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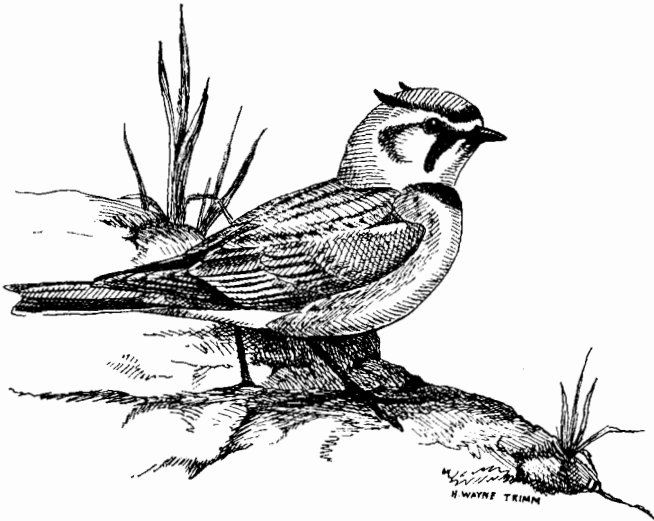
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# The 1952 Mid-Winter Bird Count In Kansas

The mid-winter bird count for 1952 was most successful from every viewpoint. In this fourth annual count in Kansas a greater number of participants engaged in the census and a greater number of areas throughout the state were included. The 108 species, plus 2 additional subspecies, observed was a gratifying increase over previous years. The individuals seen totalled approximately 108,888. Almost one half of this amount were Mallards reported near Garden City. The American Tree Sparrow ranked second with a total of 9318, while the Common Starling rated third with 9282.

A much greater coverage of the state was shown and welcomed by the entering of Arkansas City, Wichita and Pittsburg to the south, Garden City and Ellinwood to the west, Concordia to the north, and Ottawa and Olathe to the east.

Weather conditions during the week of the count were not unusual as compared to the weather of the three previous years in which counts were taken. However milder temperatures than normal probably prevailed throughout the state for several weeks previous to the count period. Observers in the southeast believed that their counts were smaller and some species were absent due to the extended drouth conditions of the summer and fall.

It is difficult to determine what species are unusual, because what is rare for one area may not be for another even in a region as small as Kansas. Certainly, the Hawk Owl seen at Hays, the 200 Northern Horned Larks at Kansas City, the 98 White-necked Ravens at Garden City and the 20 Carolina Chickadees observed at Pittsburg seem to be the most outstanding finds. The Mound City group deserves special credit for its continued success in locating Pileated Woodpeckers.

Worthy of mention are the seven species not listed anywhere on the count report, that were seen during the week; namely, Old Squaw, Savannah Sparrow, Saw-whet Owl and Chestnut-collared Longspur at Kansas City; Brown Thrasher and Ring-billed Gull at Topeka; Yellow-headed Blackbird at Manhattan.

The American Crow is the only bird to be reported at all of the stations, while the Downy Woodpecker, Starling and House Sparrow were listed in 20 of the 21 areas. At the other extreme, 23 species were listed but once in the tabulations.

There is some possibility that duplication or overlapping may have occurred in the Chase County and Emporia areas, and in the two counts taken at Manhattan and Wichita. Probably next year this can be avoided by closer coordination of the participants in each of these localities. More than a reasonable number of errors occurred in several of the tabulated results sent to the editor. There were some reports in which the 15-mile diameter apparently was exceeded. In a later bulletin more explicit directions will be given on how to take and record a Christmas Count in order to keep the Summary Report on a more unified basis.

The names of the 137 observers and data on place, time, weather and species observed in each of the 21 areas are given below.

**Arkansas City** (4 miles east, 2 miles north, 2 miles south and 2 miles west of Arkansas City including Arkansas River; heavy woods 10 per cent, prairie 15 per cent, farmland and light woods 60 per cent, town and suburb 15 per cent). Dec. 23; 7:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. Heavy overcast; temp. 25 degrees to 32 degrees; wind WNW, 8 m. p. h.; very disagreeable weather. Six observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 7 (4 on foot, 3 by car); total party-miles, 58 (6 on foot, 52 by car). Red-tailed Hawk, 3; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 7; Red-shafted Flicker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 3; Am. Crow, 200 (est.); Black-capped Chickadee, 17; Tufted Titmouse, 8; Loggerhead Shrike, 2; Common Starling, 200 (est.); House Sparrow, numerous; Eastern Meadowlark, 52; Red-winged Blackbird, 10; Cardinal, 13; Am. Goldfinch, 60 (est.); Slate-colored Junco, 16; Field Sparrow, 60 (est.); Harris's Sparrow, 106 (est.).

**Total**, 22 species; 771 individuals.—Robin Kunkle, Merry Sowden, Charlotte Strah, Charlene Strah, Susie Wright, Willis Ratzlaff (reporter).

**Baldwin** (7½-mile radius centering 2 miles north of junction of U. S. Highways 50 and 59, and including Lone Star Lake, Sand Pits, and cedar woods; open farmland 35 per cent, town suburbs 15 per cent, wooded creeks and wasteland 25 per cent, coniferous farm woodlot 20 per cent, lake shore 5 per cent).—Dec. 21; 7:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Partly cloudy; temp. 31 degrees to 33 degrees; wind N, 10 m. p. h.; creeks partly frozen, Lone Star Lake open. Eleven observers in four parties. Total party-hours, 31 (16 on foot, 15 by car), total party-miles, 178 (13 on foot, 165 by car). Mallard, 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 14; Harlan's Hawk, 5; Rough-legged Hawk, 4; Marsh Hawk, 10; Sparrow Hawk, 11; Mourning Dove, 31; Screech Owl, 1; Horned Owl, 1; Barred Owl, 1; Long-eared Owl, 3; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 32; Red-shafted Flicker, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 25; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 8; Downy Woodpecker, 40; Horned Lark, 169; Blue Jay, 49; Am. Crow, 395; Black-capped Chickadee, 116; Tufted Titmouse, 43; White-breasted Nuthatch, 5; Brown Creeper, 1; Winter Wren, 3; Carolina Wren, 20; Mockingbird, 5; Am. Robin, 207; Eastern Bluebird, 24; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 4; Cedar Waxwing, 232; Loggerhead Shrike, 5; Common Starling, 417; House Sparrow, 698; meadowlark (sp.), 117; Cardinal, 188; Purple Finch, 26; Am. Goldfinch, 339; Eastern Towhee, 1; Spotted Towhee, 13; Slate-colored Junco, 865; Am. Tree Sparrow, 2232; Field Sparrow, 12; Harris's Sparrow, 347; White-crowned Sparrow, 72; Lincoln's Sparrow, 1; Song Sparrow, 48. **Total**, 51 species; 6849 individuals. (Seen in area during count period: Purple Grackle, 1)—Clara Beach, Amelia Betts, Mrs. Geo. Boicourt, Arthur Bridwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Evans, Katharine Kelley, Mrs. Francis McKaughan, R. F. Miller.

**Chase County** (14-mile diameter, including 8 miles along Highway 50S west of Emporia, 3 miles of county roads and 80 acres of varied terrain along South Fork of Cottonwood River; open farmland 85 per cent, wooded creek and wasteland 15 per cent). Jan. 1; 2:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. Clear; temp. 32 degrees to 42 degrees; wind SW, 10-15 m. p. h.; creek partly frozen. One observer. Total hours, 3 (2½ on foot, ½ by car); total miles, 14 (3 on foot, 11 by car). Red-tailed Hawk, 3; Marsh Hawk, 5; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Greater Prairie Chicken, 5; Bob-white, 10; Belted Kingfisher, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Blue Jay, 1; Am. Crow, 11; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Tufted Titmouse, 2; Loggerhead Shrike, 2; Eastern Meadowlark, 13; Red-winged Blackbird, 40; Cardinal, 7; Am. Goldfinch, 2; Eastern Towhee, 4; Slate-colored Junco, 1; Am. Tree Sparrow, 60; Harris's Sparrow, 58; Song Sparrow, 4. **Total**, 21 species; 245 individuals. (Seen during week: Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2; Common Starling, 40; House Sparrow, 50; Horned Lark, 1.)—Edward J. Ryan.

**Concordia** (7 miles southwest of town along Lost and Wolf Creeks, Concordia Cemetery with evergreens and 7 miles northwest of town in Buffalo Creek valley with salt marshes and edge of Republic County State Lake; open farmland 50 per cent, wooded creeks 30 per cent, town and suburbs 10 per cent, marsh and lake shore 10 per cent).—Jan. 1; 10:00 a. m. to noon and 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Partly cloudy with several inches of partly crusted snow on ground; temp. 15 degrees at 12:30 a. m. and 32 degrees at 3:30 p. m. with east wind averaging 8 m. p. h.; marshes and ponds dry from last fall's drouth and creeks and river frozen. One observer. Total hours, 5, total miles 55 (50 by car, 5 on foot). Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 5; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Bob-white, 11; Ring-necked Pheasant, 11; Rock Dove, 1; Horned Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 8; flicker (hybrid), 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 6; Horned Lark, 29; Blue Jay, 1 (usually migratory here but rarely a single bird remains); Am. Crow, 67; Black-capped Chickadee, 16; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Am. Robin, 35; Townsend's Solitaire, 2; Common Starling, 77; House Sparrow, 50; Western Mead-

owlark, 106 (Western and Eastern forms not distinguished except when singing but called Western on basis of 80 to 90 per cent of summer birds here); Red-winged Blackbird, 4; Cardinal, 31; Pine Siskin, 40; Am. Goldfinch, 19; Spotted Towhee, 7; Slate-colored Junco, 47; Am. Tree Sparrow, 163; Harris's Sparrow, 11; Song Sparrow, 7. **Total**, 34 species; 769 individuals. Seen in area during week: Common Mallard, 40; Brown Creeper, 2; Oregon Junco, 1; White-crowned Sparrow, 2; Lapland Longspur, 20.)—J. M. Porter.

**Ellinwood** (Eastern Barton County, north of U. S. Highway 50. Area covered 12 miles east and west by 5 miles north and south).—Dec. 28; 10:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.; temp. 30 degrees to 34 degrees; wind calm. Two observers in one party. Total party-hours, 3; total party-miles, 38 all by car. Canada Goose, 310; Mallard, 66 (geese and mallards were all seen on the Frank W. Robl Refuge); Rough-legged Hawk, 6; Ferruginous Hawk, 2; Golden Eagle, 1; Bald Eagle, 1; Marsh Hawk, 7; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Ring-necked Pheasant, 41; Long-eared Owl, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 28; Am. Crow, 200 (est.); Common Starling, 75; House Sparrow, 100; Western Meadowlark, 140. **Total**, 16 species; 982 individuals.—Frank W. Robl and Frank W. Robl, Jr.

**Emporia** (7½-mile radius of city limits of Emporia, excepting Lyon County State Lake which was included. Open woods 25 per cent, hedgerows and roadsides 45 per cent, open fields and farmsteads 25 per cent and lakeshore 5 per cent).—Dec. 20; 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Cloudy; temp. 22 degrees to 30 degrees; wind north, 10 to 15 m. p. h.; creeks partly frozen, lakes open, ground wet. Nine observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 12 (4 on foot, 8 by car); total party-miles, 122 (4 on foot, 118 by car). Mallard, 21; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; (2 Krider's); Harlan's Hawk, 1; Swainson Hawk, 1; Golden Eagle, 1; Marsh Hawk, 11; Prairie Falcon, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Am. Coot, 5; Mourning Dove, 1; Horned Owl, 2; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 6; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 18; Horned Lark, 11; Blue Jay, 4; Am. Crow, 239; Black-capped Chickadee, 88; Tufted Titmouse, 6; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 5; Carolina Wren, 1; Loggerhead Shrike, 8; Common Starling, 239; House Sparrow, 834; Eastern Meadowlark, 64; Red-winged Blackbird, 6; Brewer's Blackbird, 195; Brown-headed Cowbird, 8; Cardinal, 29; Am. Goldfinch, 27; Spotted Towhee, 2; Leconte's Sparrow, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 49; Am. Tree Sparrow, 705; Harris's Sparrow, 169; Fox Sparrow, 1; Smith's Longspur, 10. **Total**, 40 species (1 additional subspecies); 2793 individuals.—Dwight Spencer, John Brockhouse, Elizabeth Koch, Homer Stephens, Leslie Meredith, William Relph, John Breukelman, LeRoy Baker, Ted F. Andrews. (Members of Beta Beta Beta, honor biological society, took charge of and carried out this count).

**Garden City** (5½-mile diameter centering 4½ miles east off Highway U. S. 83 on the Scott and Finney County lines, then 3 miles north, including Dry Lake; scattered trees 2 per cent, lake shore 6 per cent, open prairie farmland and grassland 92 per cent).—Dec. 28; 1:45 p. m. to 4:15 p. m. Partly cloudy; temp. 35 degrees to 40 degrees; wind SSW, 5-10 m. p. h.; snow partly covered ground, dry, lake frozen solid. One observer. Total hours, 2½ (¾ on foot, 1¾ by car); total miles, 66½ (1½ on foot, 65 by car). Mallard, 45,000 (est.); Pintail, 100 (est.); Am. Merganser, 300 (est.); Red-tailed Hawk, 5 (2 Krider's); Harlan's Hawk, 1; Rough-legged Hawk, 18; Golden Eagle, 1; Bald Eagle, 3; Marsh Hawk, 24; Prairie Falcon, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Ring-necked Pheasant, 18; Horned Owl, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 1; Horned Lark, 1200 (est.); White-necked Raven, 98; Am. Crow, 3; Common Starling, 8; House Sparrow, 24; Western Meadowlark, 52; Red-winged Blackbird, 9; Am. Tree Sparrow, 700 (est.); Lapland Longspur, 900 (est.). **Total**, 23 species (1 additional subspecies); 48,471 individuals. (Seen during the week: Duck Hawk, 1; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Wilson's Snipe, 7; junco (sp.), 17.)—Marvin S. Schwilling.

**Halstead** (7½-mile radius centering 3 miles NW of Halstead and including portions of Emma and Blackkettle Creeks and Little Arkansas River and corner of Harvey Co. Park; wooded creeks and river 48 per cent, hedgerows 11 per cent, open farmland 36 per cent, woody slough 3 per cent, town 1 per cent, cemetery 1 per cent).—Dec. 27; 7:55 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Crystal clear; temp. 10 degrees to 26 degrees; wind N, veering at noon to S, 3-5 m. p. h.; ground covered with 3-4 inches snow; all growth heavily iced; creeks and river partly iced. Five observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 13¼ (10½ on foot, 2¾ by car); total party-miles, 38 (6 on foot, 32 by car). Unidentified Buteo Hawks, 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; Rough-legged Hawk, 3; Marsh Hawk, 7; Sparrow Hawk, 7; Ring-necked Pheasant, 11; Mourning Dove, 2; Horned Owl, 3; Short-eared Owl, 2; Belted Kingfisher, 1; flicker (sp.), 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 6; Downy Woodpecker, 17; Am. Crow, 703; Black-capped Chickadee, 41; Tufted Titmouse, 1; Brown Creeper, 2; Winter Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 1; Loggerhead Shrike, 1; Common Starling, 116; House Sparrow, 57; meadowlark (sp.), 84; Cardinal, 33; Am. Goldfinch, 38; Spotted Towhee, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 52; Oregon Junco, 2; Am. Tree Sparrow, 530; Harris's Sparrow, 363; Song Sparrow, 16. **Total**, 33 species; about 2123 individuals. (In area 250 Horned Larks Dec. 22 and 23; Jan. 4 and 5, large flocks of Horned Larks, est. 1500-2000, seen over 3-4 adjacent miles. Though in our area the preceding 3 winters, Townsend's Solitaire continues to elude "count" day. This winter sighted only 4 days half a mile from town in mid-Dec.)—Joan Challans, Marie Dettweiler, Ruth Rose, Alma Ruth, Edna Ruth (compiler).

**Hays** (College Campus and Farm along wooded stream, Big Creek, Cedar Bluffs along wooded Saline River and including farm land). [No date given, Ed.]; 7 a. m. to 6 . m.; temp. 4 degrees to 23 degrees; wind N, very slight; ground covered with 5 inches of snow on the level, a few bare spots. Five observers in one party. Total party-hours, 11 (8 on foot, 3 by car). Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Bob-white, 15; Ring-necked Pheasant, 56; Screech Owl, 1; Horned Owl, 2; Hawk Owl (seen in flight under favorable circumstances, L. D. W. et al.), 1; Short-eared Owl, 2; Red-shafted Flicker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Horned Lark, 27; Am. Crow, 16; Black-capped Chickadee, 12; Brown Creeper, 1; Am. Robin, 12; Townsend's Solitaire, 1; Common Starling, 500 (est.); House Sparrow, 80 (est.); Western Meadowlark, 105 (est.); Cardinal, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 3; Field Sparrow, 12; White-crowned Sparrow, 1; Fox Sparrow, 1, **Total**, 26 species; 863 individuals.—Philip Lin, Edwin Martin, John Miller, T. W. Wells, L. D. Wooster.

**Kansas City** (7½-mile radius centering at Turner, including Wyandotte Lake and Quivira Lake and surrounding upland; open farmland 34 per cent, lakeshore 30 per cent, wooded creeks, 4 per cent, woods 30 per cent, conifers 1 per cent, cattail marsh 1 per cent). Dec. 20; 6 a. m. to 4:15 p. m. Overcast; temp. 21 degrees to 28 degrees; wind N, 0-5 m. p. h.; creeks frozen, lakes 99 per cent open. Seven observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 16½ (11 on foot, 5 by car, ½ by bicycle); total party-miles, 71½ (10½ on foot, 56 by car, 5 by bicycle). Mallard, 8000; Black Duck, 14; Gadwall, 97; Am. Widgeon, 12; Pintail, 3; Green-winged Teal, 2; Shoveller, 9; Redhead, 4; Canvas-back, 1; Lesser Scaup, 11; Am. Golden-eye, 12; Buffle-head, 3; Ruddy Duck, 1; Hooded Merganser, 10; Am. Merganser, 2570; Red-breasted Merganser, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 2 (1 Krider's); Rough-legged Hawk, 2; Bald Eagle, 1; Marsh Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Bob-white, 11; Am. Coot, 44; Killdeer, 1; Wilson's Snipe, 3; Mourning Dove, 1; Screech Owl, 2; Horned Owl, 4; Belted Kingfisher, 4; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 83; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 37; Red-headed Woodpecker, 1; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2; Hairy Woodpecker, 5; Downy Woodpecker, 30; Horned Lark, 205 (5 Prairie, 200 Northern); Blue Jay, 70; Am. Crow, 45; Black-capped Chickadee, 65; Tufted Titmouse, 60; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Brown Creeper, 5; Winter Wren, 2; Carolina Wren, 10; Am. Robin, 4; Eastern Bluebird, 30; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 43; Cedar

Waxwing, 50; Common Starling, 125; House Sparrow, 250; Myrtle Warbler, 3; Eastern Meadowlark, 5; Western Meadowlark, 16; meadowlark (both species), 50; Red-winged Blackbird, 95; Purple Grackle, 3; Cardinal, 105; Purple Finch, 2; Pine Siskin 6; Am. Goldfinch, 110; Spotted Towhee, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 500; Oregon Junco, 4; Am. Tree Sparrow, 650; Field Sparrow, 1; Harris's Sparrow, 4; White-throated Sparrow, 2; Lincoln's Sparrow, 4; Swamp Sparrow, 11; Song Sparrow, 110; Lapland Longspur, 6. **Total**, 70 species (2 additional subspecies); 13,824 individuals. (Seen during the week: Old Squaw, 4; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Saw-whet Owl, 1; Barred Owl, 2; Short-eared Owl, 1; Red-shafted Flicker, 1; Red-breasted, Nuthatch, 2; Rusty Blackbird, 18; Savannah Sparrow, 55; Loggerhead Shrike, 1; Chestnut-collared Longspur, 38; Long-eared Owl, 10)—Ben King (compiler), Elizabeth Cole, Harold Hedges, Jim Mariner, Kenneth Echternacht, John Bishop, Marilyn Bishop.

**Lawrence** (same area as last year; deciduous woodlots 50 per cent, pastures 25 per cent, weed areas 10 per cent, waterfront 15 per cent).—Dec. 21; 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Cloudy; temp. 30 degrees to 32 degrees; wind S, 2-4 m. p. h.; ground clear, water open. Ten observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours, 32 (16 on foot, 16 by car); total party-miles, 185 (22 on foot, 163 by car). Mallard, 1; Gadwall, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 35; Harlan's Hawk, 3; Marsh Hawk, 20; Prairie Falcon, 1; Sparrow Hawk, 16; Bob-white, 14; Mourning Dove, 9; Barn Owl, 3; Horned Owl, 5; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 3; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 29; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 34; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 4; Hairy Woodpecker, 7; Downy Woodpecker, 56; Horned Lark, 70; Blue Jay, 72; Am. Crow, 613; Black-capped Chickadee, 221; Tufted Titmouse, 56; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 3; Carolina Wren, 12; Mockingbird, 1; Am. Robin, 303; Eastern Bluebird, 74; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 16; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1; Cedar Waxwing, 15; Loggerhead Shrike, 4; Common Starling, 254; House Sparrow, 512; meadowlark (sp.), 380; Red-winged Blackbird, 18; Cardinal, 248; Pine Siskin, 6; Am. Goldfinch, 403; Spotted Towhee, 14; Leconte's Sparrow, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 657; Oregon Junco, 1 (collected by H. B. T.); Am. Tree Sparrow, 1598 (est.); Field Sparrow, 3; Harris's Sparrow, 260; White-crowned Sparrow, 101; White-throated Sparrow, 4; Lincoln's Sparrow, 1; Swamp Sparrow, 1; Song Sparrow, 153; Lapland Longspur, 7. **Total**, 53 species; about 6327 individuals.—Bert S. Chewning (compiler), Helen M. Chewning, James S. Findley, Henry S. Fitch, Richard W. Fredrickson, Milton C. Moore, Dwight Platt, Paul J. Spangler, William B. Stallcup, Harrison B. Tordoff.

**McPherson** (in the a. m. a rectangular area 4 by 8 miles bordering the intersection of U. S. Highways 50N and 81 and including the SE part of McPherson; streams with woods and underbrush 20 per cent, town suburbs 10 per cent, hedge rows 3 per cent, heavy coniferous cemetery 5 per cent, open field 62 per cent; in the p. m. Black Canyon 16 miles NE of McPherson Area, ½-1 miles in width and 3½ miles in length, from S mouth of canyon to Twin Mounds; heavy wooded area 90 per cent, open fields 10 per cent).—Dec. 23; 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; temp. 20 degrees to 27 degrees; wind 3-5 m. p. h.; clear, ground covered with snow, creeks mostly frozen. Eighteen observers in 6 parties. Total party-hours, 39 (32 on foot, 7 by car). Mallard, 2; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 10; Red-shouldered Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 10; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 12; Ring-necked Pheasant, 13; Horned Owl, 3; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 7; Red-shafted Flicker, 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Downy Woodpecker, 5; Horned Lark, 54; Blue Jay, 2; Am. Crow, 114; Black-capped Chickadee, 97; Tufted Titmouse, 2; White-breasted Nuthatch, 3; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 1; Townsend's Solitaire, 3; Common Starling, 43; House Sparrow, 28; Eastern Meadowlark, 17; Western Meadowlark, 21; Cardinal, 18; Am. Goldfinch, 68; Spotted Towhee, 1; Vesper Sparrow, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 198; Am. Tree Sparrow, 423; Field Sparrow, 12; Harris's Sparrow, 11; White-throated

Sparrow, 1; Fox Sparrow, 4; Song Sparrow, 32; Lapland Longspur, 3. **Total**, 39 species; 1232 individuals. Stanley Sargent, Julius Steel, Larry Haycs, Robert Will, Micky Mills, David Elrod, David Nigh, Gerald Williams, Mike Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harden, Kenneth Krehbiel, Allen Harms, Sheldon Williams, Warren Harden, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Elrod.

**Manhattan** (three miles NW to five miles NE to five miles south; open blue-stem pastures 50 per cent, brush 25 per cent, woods along streams, 25 per cent).—Dec. 23; 8:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Temp. 12 degrees to 26 degrees; N, 5-10 m. p. h.; four inches of snow on the ground. Fifteen observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 14 (13 on foot, 1 by car); total party-miles 28 (18 on foot, 10 by car). Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 5; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Bob-white, 44; Mourning Dove, 10; Horned Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 5; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 20; Horned Lark, 45; Blue Jay, 18; Am. Crow, 21; Black-capped Chickadee, 55; Tufted Titmouse, 17; Carolina Wren, 2; Eastern Bluebird, 3; Common Starling, 60; House Sparrow, 200; meadowlark (sp.), 97; Cardinal, 140; Am. Goldfinch, 250; Eastern Towhee, 1; Slate-colored Junco, 220; Oregon Junco, 2; Am. Tree Sparrow, 85; Field Sparrow, 5; Harris's Sparrow, 24; Song Sparrow, 27; Smith's Longspur, 9. **Total**, 33 species; 1376 individuals. (Seen during week: Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Am. Robin, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Duck Hawk.)—Robert Boles, Ray Fort, Donald Gier, H. T. Gier, Harold Gier, Ronald Gier, E. K. Beals, Mrs. E. K. Beals, Jim Beals, A. L. Goodrich, Jim Roberts, Jim Taylor, Philip Marvin, Dave Leavengood, Dave Ferguson.

**Manhattan** (ten miles north on Highway 13, Sunset Cemetery and Park).—Dec. 28; temp. 12 degrees to 26 degrees; wind SSE, 6-7 m. p. h. Three observers in 1 party. Total party-hours, 7 (2 on foot, 5 by car); total party-miles, 30 (27 on foot, 3 by car). Marsh Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 3; Blue Jay, 2; Am. Crow, 6; Black-capped Chickadee, 50; Am. Robin, 25; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 4; Common Starling, 1; House Sparrow, 1000 (est.); meadowlark (sp.), 25; Cardinal, 200; Spotted Towhee, 2; Slate-colored Junco, 100 (est.); Oregon Junco, 3; Am. Tree Sparrow, 500 (est.); Harris's Sparrow, 25; White-crowned Sparrow, 1. **Total**, 21 species; 2860 individuals. (Seen during the week: Ring-billed Gull, Lapland Longspur, Winter Wren, Golden Eagle, Fox Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird.)—Scott Searles, Ellis Lippincott, Wendall Slabaugh).

**Mound City** (7½-mile radius centering 1 mile east and 3½ miles north of Mound City, including Boicourt Lake in NE, Marais des Cygnes River along E, wooded hills in SW, prairies and Sugar valleys between; deciduous woodland and along streams 52 per cent, open fields and fence rows 40 per cent, suburban 8 per cent).—Dec. 28; 6:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Clear; temp. 14 degrees to 45 degrees; wind SW, 12 m. p. h.; hoar frost until 11:00 a. m., lakes dry or frozen, streams mostly frozen, ground frozen with some snow. Seven observers in 4 parties. Total party-hours, 47 (32 on foot, 15 by car); total party-miles, 124 (26 on foot, 98 by car). Red-tailed Hawk, 30 (Kriider's, 1); Harlan's Hawk, 2; Red-shouldered Hawk, 2; Marsh Hawk, 16; Sparrow Hawk, 3; Bob-white, 9; Mourning Dove, 38; Screech Owl, 1; Horned Owl, 8; Barred Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 38; Pileated Woodpecker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 19; Red-headed Woodpecker, 34; Hairy Woodpecker, 4; Downy Woodpecker, 18; Horned Lark, 19; Blue Jay, 28; Am. Crow, 96; Black-capped Chickadee, 46; Tufted Titmouse, 28; White-breasted Nuthatch, 3; Carolina Wren, 9; Mockingbird, 1; Eastern Bluebird, 16; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 11; Great Shrike (Northern), 1; Loggerhead Shrike, 9; Common Starling, 69; House Sparrow, 166; Eastern Meadowlark, 125; Western Meadowlark, 41; Red-winged Blackbird, 94; Rusty Blackbird, 20; Brown-headed Cowbird, 3; Cardinal, 95; Purple Finch, 1; Am. Goldfinch, 141; Spotted Tow-

hec, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 184; Oregon Junco, 2; Am. Tree Sparrow, 277; Harris's Sparrow, 15; White-crowned Sparrow, 14; White-throated Sparrow, 1; Fox Sparrow, 7; Lincoln's Sparrow, 3; Song Sparrow, 27. **Total**, 49 species (1 additional subspecies); 1781 individuals. (Seen during week: Barn Owl, Am. Robin. Boicourt Lake was dry as were all small streams, due to the 10 months of drought, so there were no water birds. Rough-legged Hawks, ordinarily the predominant winter hawk, was absent. Robins were scarce and Bob-whites were in reduced numbers.)—Eunice Dingus (compiler), Wilson J. Dingus, J. O. Dingus, M. Ellen Dingus, Ivan Sutton, Frank Woods, Gary Wood.

**Olathe** (Brushy margin of Olathe Lake and farm land with woody ravines near Olathe Naval Air Base).—Dec. 21; 9 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. | Overcast; cold, about 32 degrees; wind NW. One observer. Total hours, 4. Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 2; Sparrow Hawk, 1; Horned Owl, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 2; Horned Lark, 2; Am. Crow, 25; Black-capped Chickadee, 10; Tufted Titmouse, 6; Eastern Bluebird, 1; Common Starling, 15; House Sparrow, 50; meadowlark. (sp.) 10; Cardinal, 16; Slate-colored Junco, 100 (est.); Am. Tree Sparrow, 150; Harris's Sparrow, 12; Song Sparrow, 4. **Total**, 21 species; 411 individuals.—Ray Wackly.

**Ottawa** (7½-mile radius centering at the high school building and including native prairie grassland to the southwest and the Marais des Cygnes River eastward; prairie and open fields 30 per cent, wooded cemetery and park 30 per cent, roadside weedy strips and hedgerows 30 per cent, wooded stream 10 per cent.—Dec. 26; 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Clear; temp. 28 degrees to 33 degrees; wind S. 2 to 10 m. p. h.; scattered and thin patches of snow; river partly frozen. Five observers in 2 parties. Total party-hours, 9 (3½ on foot, 5½ by car); total party-miles, 65 (5 on foot, 60 by car). Mallard, 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; Marsh Hawk, 13; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Barred Owl, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 6; Red-headed Woodpecker, 4; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Horned Lark, 97; Blue Jay, 21; Am. Crow, 41; Black-capped Chickadee, 17; Tufted Titmouse, 13; White-breasted Nuthatch, 2; Carolina Wren, 1; Am. Robin, 1; Eastern Bluebird, 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 3; Common Starling, 159; House Sparrow, 108; meadowlark (sp.), 32; Cardinal, 15; Red-winged Blackbird, 206; Am. Goldfinch, 16; Slate-colored Junco, 105; Oregon Junco, 2; Tree Sparrow, 576; Harris's Sparrow, 72; White-crowned Sparrow, 10; Song Sparrow, 10. **Total**, 35 species; 1562 individuals.—Amelia Betts, Margaret F. Boyd, Ivan L. Boyd (compiler), Katharine Kelley, R. F. Miller.

**Pittsburg** (open cultivated fields on the southeast side of the city along East Cow Creek with wooded borders).—Dec. 26; 8:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Clear; temp. 23 degrees to 35 degrees; wind light, W; very thin layer of snow on soil with shallow frozen surface, stream mostly covered with thin layer of ice, wild food supply very poor after 5 months drought from June to October. Two observers in one party. Total hours, 4½ on foot; total miles, 5 on foot. Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Mourning Dove, 21; Rock Dove, 15; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 5; Red-headed Woodpecker, 20; Downy Woodpecker, 7; Horned Lark, 22; Blue Jay, 22; Am. Crow, 11; Carolina Chickadee, 20; Tufted Titmouse, 4; White-breasted Nuthatch, 3; Brown Creeper, 1; Carolina Wren, 6; Am. Robin, 8; Eastern Bluebird, 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2; Common Starling, 6; House Sparrow, 19; Eastern Meadowlark, 17; Red-winged Blackbird, 227; Brown-headed Cowbird, 68; Cardinal, 25; Am. Goldfinch, 16; Slate-colored Junco, 42; Am. Tree Sparrow, 4; White-crowned Sparrow, 1; Harris's Sparrow, 30; Song Sparrow, 2. **Total**, 31 species; 636 individuals.—Alvin Proctor, Theodore M. Sperry (reporter). [A previous count was taken by Theodore M. Sperry and Don Q. Millican, Dec. 24 in which 30 species were



observed. Red-shouldered Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Barred Owl, duck (sp.), Field Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrow were seen in this count but not on Dec. 26.—Ed].

**Topeka** (Rochester and Mount Hope Cemeteries, Gage and Central Parks, SBA Grounds, Washburn Campus, Deer and Chunganunga Creeks, Lake Shawnee, pasture and farm lands adjacent to above).—Dec. 21; 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Cloudy; temp. 15 degrees to 32 degrees; wind SSE, 4-6 m. p. h. Twenty-five observers in 6 parties; total party-hours, 51 (6 on foot, 45 by car); total party-miles 150 (6 on foot, 144 by car). Mallard, 1500 (est.); Black Duck, 2; Gadwall, 1; Pintail, 1; Lesser Scaup, 1; Am. Golden-eye, 1; Buffle-head, 1; Ruddy Duck, 1; Hooded Merganser, 4; Am. Merganser, 250 (est.); Cooper's Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Bob-white, 5; Am. Coot, 3; Horned Owl, 3; Barred Owl, 1; Long-eared Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 2; Downy Woodpecker, 7; Blue Jay, 11; Am. Crow, 14; Black-capped Chickadee, 8; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Brown Creeper, 4; Winter Wren, 1; Carolina Wren, 2; Am. Robin, 3; Eastern Bluebird, 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 6; Loggerhead Shrike, 1; Common Starling, 3000 (est.); House Sparrow, 120; meadowlark (sp.), 27; Purple Grackle, 1; Brown-headed Cowbird, 2; Cardinal, 26; Pine Siskin, 13; Am. Goldfinch, 9; Spotted Towhee, 3; Slate-colored Junco, 37; Am. Tree Sparrow, 43; Field Sparrow, 7; Harris's Sparrow, 34; White-crowned Sparrow, 5; Song Sparrow, 15; Lapland Longspur 21. **Total**, 52 species; about 5223 individuals. (Additional species seen in the area during the week: Green-winged Teal; Sharp-skinned Hawk; Greater Prairie Chicken; Ring-necked Pheasant; Killdeer; Ring-billed Gull; Mourning Dove; Screech Owl; Short-eared Owl; Red-shafted Flicker; Horned Lark; Mockingbird; Brown Thrasher; Townsend's Solitaire; Ruby-crowned Kinglet; Oregon Junco; Vesper Sparrow; Fox Sparrow.)—Mrs. Henry Blake, Elizabeth Fisher, Roberta Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huxman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holmes, David Holmes, Denene Holmes, Frank Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kingman, Steve Meyers, Clyde Morris, T. W. Nelson, Cliff Olander, Orville O. Rice, Marvin Rolff, David Pantle, Carol Thompson, Margaret Thompson, Mrs. L. G. Thorpe, L. B. Carson (compiler).

**Wichita** (same area since 1945 including Santa Fe Lake, woods along White-water River and Whitewater Creek, Maple Grove and Highland Park Cemeteries, Oak and Sims Parks; lake 10 per cent, deciduous woodlots 55 per cent, slough and marsh land 5 per cent, open fields and brushland 30 per cent). Dec. 26; 6:45 a. m. to 5:15 p. m. Overcast; temp. 21 degrees to 28 degrees; wind S, 0-8 m. p. h.; heavy fog until 10:00 a. m., two inches snow on ground. Two observers in 1 party. Total party-hours, 10½ (8 on foot, 2½ by car); total party-miles, 76 (14 on foot, 62 by car). Canada Goose, 7; Mallard, 1600 (est.); Am. Merganser, 30; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1; Cooper's Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 8; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 12; Sparrow Hawk, 5; Bob-white, 9; Ring-necked Pheasant, 3; Horned Owl, 1; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 9; Red-shafted Flicker, 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 17; Hairy Woodpecker, 7; Downy Woodpecker, 28; Horned Lark, 1815 (est.); Blue Jay, 6; Am. Crow, 167; Black-capped Chickadee, 131; Tufted Titmouse, 39; White-breasted Nuthatch, 8; Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1; Brown Creeper, 14; Carolina Wren, 9; Am. Robin, 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 24; Loggerhead Shrike, 5; Common Starling, 418; House Sparrow, 204; meadowlark (sp.), 39; blackbird (sp.), 6; Cardinal, 83; Purple Finch, 1; Pine Siskin, 9; Am. Goldfinch, 6; Spotted Towhee, 6; Slate-colored Junco, 165; Oregon Junco, 8; Am. Tree Sparrow, 613; Harris's Sparrow, 274; Song Sparrow, 23; Lapland Longspur, 30; McCown's Longspur, 2. **Total**, 46 species; about 5848 individuals.—Ray L. Keller, Harry L. Hobson (compiler).

**Wichita** (7½-mile radius centering 6 miles north of west city limits, including Lake Afton; open farmland 40 per cent, town suburbs 30 per cent, wooded creeks 25 per cent, lake shore 5 per cent).—Dec. 28; 11:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Clear; temp. 30 degrees to 35 degrees; wind N, 5-70 m. p. h.; Lake Afton frozen except in center. Two observers in 1 party. Total party-hours, 6 (4 on foot, 2 by car); total party-miles, 80 (5 on foot, 75 by car). Mallard, 8; Ruddy Duck, 1; Am. Merganser, 4; Cooper's Hawk, 1; Duck Hawk, 1; Red-tailed Hawk, 2; Rough-legged Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 12; Sparrow Hawk, 2; Ring-necked Pheasant, 2; Yellow-shafted Flicker, 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Horned Lark, 75; Blue Jay, 1; Am. Crow, 31; Black-capped Chickadee, 15; Tufted Titmouse, 3; Brown Creeper, 9; Am. Robin, 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 7; Common Starling, 3500 (est.); House Sparrow, 200; Western Meadowlark, 31; Cardinal, 3; Am. Goldfinch, 3; Am. Tree Sparrow, 9; Harris's Sparrow, 3 **Total**, 28 species; 3935 individuals. (Seen during week: Bob-white, 6; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Red-headed Woodpecker, 2; Winter Wren, 1; Eastern Bluebird, 2; Cedar Waxwing, 25; White-crowned Sparrow, 4.)—Frank and Norma Bayless.

## Summary of Highest Counts of Individuals

The total number of species reported from the 21 counts was 108. In 1951 there were 97 species seen, in 1950 there were 91 and in 1949 only 87 were listed.

Eight species were added this year to the all-time list: Red-breasted Merganser, Red-shouldered Hawk, Hawk Owl, White-necked Raven, Carolina Chickadee, McCown's Longspur and Smith's Longspur. Twelve species seen in previous years were not listed in the 1952 winter count: Blue-winged Teal, Ring-necked Duck, Turkey Vulture, Herring Gull, Bewick's Wren, Red Crossbill, Am. Magpie, Brown Thrasher, Hermit Thrush, Mountain Bluebird, Pied-billed Grebe and White-winged Junco. A composite list of the birds seen during the four winter counts is 120 species.

Kansas City had the largest number of high counts, 27. Lawrence was second with 18. Baldwin was third with 12. Garden City and Mound City tied for fourth place with 9 each. All of the other stations except one had one or more high counts.

Canada Goose, 310 (Ellinwood); Mallard, 45,000 (Garden City); Black Duck, 14 (Kansas City); Gadwall, 97 (Kansas City); Am. Widgeon, 12; (Kansas City); Pintail, 100 (Garden City); Green-winged Teal, 2 (Kansas City); Shoveller, 9 (Kansas City); Redhead, 4 (Kansas City); Canvas-back, 1 (Kansas City); Lesser Scaup, 11 (Kansas City); Am. Golden-eye, 12 (Kansas City); Buffle-head, 3 (Kansas City); Ruddy Duck, 1 (Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita); Hooded Merganser, 10 (Kansas City); Am. Merganser, 2750 (Kansas City); Red-breasted Merganser, 2 (Kansas City); Sharp-shinned Hawk, 1 (Baldwin, Halstead, Ottawa, Wichita); Cooper's Hawk, 2 (Wichita); Red-tailed Hawk, 35 (Lawrence); Harlan's Hawk, 5 (Baldwin); Swainson's Hawk, 1 (Emporia); Red-shouldered Hawk, 2 (Mound City); Rough-legged Hawk, 18 (Garden City); Ferruginous Hawk, 2 (Ellinwood); Golden Eagle, 1 (Emporia, Ellinwood, Garden City); Bald Eagle, 3 (Garden City); Marsh Hawk, 24 (Garden City); Prairie Falcon, 2 (Garden City); Duck Hawk, 1 (Wichita); Sparrow Hawk, 16 (Lawrence); Greater Prairie Chicken, 5 (Chase Co.); Bob-white, 44 (Manhattan); Ring-necked Pheasant, 56 (Hays); Rock Dove, 15 (Pittsburg); Am. Coot, 44 (Kansas City); Killdeer, 1 (Kansas City); Wilson's Snipe, 3 (Kansas City); Mourning Dove, 38 (Mound City); Barn Owl, 3 (Lawrence); Screech Owl, 2 (Kansas City); Horned Owl, 8 (Mound City); Hawk Owl, 1 (Hays); Barred Owl, 2 (Ottawa); Long-eared Owl, 3 (Baldwin); Short-eared Owl, 2 (Halstead, Hays); Belted Kingfisher, 4 (Kansas City); Yellow-shafted Flicker, 83 (Kansas City); Red-shafted Flicker, 4 (Arkansas City, McPherson); Pileated Woodpecker, 2 (Mound City); Red-bellied Woodpecker, 37 (Kansas City); Red-headed Woodpecker, 34 (Mound City); Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 4

(Lawrence); Hairy Woodpecker, 8 (Baldwin); Downy Woodpecker, 56 (Lawrence); Horned Lark, 1815 (Wichita); Blue Jay, 49 (Baldwin); White-necked Raven, 98 (Garden City); Am. Crow, 613 (Lawrence); Black-capped Chickadee, 221 (Lawrence); Carolina Chickadee, 20 (Pittsburg); Tufted Titmouse, 60 (Kansas City); White-breasted Nuthatch, 8 (Wichita); Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1 (Lawrence, McPherson, Wichita); Brown Creeper, 14 (Wichita); Winter Wren, 3 (Baldwin); Carolina Wren, 20 (Baldwin); Mockingbird, 5 (Baldwin); Am. Robin, 303 (Lawrence); Eastern Bluebird, 74 (Lawrence); Townsend's Solitaire, 3 (McPherson); Golden-crowned Kinglet, 43 (Kansas City); Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1 (Lawrence); Cedar Waxwing, 232 (Baldwin); Great Shrike, 1 (Mound City); Loggerhead Shrike, 9 (Mound City); Common Starling, 3500 (Wichita); House Sparrow, 1000 (Manhattan); Myrtle Warbler, 3 (Kansas City); E. Meadowlark, 125 (Mound City); W. Meadowlark, 140 (Ellinwood); Red-winged Blackbird, 227 (Pittsburg); Rusty Blackbird, 20 (Mound City); Brewer's Blackbird, 195 (Emporia); Purple Grackle, 3 (Kansas City); Cowbird, 68 (Pittsburg); Cardinal, 248 (Lawrence); Purple Finch, 26 (Baldwin); Pine Siskin, 40 (Concordia); Am. Goldfinch, 403 (Lawrence); E. Towhee, 4 (Chase Co.); Spotted Towhee, 14 (Lawrence); Leconte's Sparrow, 2 (Lawrence); Vesper Sparrow, 2 (McPherson); Slate-colored Junco, 1000 (Manhattan); Oregon Junco, 8 (Wichita); Am. Tree Sparrow, 2232 (Baldwin); Field Sparrow, 60 (Arkansas City); Harris's Sparrow, 347 (Baldwin); White-crowned Sparrow, 101 (Lawrence); White-throated Sparrow, 4 (Lawrence); Fox Sparrow, 7 (Mound City); Lincoln Sparrow, 4 (Kansas City); Swamp Sparrow, 11 (Kansas City); Song Sparrow, 153 (Lawrence); McCown's Longspur, 2 (Wichita); Lapland Longspur, 9000 (Garden City); Smith's Longspur, 10 (Emporia).

## General Notes

**Summer records of Swainson's Hawk.**—After reading the article by Richard R. Graber on the breeding of the Swainson's Hawk in eastern Kansas (Kan. Ornith. Soc. Bul., Sept., 1952) I was prevailed upon to report summer sight records of this species which I have seen at several locations in eastern Kansas.

A nesting Swainson's Hawk was seen many times on its nest or in flight, during a Boy Scout Camporee, three or four miles northeast of Emporia, in June 1939 or 1940. No written record was preserved, so the year and exact dates are somewhat uncertain. This hawk was observed at close range by aid of a 4-inch reflecting telescope. It seemed undisturbed by the noise and confusion produced by the Boy Scouts running about beneath the tree in which the nest was placed.

Other sight records with the times and places are as follows:

July 4, 1943, near Lone Star Lake (Douglas County).

July 17, 1945, two or three miles north of the junction of U. S. Highways 50 and 59. In this case two Swainson's Hawks were seen on several occasions before and after July 17. They seemed to have spent the summer in the region. One of these hawks had a favorite perch in a dead tree where it was easily observed with my 4-inch telescope.

July 16, 1946, a few miles south of the junction of Highways 50 and 59.

At the times when I made these observations it did not occur to me that it was unusual for the Swainson's Hawk to be a summer residence in this part of the state otherwise I would have made a greater effort to locate nests of this hawk.—R. F. Miller, Baldwin, Kansas.

**Bonaparte's Gull near Baldwin.**—A Bonaparte's Gull was found October 26 on a small pond five miles west of Baldwin on Highway 50. Most of those attending the K. O. S. fall meeting had an opportunity to observe this small gull at close range. It was a new species record for many of the observers. Long (Trans. Kan. Acad. Sc. Vol. 43, 1940) states that the Bonaparte's Gull is an occasional migrant through Kansas.

**Yellow Rails near Baldwin.**—On several occasions during late August and early September small rails were flushed by Wilson Counts when he was mowing lowland alfalfa and clover. From the description these birds must have been Yellow Rails. Two years ago while plowing he flushed the same species at that time he was able to pick up one of the birds. Mr. Counts lives 2½ miles northeast of Baldwin.—T. A. Evans, Baldwin.

**Sabine's Gull at Topeka.**—On October 18, 1952 five of us were birding at Lake Shawnee. At the south end of the lake we discovered an object on the shore. Roberta Foote and I took a few steps toward it to see if it were alive, and it flew. The tail had a black band and was slightly forked. A black band was across the wings. Knowing that a Kittiwake had been seen there a few weeks before we jumped to a quick conclusion that here was the same bird. Then after talking it over with Mr. L. B. Carson and seeing the bird three more times we reidentified it as the Sabine's Gull. About 15 birders saw this little gull over a period of two weeks, then it was gone. We are told that only three times before has Sabine's Gull been recorded in Kansas.—Elizabeth Fisher, Topeka.

**Green-tailed Towhees at Topeka and Kansas City**—On January 18 Orville Rice discovered a Green-tailed Towhee in Gage Park at Topeka. Several birders were fortunate in seeing this towhee in the same area. It was still there at last report (Jan. 25). Early in February, Elizabeth Cole and Ben King discovered this same species at the edge of Kansas City in the Kaw River Valley. A week later an unsuccessful attempt was made by Harold Hedges to collect the bird.

**Nesting warblers of Kansas.**—The following warblers are reported as summer residents of Kansas: Black and White, Prothonotary, Worm-eating, Blue-winged, Parula, Cerulean, Yellow, Prairie and Kentucky Warblers; Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Northern Yellowthroat, Yellow-breasted Chat and American Redstart. Definite proof that these warblers breed in the state must be backed by actually discovering nests with eggs or young. Seven species of the above list of warblers have been seen in the summer months in the vicinity of Baldwin. Of these seven species only the fledgings of the Louisiana Waterthrush have been seen. No warbler nests have been located.

Do you have nesting records of any of the warblers or can you cite literature that gives evidence of such breeding activities, Send your information to the editor.

**Christmas Count at Stillwater.**—A Christmas Count which was not printed in the tabulation was received from F. M. Baumgartner Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater. His report had 53 species and 4005 individuals. We appreciate keeping in touch with our neighbors to the south.

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