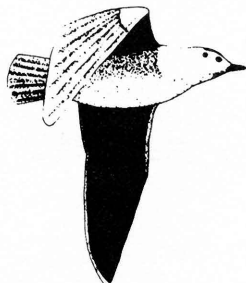


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similar material of interest on Ontario birds. We do not accept submissions dealing with “listing” and we discourage Seasonal Reports of bird sightings as these are covered by *Bird Finding in Canada* and *American Birds*, respectively. Distributional records of species for which the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC) requires documentation must be accepted by them before they can be published in *Ontario Birds*.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors,
 After receiving my copy of *Ontario Birds* (December 1984) and reading it from cover to cover in record time, I felt compelled to write and pass on my compliments to you. Ian Jones' cover illustration of Ross' Gull is striking at the very least. Martin McNicholl's guest editorial "On Writing Observational Notes" provided me with impetus to contribute more in the future. I found "The Status and Distribution of the Prairie Warbler in Ontario" of particular interest to me in light of the breeding occurrence of this species near our summer cottage at Pointe au Baril.

I was also pleased to read Jim Richards' letter to the editors re: inclusion of the "Atlas Mystery Map" game/quiz and that it should not be included in *Ontario Birds* so as to not to emulate ABA's *Birding*. His letter showed true concern for the quality of *Ontario Birds*.

I was even more pleased to read the editors' rebuttal to Mr. Richards' letter and found it to be well presented and logical (and I even agreed with them).

But, the most fun of all – after all of that, was to read that the same Jim Richards, was the *only* one to correctly guess that Orchard Oriole was the bird depicted in the "Atlas Mystery Map". Well done, Jim!!

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely
 Reid Wilson
 Pickering, Ontario

Dear Editors:

As an Ontario birder, I find it disconcerting that I am currently using an (outdated?) supplement to *American Birds*—"On the Building of a Basic Ornithological Library" as a reference to build such a library.

I would like to suggest that OFO borrow this idea. A list of "X" number of books deemed requisite to a balanced Ontario birder's library would, I think, be a worthwhile addition to *Ontario Birds*.

Might not a half dozen or so of our more knowledgeable members be persuaded to submit their lists of indispensable reference works and favourite general works for compilation and publication of a Master List?

Keep up the good work!

Jim Heslop
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