

## Supplement: Bird Finding Guides *Compiled by Jeanne Gart*

Guides to finding birds are becoming increasingly popular. The lucky birder finding himself in Minnesota, for example, has only to acquire a copy of Kim Eckert's "A Birder's Guide to Minnesota," to find nearly everything he or she needs to locate the best areas and the best birds in the state, even including a highway map and a field card. Not all guides are as complete, of course, and information in a changing world tends to become rapidly outdated. *American Birds* has compiled a list of all the major guides we know about. We hope that readers will tell us if some of these are hopelessly out of date, and advise us of any titles we may have missed. Guides issued prior to 1950 are not included, nor are a number of pamphlets relating to small areas. Major state and regional books, although they may include bird-finding sections, have also not been included.

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Birder's Guide to Southeast Arizona. James A. Lane., Box 19401, Denver, Colo. 80219. 1974. 110 pp \$3.

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Birding in the Bay Area. Dale Peters Clyde & Hope Burchard Purmont. Naturegraph Co., Healdsburg, Ca. 1964. 20 pp., map. This is a small pamphlet and may be out of date.

The Birds of the South San Francisco Bay Region Chas. G. Sibley. 1952 (updated). Approx. 50 pp Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, Palo Alto, Ca. \$1.50.

Annotated Field List of Birds of Southern California. Robert L. Pyle, revised by Arnold Small. Published by Otis Wade. Los Angeles Audubon Society, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. No maps; seasonal charts. Tells status and generally where to find birds in Southern California.

Pelagic Birds of Monterey Bay Alta California Richard Stallcup. In preparation.

Bird Finding in Northern California. Richard Stallcup. In preparation for publication in 1977. Will deal incidentally with reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Birds of Northwestern California. C.F. Yocom & S.W. Harris. Humboldt State Univ., Arcata, Ca 1975. 70 pp. \$3.50 (\$4.00 by mail).

Birds of Southern California. Robert L. Pyle, Revised by Arnold Small. Otis Wade for Los Angeles Audubon Society, Los Angeles, Ca., 1961. 64 pp map. seasonal occurrence charts.

Birder's Guide to Southern California. James A. Lane. 1971. 96 pp. \$2.

#### Colorado

Birder's Guide to Denver and Eastern Colorado James A. Lane & Harold R. Holt. L. & P. Photography, Sacramento, Ca. 1973. 136 pp. \$3 75

Birds of Rocky Mountain National Park. Allegra Collister. Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver, Colo. 64 pp. No maps or seasonal occurrence charts. A checklist of species occurring in the park and vicinity and type of habitat where typical birds are found.

Birds in Western Colorado. William A. Davis Colorado Field Ornithologists, Englewood, Colo 1969 61 pp. \$2. No maps. seasonal occurrence charts. Descriptions of ten locations in Western Colorado and when to find specific birds.

### Connecticut

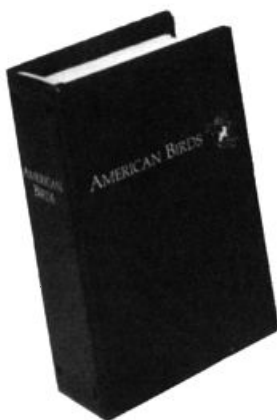
Places to Look for Birds. Connecticut Board of Fisheries & Game. 1970. 80 pp. Maps. Good detailed maps and descriptions of birding areas. Does not tell the birder what birds he may expect to find in an area.

### Florida

Where to Find Birds and Enjoy Nature in Florida. Edited by Russell Mason and Nina Steffee. Florida Audubon Society. Maitland, Fla. 1971. 21 pp. \$1.50. No maps. A revision is planned for 1976.

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Birding in the Florida Keys. Monroe City (Fla.) Audubon Society and National Audubon Society Research Dept. Tavernier, Fla. 9 pp. Free. No maps or seasonal occurrence charts. Better birding spots between Key Largo and Key West.

A Field List of South Florida Birds. Richard L. Cunningham. The Little River Press, Inc., Miami, Fla 1961. 48 pp. Map and seasonal occurrence chart. Out of print.

A Guide to Finding Birds in South Florida. Ira Joel Abramson. University of Miami Press, Coral Gables, Fla. 1961. 48 pp. Maps and seasonal occurrence charts. Lists good birding spots in 13 S. Florida regions and guides to finding some south Florida specialties. Out of print and some material out of date.

### **Georgia**

A Birder's Guide to Georgia. Ed. Daniel W. Hans. Georgia Ornithological Society. 4181 Linda Lane, Lilburn, Georgia 30247. 1975. 40 pp. (app.) \$1.50. No maps or charts. This book is in press and should be available by late 1975.

### **Illinois**

Bird Finding in Illinois. Elton Fawks and Paul Lobik. Ill. Audubon Society, 1017 Burlington Ave., Downers Grove, Ill. 1975. 98 pp. Maps and seasonal occurrence charts. \$4.40 postpaid.

Top Birding Spots Near Chicago (2nd Edition) Jeff Sanders and Lynne Yaskot. 1093 Elm St., Winnetka, Ill. 60093. Maps, seasonal occurrence charts. \$2

### **Kentucky**

Kentucky Birds: A Finding Guide. Roger W. Barbour, C.T. Peterson, Delbert Rust, Herbert E. Shadowen and A.L. Whitt, Jr. The University of Kentucky Press, Lexington, Ky. 40506. 1973. 305 pp. Maps. \$9.75. (The last one-third of this book is "A Guide to Bird Finding Areas").

### **Maine**

Enjoying Maine Birds. Edited by Olin Sewall Pettungill, Jr. Maine Audubon Society, Portland, Me. 1972. 80 pp. \$1.50. One small map, no seasonal occurrence charts. Describes promising birding areas and habitats where particular birds are likely to be found.

Native Birds of Mount Desert Island. James Bond Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Pa 1969. 28 pp. No maps or seasonal occurrence charts. Gives records and locations where species can be found.

### **Maryland**

Field List of the Birds of Maryland. Chandler S Robbins and Willet T. Van Velzen. Maryland Avifauna No. 2. Maryland Ornithological Society, 4915 Greenspring Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21209. 1968. Map and seasonal occurrence charts

### **Massachusetts**

A Guide to Bird-watching in Massachusetts, John B. May. Reprinted from Bulletin of Mass. Audubon Society, Lincoln, Mass. — Feb.-June 1950 28 pp. Out of date but still useful.

### **Michigan**

A Guide to Bird Finding in Washtenaw County and Surrounding Areas. Ed. Alfred Maley. Washtenaw Audubon Society, 130 Clubview, Ypsilanti, Mich 48197. 1970. 16 pp. \$3.00. Maps. A useful guide for a limited area.

Enjoying Birds in Michigan. William L. Thompson, editor. Michigan Audubon Society, 7000 N Westedge, Kalamazoo 49007. 3rd Ed. 1973 80 pp. finding section, maps.

### **Minnesota**

A Birder's Guide to Minnesota. K.R. Eckert Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis. 1974. 114 pp. Maps. \$3 50 (softcover). A detailed finding guide to more than 150 birding areas. Includes maps, seasonal regional guides and travel instructions.

### **Missouri**

A Guide to Finding Birds in the St. Louis Area Richard Anderson and Paul Bauer. Webster Groves Nature Study Society. Webster Groves, Missouri 63119. 1968. 44 pp. Maps.

### **Montana**

Montana Bird Distribution. P.D. Skaar. Publ by P.D. Skaar, Bozeman, Mont. 1975. 56 pp. \$2 50 Maps and seasonal occurrence charts.

## **New York**

Birding in the Cayuga Lake Basin. M. Comar, D. Kibbe, D. McIlroy. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Ithaca, N.Y. 1974. 108 pp. \$3.45. Maps.

Enjoying Birds Around New York City. Robert S. Arbib, Jr., Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., and Sally Hoyt Spofford. Houghton Mifflin Co. Boston. The Riverside Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1966. 171 pp. Maps and seasonal occurrence charts. Detailed descriptions of good birding areas and what the birder may expect to find. Hardcover \$4.50. Softcover \$2 95

Enjoying Birds in Upstate New York. Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr and Sally Hoyt Spofford. Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. 1975. \$3.50. Maps and seasonal occurrence charts.

## **Pennsylvania**

Field List of the Birds of the Delaware Valley Region A. Brady, W.R. Logan, J.C. Miller, G.B. Reynard, R.H. Sehl. Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia Revised 1972. 48 pp. \$1.00. Includes maps and seasonal occurrence charts. About 35 of the best birding spots in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey located.

Guide to Northeastern Hawk Watching. Donald S. Heintzelman. 1972. \$1.50.

Where to Find Birds in Western Pennsylvania. Edited by David B. Freeland. Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, 24 Woodland Rd., Sewickley, Pa. 15143. 1975. 64 pp. Maps. \$2.75.

## **Texas**

Birds of Big Bend National Park and Vicinity. Roland H Wauer. U. of Texas Press, Austin. 1973. 238 pp. Map. \$4.95. Descriptions of the best birding areas.

A Birder's Guide to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas James A. Lane. L & P Photography, Sacramento, Ca. 1971. \$2.

Birder's Guide to the Texas Coast. James A. Lane and John L. Tveten. 1974. 118 pp. \$3.50. 17 maps. Details regarding the most difficult-to-find species.

## **Utah**

Utah Birds. William H. Behle and Michael L. Perry. Utah Museum of Natural History. Univ of Utah Book Store, Salt Lake City. 1975. 142 pp. \$4 Maps and seasonal occurrence charts. Suggested field trips for Salt Lake and Bear River areas and all "entry points" to state.

Birds of Zion National Park and Vicinity. Roland H. Wauer and Dennis L. Carter. Zion Natural History Ass'n., Springdale, Utah. 1965. 92 pp. \$1 50 Describes bird finding spots by season.

## **Vermont**

Birds of East-central Vermont. Richard B. Farrar, Jr. Vermont Institute of Natural Science Woodstock, Vt. 1973. 105 pp. \$4. Directions to 12 areas. Primarily a regional occurrence guide.

## **Washington**

A Guide to Bird Finding in Washington. Terence R. Wahl and Dennis R. Paulson. Whatcom Museum Press, Bellingham, Wash., 1974. 102 pp. Map, seasonal occurrence charts. \$4.

## **Wisconsin**

Wisconsin's Favorite Birding Haunts. Edited by Samuel D. Robbins, Jr. The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Inc., Madison. 1961. 77 pp. Maps A revised edition, updated, edited by Daryl D. Tessen is expected in 1976.

# **CANADA**

## **Atlantic Provinces**

Birds of the Atlantic Provinces. D.A. Hancock and J. Woodford. 1973. General Publishing, Don Mills, Ontario. 68 pp. \$5.95.

Where to Find the Birds in Nova Scotia. C.R K Allen and P.R. Dobson. Nova Scotia Bird Society, Inc. 1968. 30 pp. \$1.00. Maps.

## **Ontario**

Birds of Ontario and Québec. David A. Hancock and James Woodford. 1973. General Publishing Co Ltd., Don Mills, Ontario. 68 pp. \$5.95.

A Naturalists Guide to Ontario. W.W. Judd and J. Murray Speirs (Eds.) University of Toronto Press for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Don Mills, Ont. 1964. 210 pp. \$2.95. Maps. This is somewhat out of date and in the process of being revised.

Toronto Birdfinding Guide. P. Iden. Toronto Field Naturalists Guide. Toronto. 1967. 52 pp. \$1.50. Maps. Soft cover. Somewhat dated because of rapid development of the area but still a good guide.

### Manitoba

Birds of the Churchill Region, Manitoba. Joseph R. Jeyl, Jr. and Blanche A. Smith. Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature. Special Publication No. 1. Winnipeg. 1970. 88 pp. \$2.50.

### Western Provinces

Birds of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba David H. Hancock and Jim Woodford. 1973 General Publishing Co., Ltd., Don Mills, Ont. 68 pp \$5.95.

The birds of Northeastern Saskatchewan. Robert W Nero. Saskatchewan Natural History Society Special Publication No. 6. Regina. 1967. \$2.00

Birds of the Rosetown - Biggar District. Wayne E Renaud and Don H. Renaud. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication No. 9. Regina 1975. \$4.50.

Birds of the Lake Athabasca Region of Saskatchewan. Robert W. Nero. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication No. 5. Regina 1963. \$2.50.

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## Wanted — Antique Christmas Counts

The majority of Christmas Bird Counts published in the early years of the event (1900-1915) were taken by one person only. They were usually on foot, leisurely strolls of two or three hours, and they averaged about ten species per "census". It would be interesting, we believe, if some of these earliest counts could be duplicated today. While exact routes are rarely available, some of the early counts were taken in city parks and other areas which may be little changed today.

Volunteers willing to try to duplicate an "antique" Christmas Bird Count are asked to write the Editor. Since, in the years concerned most counts were taken in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, Ohio and Illinois — particularly

around Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago — volunteers from other locations should know in advance whether any early counts (1900-1915) were taken in their areas.

Volunteers will be asked to duplicate the coverage and hours afield, of the early published counts. Probably too, all counts should be on foot, either without binoculars or with inadequate 3- or 4-power field glasses, no telescopes, no field guides, and no squeaking or "pishing" allowed, and no tapes played.

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