and interesting enough to conserve for observation and study purposes. Information required is the land owner's name, location and dancing population.

BOOKS

"Guide to Game Birds", illustrated by Edmund J. Sawyer. This 4" x6" 42-page pocket guide sells for 50¢ and is distributed to Kee-Men, of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

"Saskatchewan Digest", 5½" x 8¼", 40-page booklet and carries information of occurrences in Saskatchewan, its general development and progress. This booklet sells for \$1.00 per year and is available from the Roll Call Publications Limited, Dominion Bank Building, Regina, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN HISTORIC SITES

Through the "Blue Jay" we invite correspondence from members in every part of the province about Saskatchewan Historic Sites. While not a phase of Natural History, this subject is of real interest to everyone who loves the great outdoors. Early historic events are fading memories and