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Note from the Editor

This issue of *Ontario Birds* contains the first OFO Bird Finding Guide, *Birding in the Hamilton Area*. This is the first of a series of site guides that will be published from time to time, either as an insert to *Ontario Birds* or separately.

Birding in the Hamilton Area has been designed to be pulled out and kept in a separate box or binder. Because *Birding in the Hamilton Area* is in the middle, *Ontario Birds* has fewer pages this issue: 24 instead of the usual 40. You may also notice that the page numbering of the journal seems to end rather abruptly at the beginning of the bird finding guide, and continues after the end.

If you have detailed information about the birds of a particular area, we'd like to encourage you to consider preparing a bird finding

guide yourself. Please write OFO President Ron Scovell at the address shown on the inside back cover of this issue to discuss possible arrangements.

This is my last issue as editor of *Ontario Birds*. During my brief sojourn, I discovered (like others before me) that the editorship of this journal involves a major time commitment which, unfortunately, proved too difficult for me to handle. However I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have submitted articles, photographs, and drawings to the journal: without this invaluable support, *Ontario Birds* could not survive. I would also like to urge the membership to continue to support the journal in this way in future.

Al Sandilands, Editor

Letter to the Editor

Burke artwork praised

The cover illustration of the most recent *Ontario Birds* (8:2) was simply superb. While the journal's covers have been graced over the years with some very fine artwork, Peter Burke's Spruce Grouse ranks, in my opinion, as the most beautiful *Ontario Birds* cover ever. We are indeed fortunate to have as fine an artist as he in our midst.

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