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Cover Illustration: Accipiters by
Ron Ridout. Top to bottom:
Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk
and Sharp-shinned Hawk

Letters to the Editors

The following are excerpts from the OFO questionnaire and letters received since Volume 1 Number 1 of *Ontario Birds*.

Editors:

Congratulations on a super first issue of *Ontario Birds*. I look forward to more of the same in Volume 2.

Jim Heslop
Port Dover, Ontario

Editors:

I like it that OFO includes everyone interested in birds. As a birder I am a novice, but I enjoy the association with people from whom I can learn more.

As for the journal, I thought it was charming and I enjoyed it immensely. The articles were concise and easy to read rather than being of the type one must plough through. The drawings and the photographs were also well done.

Taina Makinen
Mississauga, Ontario

Editors:

OFO and *Ontario Birds* are both excellent ideas, long overdue. Personally, I would love to see *Ontario Birds* approach *Western Birds* even moreso than *Blue Jay*, although the latter is by no means a poor model. Although there is some danger of duplication with other publications and this could pose some editorial problems in choosing articles, I feel that *Ontario Birds* is of perhaps more value in providing an outlet for many previously hidden obser-

vations from dedicated and skilled amateurs who wish to publish, than being merely another journal to read and learn about the birds of Ontario.

R. Harris
Toronto, Ontario

Editors:

As someone interested in birds and ornithology in an amateur capacity, it's an exciting idea to have a vehicle for publishing accounts of my own observations when they might be unique or valuable to others. Every effort should be made to encourage people to send in their observations in the form of a note or article.

It will be hard to maintain a high standard for *Ontario Birds* without becoming too rigid and just another technical journal. Good luck.

Unsigned

Editors:

Good wishes and a long life to *Ontario Birds*, and congratulations to the Editorial team. How nice to see a well produced and interesting new journal.

J.T.R. Sharrock
Editor, *British Birds*
Bedford, U.K.

Editors:

I think it's a great organization and the only hope I have is that *Ontario Birds* can come out at least four times a year and maybe six or more. I will devour each issue.

Unsigned