

New Northeastern Regional Boundaries Announced

As a result of a meeting of the eastern Regional Editors of *American Birds* at Greenwich, Connecticut, on February 1, 1975, a redrawing of the boundaries of the northeastern regions has been agreed upon.

This will be the first major change in the regions of this area in many years, and we believe that it will result in more cohesive and logical regions, as well as providing boundaries that can be more clearly defined. All readers and other contributors to the seasonal reports must take note of the new boundaries, which will be shown clearly on more detailed maps to appear with the first (Nesting Season) reports (October issue) in which these areas are used. Some observers will find themselves in new regions, with new editors, but we trust that they will accord their new editors the same cooperation given the old. Records for the Nesting Season (June 1 - July 31) are due these editors August 10.

A rough sketch map of the new divisions accompanies this notice. It shows the major changes that have been effected. Noteworthy is the elevation of the vast *Province de Québec* to regional status. Provincial boundaries will define the limits of this region. Its two new editors will be the experienced and capable Montréalites, Normand David and Michel Gosselin. Their addresses are: (David) 6151 est Henri-Bourassa, App 107, Montréal-Nord, P.Q., and (Gosselin) 1733 est Henri-Bourassa, App. 214, Montréal, P Q

The *Northeastern Maritime Region* maintains its name, losing the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalene Islands to Québec, but adding the western portions of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut except for the Fairfield County panhandle. It thus includes almost all of New England except Vermont, plus the Atlantic Provinces.

The former Hudson-St. Lawrence Region, extending "from New York City to the North Pole," is now divided in half, divested of all of

Québec, upper New York State, and the western New England areas, and is joined in part by the former Middle Atlantic Region. This new "bipolar" axis includes both New York and Philadelphia, and will take its name from its two major rivers as the *Hudson-Delaware Region*. Its boundaries are the western corner of Fairfield County, Connecticut, the eastern boundary of New York State north to Route 23, west on 23 to Route 81, south on 81 to the Susquehanna River, thence along that river to the Maryland border, east to the Delaware River, which state is entirely within this Region. The Region thus encompasses the two metropolises, all of Long Island, the lower Hudson and the Catskill Mountain area, the eastern third of Pennsylvania, all of New Jersey and Delaware. Editors for this region will be P.A. Buckley, Robert Paxton and David Cutler, observers in New Jersey should continue to send their records to their former editors.

North of this region is another new one, also taking its name from bodies of water: the *Niagara-Champlain Region*. This region includes all of Vermont and all of New York State north of the preceding region's boundaries. Upstate New Yorkers will be pleased that all their records are published together; the confusing line that divided Syracuse and Ithaca is gone forever. The *Ontario Region* becomes a full and independent entity, losing its southern sub-region. The corner of Pennsylvania around Erie, formerly in the Western New York-Pennsylvania sub-region, joins the rest of western Pennsylvania in the Appalachian Region. Editor for the new Niagara-Champlain Region is Douglas Kibbe, Manor Oak Towers, 1910 Cochran Road, Pittsburgh, Pa , 15220.

The only other affected region is the *Mid-Atlantic Region*, which loses the state of Delaware. Henceforth Frederic C. Scott, Jr. will be the sole editor for this region, accepting all records from Maryland and Virginia east of the mountains, and the District of Columbia.