

# CANADIAN DIRECTORY

## Suggested Publications on the Birds of Canada

The following publications are listed in order to provide assistance to the traveling birder. It does not pretend to be exhaustive and we suggest it be used in combination with the list of contact organizations (page 171). We apologize for any egregious omissions or informational errors. Please let AMERICAN BIRDS know if this listing was helpful.

**The Birds of Canada**—W. Earl Godfrey. Color illustrations: John A. Crosby. Line drawings: S.D. MacDonald. Published by the National Museum of Natural Sciences, National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M8. First published in 1966 as National Museum of Canada Bulletin Number 203, Biological Series Number 73. Reprinted in 1970, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1979. The avian distribution and species accounts are current through January 1, 1964.

This book is out of print, and although somewhat out-of-date, it is still the classic reference for the country's avifauna.

However, in June 1986, **The Birds of Canada**, Godfrey's completely revised edition, will be out. This new edition is slightly wider and longer than the 1966 edition, with a completely new design including a jacket that will not tear. There are two language editions to this new book. They are both

published in hardbound. The English version is 600 pages and the French version is 650 pages. Both versions are being sold for \$39.95, Canadian. This new **Birds of Canada** has 74 color plates, 102 line drawings, and 380-390 maps. Once again it is being published by the National Museum of Natural Sciences. For those attending the International Ornithological Congress in June 1986, there will be a booth at which the book will be sold. For those who wish to mail order the Godfrey book, write to the Publishing Services Department at the National Museum in Ottawa (address above).

**A Bird-Finding Guide to Canada**.—J.C. Finlay (ed.) 1984. Line drawings (40): Terry Thormin. Hurtig Publishers Ltd., 10560 - 105th Street, Edmonton, Alberta. Maps. 387pp. \$18.95 paperbound.

This is an excellent book to have along on any trip to anywhere in Canada. Includes birding areas in and near major cities, in total wilderness areas, as well as national, provincial, and municipal parks. It includes information on habitats, nesting sites, hard-to-find species, seasonality, and an enormous amount of downright practical information about what to see and who to call and what organization publishes what. If you do any traveling in any of the provinces or territories, this book will become (and *should* become) your indispensable companion.

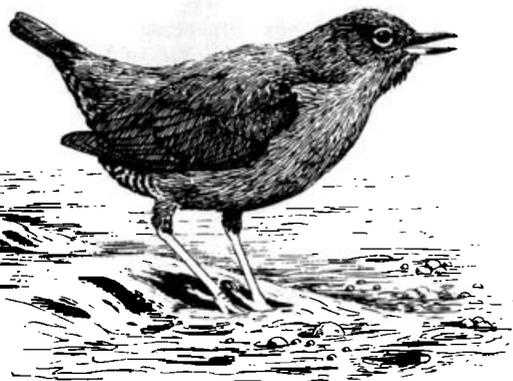
**Birdfinding in Canada** is a 24 page bimonthly newsletter that has been published since January 1981. Its coverage is throughout Canada and regular features include best birding sites, articles on interesting or uncommon bird sightings, 'Birding the TransCanada Highway' (a series that won't be completed until 1990), and miscellaneous items, *e.g.*, reviews, announcements, tours, etc.

Gerry Bennett, editor and author of this newsletter, infuses his creation with interesting birding information and humor. A subscription to *Birdfinding in Canada* is \$12. Cnd., and all back issues are available at a cost of \$2. Cnd. Write for information to: Gerry Bennett, P.O. Box 519, Kleinsburg, Ontario LOJ 1C0.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Where to Find Birds in British Columbia.** David M. Mark. 1984. Second Edition. Illustrations: Linda M. Feltner. Kestrel Press. New Westminster, British Columbia. 122pp. 15 maps. 16 black-and-white line drawings. Bibliography. Size: 5½ × 8½ inches. \$7. paperbound.

More than 80 site descriptions to some of the most wonderful birding areas in North America. The 14 biotic areas of British Columbia are described along with their representative birds. The maps are just so-so and you will need a good provincial road map. Almost always, J.C. Finlay (see above) is better on practical matters and logistics, *e.g.*, where *do* the ferries to the Queen Charlotte Islands leave from and once you get to them, what *is* the most efficient way to bird them? I especially liked Mark's treatment of seasonal changes in species abundances and his very fine suggestions on the best time to bird a particular site. This is a well-organized, compact, well-written compendium and a bargain at its price.



**A Birder's Guide to Vancouver Island.** Keith Taylor. 1983. 9 black-and-white line drawings. 2 maps. iv + 106pp. Index. Size: 8½ × 11 inches. \$6.95 paperbound.

A good job of detailing the bird specialties in and around Victoria with the 20 best birding sites described. Otherwise species annotations occupy approximately 90% of the book. It's a nice addition to the bird-finding literature of that area. Pass lightly over the too frequent lapses in standard grammar and spelling/proofreading. They are probably of little consequence.



## ALBERTA

**The Birds of Alberta.**—W. Ray Salt and Jim R. Salt. 1976. Hurtig Publishers Ltd., 10560 - 105th Street, Edmonton, Alberta. 498pp.

This is an excellent reference. Invaluable to the students of the birdlife of Alberta. This work includes avian distribution maps for the entire Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta prairie regions.

**Alberta Birds, 1961-1970, With Particular Reference to Migration.**—T.S. Sadler and M.T. Myres. 1976. Provincial Museum of Alberta Natural History. Occasional Paper Number 1. Published by Alberta Culture, Historical Resources Division. 304pp. paperbound.

A fine publication available from The Bookshop, Provincial Museum of Alberta, 12845 - 102nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5N 0M6.

**A Nature Guide to Alberta.**—D.A.E. Spaulding (ed.). 1980. Provincial Museum of Alberta Natural History. Occasional Paper Number 5.

This fine guide is available from the Provincial Museum of Alberta (address above).

## SASKATCHEWAN

**Birds of the Lake Athabasca Region of Saskatchewan.**—Robert W. Nero. 1963. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication Number 5. 143pp.

All known records north of Clearwater and Churchill rivers are included, area and habitat very well described. It is a must for those going to this region in the extreme northwest section of the province.

**The Birds of Northeastern Saskatchewan.**—Robert W. Nero. 1967. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication Number 6. 96pp. \$2. Cnd.

In the same vein as the volume on Lake Athabasca. Very valuable and well done.

**Birds of the Rosetown-Biggar District.**—Wayne E. Renaud and Don H. Renaud. 1975. Saskatchewan Natural History Society. Special Publication Number 9. 120pp. \$4. Cnd.

A well-documented account of the bird fauna in Saskatchewan between North and South rivers, with major emphasis on the breeding status and migratory movements of 111 established breeders of the 236 species definitely recorded in the area. A testimony to the contribution amateurs can make to ornithology.

**Field Checklist of Saskatchewan Birds.**—R. Kreba. 1983. Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History.

**Birds of the Gainsborough/Lyleton Region.**—Richard W. Knapton. 1979. Special Publication Number 10 of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. 72pp. paperbound.

Excellent coverage of the area.

All of these Saskatchewan publications are available from the Blue Jay Bookshop, Box 1121, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3B4.

## MANITOBA

**Birder's Guide to Southeastern Manitoba.**—N.J. Cleveland, R.F. Koes, M.F. Murdoch, W.P. Neily and I.A. Ward. 1980. Eco Series Number 1. Manitoba Naturalists' Society. \$6. paperbound.

This is an excellent bird finding guide and a must for the visiting birder.



**Field Checklist of the Birds of Southeastern Manitoba.**—Manitoba Naturalists' Society.

These two publications are available from the Manitoba Naturalists' Society, 214-190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0N2. Telephone: 204-943-9029.

**Birds of the Churchill Region, Manitoba.**—Joseph R. Jehl and Blanche A. Smith. 1970. Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. Special Publication Number 1. 87pp. \$5. Cnd.

Primarily devoted to the breeding birds of the tundra and treeline habitats bordering the Southern Hudson Bay. This work contains sections on the area's ornithological history, 209 species accounts, migration and breeding information and an annotated checklist. Considered *the* reference for the area. Available from the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0N2.

**A Birder's Guide to Churchill.**—James A. Lane and Bonnie Chartier. 1983. 26 black-and-white photos. 14 maps. 1 drawing. Size: 5½ × 8½ inches. 62pp. \$5.50 paperbound.

Typical of the well-done Lane bird finding guides, full of maps, lists of facilities, road systems, car rental agencies, and necessary telephone numbers. Includes thorough descriptions of featured birding areas. *Not* a replacement for the Jehl/Smith book. I'd take both and read both *before* leaving. Available from American Birding Association Sales, P.O. Box 4335, Austin, Texas 78765.

## ONTARIO

**A Bird-Finding Guide to Ontario.**—Clive E. Goodwin. 1982. University of Toronto Press. 12 maps. Systematic lists of Species. Index. Bibliography. 248pp. \$12.50 Cnd.

A really valuable book by a prominent and experienced birder who was the Ontario Regional Editor for *American Birds* for 17 years. A wealth of information on the entire province and its habitats, Goodwin details birds to be encountered and where so that the time spent birding is of the most productive kind. All coverage is thorough. The novice and aficionado will be delighted. Available from the Canadian Nature Federation, 75 Albert Street, Suite 203, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6G1.

**Breeding Birds of Ontario: nidiology and distribution. Volume 1: Nonpasserines.**—G.K. Peck and R.D. James. 1983. 321pp. 37 illus. 170 figs. (142 maps). Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. \$25. Cdn.

Excellent documentation of the distribution and breeding habitats, nest locations, positions, heights, construction, materials, sizes, clutch sizes and ranges, incubation periods and egg dates. This is an enormous data base and a wonderful reference work.

**Ontario Birds** is a relatively new (first issue was April 1983), journal published by the Ontario Field Naturalists (see page 171). Its stated purpose is to provide an outlet for the documentation of the birds of Ontario. It runs full-length articles or short notes on the status of Ontario's birds, significant provincial distributional records, behavioral observations, identification articles, location guides to important birdwatching areas, and book reviews. Annual membership in the Ontario Field Ornithologists is \$10. Cdn, and should be sent to: O.F.O., Box 1204, Station B, Burlington, Ontario L7P 3S9.

**Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ontario.**—R.D. James, P.L. McLaren and J.C. Barlow. 1976. Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. 75pp. \$4.50 Cnd. paper-bound.

Available from the Canadian Nature Federation (see above).



# A Bird Finding Guide to Ontario

Clive E. Goodwin

Ontario offers a host of exciting opportunities for the bird watcher. More than 400 species of birds have been found in the province, and at least 270 have nested. From southern deciduous woodlands to the arctic coastline, this guide gives precise information on where birds may be found. It will delight aficionado and novice birder alike. The guide also features maps, systematic lists of species, and indexes which provide easy access to information. \$12.50 paper

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**Birds of Ontario**—J. Murray Speirs. 1985. Vol. 1 and Vol. 2. Natural Heritage/Natural History Inc. Toronto, Ontario. Vol. 1 hardbound \$49.95 Canadian, 538 pages. Vol. 2 hardbound \$24.95 Canadian, 986 pages.

Volume 1 of this set of books, published simultaneously, contains an identification and description section covering the 400+ bird species recorded in Ontario through 1984, and has 344 color plates.

Volume 2 contains species accounts of those birds recorded in Ontario through 1984, giving each species' identification characters, seasonal status, measurements, and additional references. There is a great deal of use of Breeding Bird Survey data and Christmas Bird Count data. The book uses results from bird-banding and has an extensive bibliography and index.

Not reviewed at press time.



## QUEBEC

**The Status and Distribution of Birds in Southern Quebec.**—Normand David. 1980.

Written by one of *American Birds*' finest Regional Editors. A mine of information. Available from Club des Ornithologues de Quebec, Que., 8191 de Zoo, Orsainville, P.Q. G1G 4G4.

## NEW BRUNSWICK

**"Birdwatching: New Brunswick, Canada."** 1985. Canadian Wildlife Service and Tourism, New Brunswick. No charge.

This looks rather like an ordinary road map, but wait until you unfold it. It becomes a full-color, imaginative introduction to birding in this Maritime province. It discusses best times to bird, where, climates, landscapes and even birdwatching in winter. It describes and gives excellent travel directions to 16 choice birding locales. A copy is available free from Tourism New Brunswick, P.O. Box 12345, Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5C3.

**The Birds of New Brunswick.**—W.A. Squires. 2nd Edition. 1976. New Brunswick Museum Monograph Series, Number 7. 221pp.

Contains information on geography and climate, bird banding data, sources of unpublished information, migration routes, and an excellent annotated list. The bibliography is above average. Recommended. Available from the New Brunswick Museum, 277 Douglas Avenue, St. John, New Brunswick E2K 1E5.

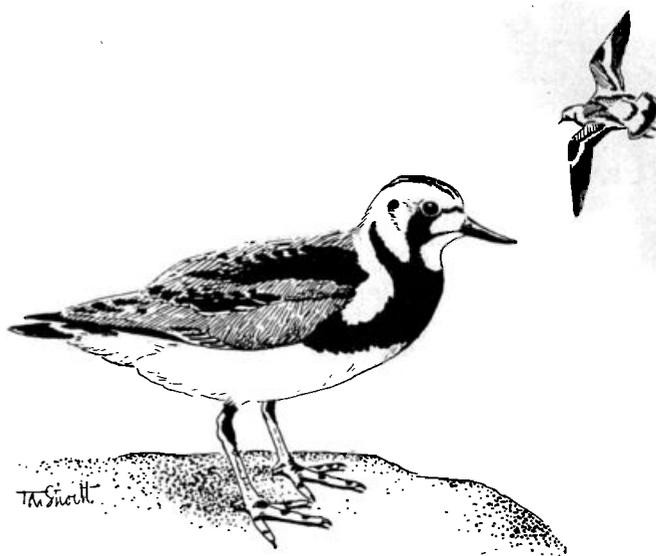
## NOVA SCOTIA

**Where to Find Birds in Nova Scotia.**—Phyllis R. Dobson (ed.). 1976. Revised Edition. Nova Scotia Bird Society. \$4.50 Cnd. paperbound.

An excellent booklet and indispensable if birding this province. Available from Nova Scotia Bird Society, c/o The Nova Scotia Provincial Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3A6.

**The Birds of Sable Island, Nova Scotia.**—Ian A. McLaren. 1981. Nova Scotia Institute of Science. Black-and-white photos. Map. Tables. Bibliography. 84pp. \$7.50 Cnd. paperbound.

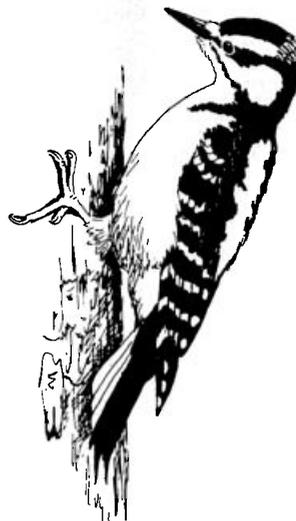
A total of 324 species, 236 authenticated by specimens or photographs, are reported from this treeless sandbar island, 150km from Nova Scotia. This book details breeders, normal migrants, irruptives, migration dates, numbers of occurrences and individuals, and vagrants. Extensive records allow assessments over time and historical changes. Extremely interesting and recommended. Available from The Nova Scotia Institute of Science, Macdonald Science Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4J3.



## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Avifaunal Survey of Prince Edward Island National Park.**—K. Martin and W. Cairns. 1979. Canadian Wildlife Service. 231pp. paperbound.

Available from the Superintendent, Prince Edward Island National Park, Box 487, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7L1. Telephone: 902-672-2211.



## NEWFOUNDLAND

**A Birdwatcher's Guide to Atlantic Canada; Vol. 1, Newfoundland and Labrador, Pelagic Ferries and Offshore Islands.**—Roger Burrows. 1981. Published by author. \$5. Cnd. paperbound.

This is a very fine publication and so detailed that one has a sense the author knows every last nook and cranny of Atlantic Canada. A real bargain at the price! Available from the author at 9A Conroy Place, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 2K3. Telephone: 709-753-8862.

**Field Checklist of the Birds of Insular Newfoundland.**—J.E. Maunder and W.E. Montevecchi. 1982. Newfoundland Natural History Society.

Available from Newfoundland Natural History Society, P.O. Box 1013, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5M3.

## YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

"Distribution and Abundance of Birds on the Arctic Coastal Plain of Northern Yukon and adjacent Northwest Territories, 1971-1976" by Richard F. Salter, Michael A. Gollop, Stephen R. Johnson, William R. Koski and C. Eric Tull. *Canadian Field Naturalist*, Vo. 94, No. 3, July-September 1980. pp. 219-237.

**Birds by the Dempster Highway.**—Robert Frisch. 1982. \$4. Cnd. paperbound.

Detail species account for the 164 "Dempster Specials" to be found along this unique and fascinating road. Available from Dawson Museum, Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

**List of Yukon Birds and those of the Canol Road.**—Austin L. Rand. 1946. National Museum of Canada, Bulletin Number 105. Ottawa.

Dated, but contains copious records and field accounts. The synopsis of former avifauna and previous work done in the Yukon is noteworthy, especially historically.

**Birds of Nahanni National Park, Northwest Territories.**—George W. Scotter, Ludwig N. Carbyn, Wayne P. Neily, and J. David Henry. 1985. Special Publication Number 15 of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society. 2 maps. 5 tables. 11 black-and-white photos. Annotated List. Bibliography. 74pp. \$7. Cnd. paperbound.

After reading this small, unassuming book you'll want to immediately take off for this remote corner of the Northwest Territories. There is an historical review, description of the area, discussion of the climate and thorough accounts of the 170 species occurring in the park. Significant bird habitats are discussed and the species associated with them. An altitudinal transition exists within the 4760km<sup>2</sup> park, from closed boreal forests in the lowlands to alpine tundra areas at higher elevations. Deciduous growth, coniferous forests on mountain slopes, barren glaciated rock peaks, river drainages and the accompanying vegetative cover reflect the varied bird life. What a place! Available from Saskatchewan Natural History Society, Box 1121, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3B4.