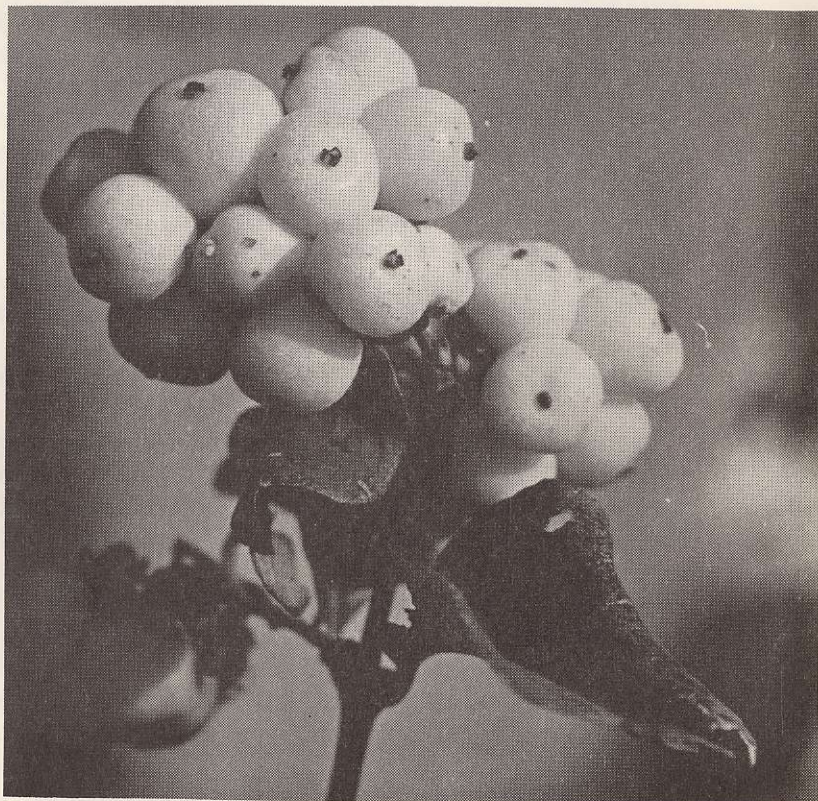


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WAXBERRY or SNOWBERRY  
( *Symphoricarpos albus* )

This little shrub brightens the hedgerows and forest trails during the winter with its clusters of white wax-like berries. The two-seeded berries do not seem to be sought after by many birds, but as it is one of the most widespread shrubs in British Columbia and one that makes a dense thicket once it takes hold, it makes an excellent protective shelter against predators. We find the little winter wren inhabiting this sort of cover, and perhaps there are some insect eggs on the twigs that some of the little songsters find as a food supply. The large white berries which are prominently featured in the cover picture make an excellent "soap", and you will find that if you take a few and crush them in your hands they will remove dirt and even the pitch of the spruce and fir.

What makes the shrub so widespread is that it will grow in bright sunshine and also in semi-shade. The root system puts forth sucker roots which create a spreading network. This in turn makes for a porous soil bed into which the rains can penetrate to supply water for plants growing nearby.

In summer you will find the shrub in every stage from the bloom to the berry. The leaves, green on both sides, are opposite and without indentations. The delicate pinkish flowers in a rather loose spike grow near the end of the twigs.

There is a variety (*S. pauciflorus*) which creeps along the ground, especially along the banks of the Goldstream River. This low shrub is diffusely branched and spreading with leaves that are smaller and pale green beneath. With two or three flowers only, the berries are smaller and less plentiful.

A very fine hedge can be made from this native shrub, and the small dainty twigs make a fine floral display or table decoration.

Freeman King  
photo by J. Rolph

## THE JANUARY BIRD TRIP

The week of January 11 will be remembered for its storms for some time. The snowfall caused great concern for the birds. Mr. Freeman King arranged a piece in the local papers about bird feeding. The Skylark Squad went into action feeding in the Saanich Peninsula, and endeavoring to obtain a better idea of the Skylark population. Results were a little inconclusive but indicate at least four times the Christmas Count; that is over one-hundred-and-forty were seen. The Birding Group on Saturday January 16 were asked to count in the area of their trip.

The spell of severe weather broke on the Friday so we had reasonable weather on the Saturday, not rainy but a cool wind. A party of twenty-three assembled at Bazan Bay(B) proceeded to Tulista Park(T). The Park proved very good, many birds were feeding enthusiastically. By the way, Tulista Park is on the waterfront at Sidney close to the Anacortes Ferry Dock. We went on to Resthaven area (R). Mr. Bell, the Hospital Administrator, had kindly given permission to pass through their grounds, and observed that a flock of Canada Geese had been in the Bay on Thursday; we saw one goose on Saturday. We had lunch at Patricia Bay(P) and a close look was taken at the N.W.area of the Airport.

The following species were seen (fifty-three species)

Common Loon	B	Harlequin	B
Arctic Loon	R	W.W. Scoter	B
Red-throated Loon	R	Surf Scoter	T
Red-necked Grebe	B	Common Scoter	B
Horned Grebe	T	Ruddy Duck (30)	R
Eared Grebe	R	Hooded Merganser	B
Western Grebe (200)	P	R.B. Merganser	B
D.C. Cormorant	B	California Quail	P
Pelagic Cormorant	B	American Coot	R
Canada Goose	R	Killdeer	T
Mallard	P	Black B. Plover	P
Pintail	T	G. Yellowlegs	B
American Widgeon	B	Dunlin	B
Shoveller	P	G.W. Gull	B
G. Scaup	B	Mew Gull	P
Goldeneye	B	Pigeon Guillemot	B
Bufflehead	B	Rock Dove	R
Old Squaw	B	Mourning Dove	B

Belted Kingfisher	R	House Sparrow	T
R.S. Flicker	R	Red-wing Blackbird	T
Skylark (8)	T	Brewers Blackbird	T
Common Raven	P	Purple Finch	R
N.W. Crow	T	Oregon Junco	R
Ches. B. Chickadee	R	Gold Cr. Sparrow	R
Robin	B	Fox Sparrow	P
Varied Thrush	T	Song Sparrow	T
Starling	T		

Rod Muirhead

## THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX ...

For the first time, the statistical information resulting from the Bird Count was summarized by computer at the University of Victoria. Jeremy Tatum, in charge of Ornithology Records, deserves credit for this achievement.

The only letter we received this month was from Ruth Stirling, and we publish it in full for it will give you something to think about. If you have to read it twice through to get the message that is all to the good.

We promised to publish solutions to the conundrum of the farmer and the pigeons, but we are going to ask you to contain your impatience until next month.

We also heard from Enid Lemon on the subject of Parks, and we hope that you have been reading the press releases on the subject, for they are too long and too involved to reprint here. It is our opinion that we are being tranquilized by promises that will only materialize into real worthwhile parks and recreation areas if pressure is kept up by people like you. A West Coast Park is useless if it is only one-half a mile wide with bulldozers and logging trucks within hearing distance. Who are they kidding? A Sooke Park is one great big joke if mining claims are going to be developed in the middle. Who is being fooled this time? If you were to take the trouble to write to one of the gentlemen below, you may only get back a polite letter saying thank you for writing, but you will let the recipient know that the voter cares.

Hon. K. Kiernan, Minister of Recreation and Conservation  
(also our Honorary President)

Hon. R. Williston, Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources

Mr. David Anderson, M.P. for Saanich, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa

Editor

## CONSERVATION AND COLLECTING

In recent weeks questions have been asked concerning the collecting of birds for scientific purposes. It is hard to understand why people should become emotional about killing wild birds; some people have even gone so far as to use such highly unscientific words as "shooting" birds; the correct term, of course, is "collecting".

This article is intended to put at rest the emotions of those who dislike killing things. It must be realized that collectors are conservationists at heart, who love wild things in much the same way as hunters admire their noble quarry. No one would shoot a bird unnecessarily unless he held a permit that allowed him to do so.

In order to gain an accurate knowledge of bird distribution it is essential that some birds be shot. For example it has been reported that the Rock Wren breeds on Vancouver Island, but the evidence for this was purely hypothetical, consisting merely of reports of many people who had watched and photographed a pair feeding young on the nest. But these birds have now flown away, and so if it had not been for a collector who shot a Rock Wren, we would have no rigorous proof that could be returned to again and again to show that there are indeed Rock Wrens on the Island. Mr. Kiernan explained the situation clearly when he stated: "If we want to protect a given bird or animal it is desirable people know what they are protecting looks like. Unless they see it, it's a little difficult to protect." So people who want to know what the Rock Wren looked like can now travel to Ottawa to see the specimen, thus helping to protect it.

Or again, how would we ever know that the Yellow-billed Cuckoo breeds on Vancouver Island if one had not been collected in 1926? It is true that no one has seen the species since, and that a nest has never been found on the Island, but it is the existence of a specimen that supplies indubitable proof that the species breeds here. Thus we have established that collection is necessary to obtain an accurate picture of avian distribution.

Finally, we must dispose of the idea that collecting can ever harm a population. While some people have been worried about attempts to collect Canyon Wrens, it must be remembered that several pairs of these birds were known to breed in Canada, so shooting a few could not do much harm. But for those who are still doubtful, our attention has been drawn to an important paper by Snyder who refers to

an even more important paper by Lincoln on *Causes of Bird Mortality*. This paper, published in an advanced research journal, *The Auk*, was prepared in 1928 and it demonstrates that only 0.000015 of 1% of deaths of our "feathered denizens of the wild"\* are caused by scientific collecting, and even non-scientific shooting contributes a negligible total if one excludes Robins, which, the author points out, are legitimate targets.

(\* percentage of banded birds - ed.)

Ruth Stirling  
3500 Salisbury Way

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## JUNIOR JOTTINGS

During the past two months the Junior Branch has enjoyed several fine hikes.

December started off with the intermediates seeing the matinee showing of the Audubon Wildlife film "Acadian Reflections". The change from the usual Saturday hikes was greatly enjoyed. Several of the older seniors ushered at the films.

On the following week the junior section spent a rainy afternoon at Francis Park. We took shelter in the lab identifying plants and doing quizzes through the day.

The seniors spent the last Saturday before Christmas at Mount Douglas Park. During the day we trudged along the battered and changing beach: a result of recent storms.

Over the holiday season the weekly hikes were stopped, however, the Nature House at Francis Park stayed open, and received a surprising number of visitors, including some on Christmas Day.

The juniors started things off in the New Year with a trip to Francis Park. A weiner feed and a slide show highlighted the afternoon.

Ross McMillan

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## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES:	A	B	C	D	E
Common Loon	0	1	8	2	2
Arctic Loon	7	7	0	2	2
Red-throated Loon	0	0	1	0	3
Red-necked Grebe	13	2	0	0	18
Horned Grebe	8	10	11	16	31
Eared Grebe	1	0	2	0	9
Western Grebe	2	3	60	12	23
Pied-billed Grebe	0	11	0	6	2
Double-crested Cormorant	2	21	7	21	30
Brandt's Cormorant	0	0	0	0	0
Pelagic Cormorant	1	0	29	5	46
Great Blue Heron	4	4	8	8	4
Mute Swan	0	0	0	18	0
Canada Goose	0	0	4	63	0
Black Brant	0	0	0	0	0
White-fronted Goose	0	0	0	0	0
Snow Goose	0	0	3	0	0
Mallard	238	65	171	178	757
Gadwall	0	0	0	0	0
Pintail	0	35	15	0	1
Green-winged Teal	0	50	22	3	0
European Widgeon	0	0	0	0	1
American Widgeon	21	1,200	64	40	567
Shoveller	0	45	0	27	1
Wood Duck	0	0	0	0	1
Ring-necked Duck	43	19	2	4	0
Canvasback	7	0	24	25	8
Scaup	0	2	153	220	334
Common Goldeneye	7	26	17	10	20
Barrow's Goldeneye	0	0	0	0	1
Bufflehead	12	12	244	90	103
Oldsquaw	0	0	16	2	5
Harlequin Duck	0	0	6	0	14
White-winged Scoter	0	1	100	41	6
Surf Scoter	8	0	53	0	22
Ruddy Duck	0	20	0	0	0
Hooded Merganser	0	22	34	26	6
Common Merganser	104	26	0	0	0
Red-breasted Merganser	24	1	10	20	58
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	1	1	0	0

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F	G	H	I	J	K	TOTAL
3	15	0	17	0	3	51
4	0	0	6	0	0	28
4	3	0	0	0	1	12
7	7	0	11	0	3	61
86	83	1	236	0	3	485
4	13	0	0	0	1	30L
59	182	0	8	0	2	351L
1	0	0	1	0	0	21
1	1	9	23	0	4	119
7	1	0	0	0	1	9L
23	105	0	16	0	1	226
0	1	3	6	0	2	40
0	0	0	51	0	0	69H
2	0	0	44	0	0	113
0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	3
66	507	70	478	488	2,577	5,595H
0	0	0	2	0	0	2
0	2	52	2	293	64	464
8	0	89	2	276	90	540
1	1	1	0	1	3	8H
284	249	103	422	577	4,415	7,942
17	8	66	8	21	5	198
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	15	0	16	99
0	0	2	0	0	0	66
837	38	0	101	0	26	1,711
56	33	0	27	0	3	199
0	0	0	3	0	1	5
340	128	0	245	0	118	1,292
9	6	0	23	0	8	69
73	57	0	0	0	0	150
22	42	0	85	0	8	305
78	47	0	318	0	48	574
3	0	0	0	0	0	23L
1	20	2	361	0	0	472H
0	0	0	409	0	0	539
33	19	4	17	0	4	190
0	1	1	1	0	1	6

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - continued

SPECIES:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	TOTAL
Cooper's Hawk	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
Red-tailed Hawk	1	4	0	10	0	0	0	1	2	1	5	24H
Rough-legged Hawk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1F
Bald Eagle	3	5	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	17H=
Peregrine Falcon	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Pigeon Hawk	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sparrow Hawk	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	7
Blue Grouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2H=
Ruffed Grouse	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
California Quail	13	0	2	54	1	28	57	0	17	10	44	226
Ring-necked Pheasant	8	0	3	2	1	3	5	16	5	1	6	50
American Coot	37	14	97	84	7	28	8	4	416	0	0	695
Black Oystercatcher	0	0	1	0	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	71
Killdeer	0	9	22	0	3	1	60	31	15	3	82	226
Black-bellied Plover	0	0	1	0	0	107	125	0	0	0	0	233H
Black Turnstone	0	0	5	0	12	76	3	0	0	0	0	96
Common Snipe	2	2	0	2	0	0	8	1	27	1	9	52
Spotted Sandpiper	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3H
Greater Yellowlegs	0	2	0	0	1	7	0	6	0	0	0	16
Rock Sandpiper	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4L
Dunlin	0	0	20	0	0	121	0	0	0	0	100	241
Long-billed Dowitcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	14
Sanderling	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Glaucous-winged Gull	134	252	270	915	327	275	550	1,000	999	216	175	5,113
Western Gull	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Herring Gull	0	1	12	0	5	7	5	0	0	0	0	30
Mew Gull	14	16	95	10	822	680	220	20	432	41	638	2,988
Bonaparte's Gull	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8H
Common Murre	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	6	0	5	24
Pigeon Guillemot	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	4	0	1	13L
Marbled Murrelet	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	0	0	17
Ancient Murrelet	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	14	0	0	18
Rhinoceros Auklet	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	113
Rock Dove	0	11	1	77	436	9	0	125	8	0	0	667
Barn Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2H
Screech Owl	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Horned Owl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Short-eared Owl	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2H
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	3	1	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	20

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - continued

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SPECIES:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	TOTAL
Yellow-shafted Flicker	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Red-shafted Flicker	6	23	20	29	5	8	23	12	28	16	11	181
Pileated Woodpecker	4	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	4	6	0	22H
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hairy Woodpecker	0	4	0	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	12
Downy Woodpecker	0	9	3	4	1	3	3	1	4	5	2	35
Skylark	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	13	0	3	24L
Stellar's Jay	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	4	8	0	22
Common Raven	28	12	7	31	0	1	1	4	5	5	7	101
Northwestern Crow	271	65	109	464	63	135	218	500	3,627	422	405	6,279H
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	22	70	46	165	8	21	123	6	139	58	8	666
Common Bushtit	8	0	0	22	0	19	102	8	7	4	0	170
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	10	2	37	0	2	5	1	2	9	0	73
Brown Creeper	5	5	3	5	3	2	7	0	4	12	0	46H
Dipper	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Winter Wren	15	15	5	30	1	6	15	2	20	4	8	121
Bewick's Wren	4	2	4	8	1	3	15	3	5	7	4	56
Robin	2,140	200	156	261	23	29	600	59	836	127	7,756	12,187
Varied Thrush	22	160	49	34	3	5	66	0	13	143	1	496
Hermit Thrush	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Townsend's Solitaire	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1H=
Golden-crowned Kinglet	32	16	80	139	7	1	110	0	43	55	15	498H
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	10	0	1	1	3	1	0	52	25	3	98
Water Pipit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Cedar Waxwing	52	0	0	5	0	0	183	0	175	0	187	602H
Northern Shrike	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	5H=
Starling	440	75	242	236	47	35	800	250	284	2,602	829	5,840
Audubon's Warbler	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
House Sparrow	8	8	0	27	17	23	25	21	2	0	3	134L
Western Meadowlark	0	0	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	10
Red-winged Blackbird	0	0	50	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	66
Brewer's Blackbird	8	0	50	0	56	0	100	15	1	0	150	380
Brown-headed Cowbird	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	2	22H
Evening Grosbeak	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	6
Purple Finch	13	50	0	16	1	13	15	0	0	13	8	129
House Finch	0	11	18	2	1	55	24	0	40	0	9	160
Pine Grosbeak	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pine Siskin	38	0	40	19	2	0	0	0	54	0	1	154L
American Goldfinch	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	200	0	0	240H
Red Crossbill	5	9	0	25	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	47

## CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - continued

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SPECIES:	A	B	C	D	E
Rufous-sided Towhee	11	30	7	31	1
Savannah Sparrow	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon Junco	48	215	107	249	34
White-crowned Sparrow	0	0	1	3	3
Golden-crowned Sparrow	15	30	2	9	3
Fox Sparrow	5	12	0	3	6
Song Sparrow	10	10	8	26	3
Snow Bunting	0	0	2	0	0
Total Individuals	<u>4,047</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>2,626</u>	<u>3,886</u>	<u>4,037</u>
Total Species	<u>56</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>80</u>

Also seen in the ten-day period: Redhead, Golden Eagle, Marsh Hawk, Virginia Rail, Surf-bird, Ring-billed Gull, Pygmy Owl, Long-billed Marsh Wren, Tree Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow.

NOTE: The letters to the right of some species totals have the following meanings:

H or H= : highest or equal to highest count ever

L or L= : lowest or equal to lowest count ever

F : first record on Count Day

The species and individual counts were the second highest ever, and the number of participants, eighty-two, was the highest ever.

AREA A: Prospect Lake-Munn Road: R.C. MacKenzie-Grieve, E.M. Kerr, S.F. Lees, F. King, D.A. Ross, B. Springett, C. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. Lepmanis.

AREA B: Florence Lake-Goldstream: Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Briggs, M. Pickford, Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer, J. Hannay, L. Roberts, R. Satterfield.

AREA C: Esquimalt Lagoon-Witty's: E.K. Lemon, L. Slocombe, M. Slocombe, M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. R. Muirhead.

AREA D: Portage Inlet-Thetis Lake: K.R. Beckett, W. Adams, J.M. Brown, T. Todd, D. Golby, K. Porter, M. Sendall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sendall, J. Sendall.

F	G	H	I	J	K	TOTAL
34	17	10	28	27	8	204
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
48	240	37	55	74	100	1,207
2	8	3	0	0	1	21
23	10	3	3	0	7	105
28	13	2	3	0	4	76
30	10	7	27	15	22	168
0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<u>3,997</u>	<u>5,413</u>	<u>2,589</u>	<u>10,595</u>	<u>5,572</u>	<u>18,036</u>	<u>63,770</u>
<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>128</u>

AREA E: Beacon Hill Park-Esquimalt: R. Fryer, A. Hockly, G. Soulsby, F. Roberts, L. Rutherford, C. Burne, A. Knowles, L. Morehen, B. Bumpas, D. Bumpas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doughty-Davis, D. Weston, D. Gain.

AREA F: Clover Point-Oak Bay: K. Taylor, H. Hosford, G.M. Bell, L. Parris, M.C. Melburn, A. James, N. Fatt.

AREA G: Ten Mile Point-Gordon Head: Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Davidson, A. Adamson, M. Clark, M. Collins, I. Jarvie, Mrs. McFarland, D. Turnbull, J. Bryden, K.T. Seaborne.

AREA H: Swan Lake-Panama Flats: C.M. Morehen, B. McLintock, R. McLintock, C. Carrigan.

AREA I: Blenkinsop-Elk Lake: Mr. and Mrs. M.C.M. Matheson, J. Rennie, J.E. Underhill, Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Hooper.

AREA J: Burnside-Quick's Pond: J.B. Tatum, A. Harcombe

AREA K: Martindale-Island View Beach: Mr. and Mrs. R. Stirling, W. Spriggs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hancock, R. Houston.

AREA L: Chain and Trial Islands: Not worked (sixty-mile-per-hour gales)

The compiler wishes to thank all who took part in the Count, especially leaders, whose careful collecting of records, field notes, names of participants and fees have eased his work more than he can calculate. All participants will join in thanking Mr. and Mrs. W. Abbott for very successfully staging the get-together in their house on the evening of Count Day.

Compiled by Jeremy Tatum



## PENDER ISLANDS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The Sixth Pender Islands Christmas Bird Count was held on December 22, 1970. Weather conditions were good with little wind, overcast skies and good visibility. Temperatures ranged from 30° to 36°F. and thin ice covered much of the fresh water areas.

A total of 74 species and 7,144 individual birds were counted by six observers in three parties. Though no rarities were recorded, interesting observations included Cedar Waxwings, Goldfinches, Northern Shrikes and Virginia Rail. The most abundant species was the Robin (1,632). Small woodland birds were numerous but ducks and shore-birds were low both in species and individual numbers.

Those taking part in the count were:

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brooks (compilers), Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stevens, Mrs. Ruth Stirling and Dr. Jeremy Tatum.

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## MUSEUM EVENTS

## National Film Board Netsilik Eskimo Series

Nine color films of traditional Eskimo life among the Netsilik Eskimo (The People of the Seal) before the European acculturation will be shown at 8:00 p.m. in the Newcombe Auditorium each Sunday evening beginning January 24 and running through March 28. Admission Free.

January 24, 31. February 7, 14, 21, 28  
March 7, 14, 21, 28

## Heritage Court Presents:

Friday February 5 8:00 p.m. Newcombe Auditorium  
"Frontier Apothecary"  
by Bedford Bates

Friday February 19 8:00 p.m. Newcombe Auditorium  
"Australian Odyssey"  
by Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan

Exhibit of Paintings: During the month of March there will be a special exhibit of paintings by Clarence Tellenius in the Provincial Museum.

## BIRDS FOR THE RECORD

by G.N. and G. Hooper, 2411 Alpine Crescent (477-1152)

Hummingbird sp. (1) - Witty's Lagoon - Dec. 1 -  
Thomas Millward  
(1) - Cadboro Bay Road - Dec.17 -  
Doug Turnbull  
(1) - Hollydene Place - Jan. 2 -  
A.R. and Eleanore Davidson  
Slate-colored junco (1) - Seaforth Road - Dec.14 -  
Lincoln's sparrow (2) - Swan Lake - Dec.23 -  
Keith Taylor  
Pygmy owl (1) - Dallas Road at Cook - Dec.30 -  
(Killed by car. Resident but rarely seen) Ralph Fryer  
Tree sparrow (1) - Lovers Lane, Beacon Hill Pk. -Jan. 1 -  
(Previous records - 1 collected Oct.1896; Vic Goodwill  
1 Alpine Crescent, Feb.1970)  
Townsend's solitaire (1) - Bedford Woods - Jan. 1 -  
Rob Mackenzie-Grieve  
Marsh hawk (2) - Wallace Drive - Jan. 2 -  
A.R. and Eleanore Davidson  
Lapland longspur (3) - Esquimalt Lagoon - Jan.10 -  
Bohemian waxwing (1) - Vancouver at Johnson - Jan.13 -  
Ralph Fryer  
Glaucous gull (1) - Swan Lake - Jan.14 -  
Keith Taylor

Residents and Winter Residents

Mourning dove (19) - Seaforth Road (KT) - Dec.14  
Western gull (1) - Clover Point (KT and RS) - Dec.18  
Red crossbill (15) - off Burnside Road (ARD) - Dec.19  
Long-billed marsh wren (1) - Swan Lake (KT) - Dec.23  
Short-eared owl (2) - Heliport off Esquimalt Rd. (RF) Dec.27  
Gray partridge (4) - Pat Bay Airport (RF) - Jan. 1  
Skylark (13, Wallace Dr., 32 UVic) (ARD) - Jan. 1  
Redhead (1) - Beaver Lake (KT and RS) - Jan. 2  
Ring-billed gull (1) - Martindale (KT) - Jan. 1

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## Welcome to the Following New Members

Mr. G. MacGregor Grant 3340 Beach Drive  
Mrs. Jane P. Brett #206-467 Lampson Street  
Miss Sharon Wiren #394-1725 Beach Drive  
Miss S.J. Stevenson 1918 Billings Road, R.R.2  
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pavlick 3929 Braefoot Road  
Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Stainforth 925 Terrace Avenue

## PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 1971

Executive Meeting: 8:00 p.m. at home of Mrs. S. Prior  
 Tuesday February 2 1903 Shotbolt Road

General Meeting:  
 Tuesday February 9 8:00 p.m. Newcombe Auditorium  
 Provincial Museum (South entrance)  
 Dr. Marcus Bell will speak on:  
 "Environment 100"

Bird Field Trip:  
 Saturday February 20 Meet at Mayfair Lanes parking lot  
 (North side) 9:30 a.m. or Beaver  
 Lake parking lot 10:00 a.m.  
 Bring lunch. Leader: Cy Morehen

Botany Meeting:  
 Tuesday February 23 8:00 p.m. Room 216 Oak Bay Junior  
 Secondary School.  
 "Botanizing in High Places"  
 by Jessie Woollett

Junior Group: Meet every Saturday 1:30 p.m. at  
 Mayfair Lanes parking lot. (North  
 side) for field trip.  
 Leader: Freeman King - 479-2966

Tour of Thomas Francis Park: On Saturday February 13 the  
 Junior Group will put on a conducted tour of Thomas  
 Francis Park for the adult members of the society. Meet  
 at Mayfair Lanes parking lot (North side) at 1:30 p.m. or  
 the Nature House at the park at 1:45 p.m. Everyone is  
 invited.

Please see page 90 for other Museum Events.

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Change of telephone number:

Dr. R.A. Ring's number is now 656-2246

# VICTORIA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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