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... from the editor's desk

"90 and Counting" is the slogan we've chosen to help us mark the upcoming 90th Christmas Bird Count. What a milestone for the National Audubon Society!! Ninety continuous, unbroken years of conducting this early-winter bird bash throughout North America. Remember that this is the largest and longest running show in town. Be sure that you and your birding cohorts indulge yourselves in some special way this year. Have a big compilation party. Have your local newspaper run a special on your count and its participants. Wear one of our holiday-styled sweatshirts or tee shirts, advertised on page 399. Better yet—get your entire count to wear them. Invite your neighbors, colleagues, or mother-in-law on their first Christmas Bird Count. Whatever you do have a marvelous time doing it. It's never too early to plan. **HERE'S A DEAL YOU CAN'T REFUSE!** Think of something really inventive to do to celebrate the 90th Christmas Bird Count and write me a letter about it. The originators of the five most creative ideas will win a free subscription for one year to AMERICAN BIRDS, and I'll publish the winning ideas in AB. Come on—play my game with me. I always make the rules easy and they almost always involve having a good time.

Beginning with the Spring 1990 issue [Volume 44, Number 1] of AMERICAN BIRDS there will be a few changes in the regional reports. The Spring issue reports cover the previous autumn season. When you receive this issue, you will already be preparing to send your regional editors and subregional editors your observations for the Autumn Migration Season (August 1–November 30, 1989). Therefore these changes may influence the editors to whom you submit reports. Please note the changes to keep the reporting network working smoothly.

British Columbia will become a whole region along with the Yukon Territory instead of being part of the Northwestern Canada Region, part of the Northern Rocky Mountain-Intermountain Region, and part of the Northern Pacific Coast Region. Chris Sidle, formerly Regional Editor of the Northwestern Canada Region, has moved his residence to southern British Columbia and has volunteered to take over editorship of this newly created region. He, along with the able assistance of Rich Cannings, will be writing the British Columbia regional report and so we request that you send your observations to him at: 3005 Twenty-fourth Street, Vernon, B.C. V1T 4N3 Canada.

The Northern Pacific Coast Region has undergone some boundary changes. All of the section of British Columbia formerly contained therein will be dropped and the parts of Washington and Oregon, previously in the Northern Rocky Mountain-Intermountain Region, will be annexed to the Northern Pacific Coast Region. The entirety of that region will now contain the states of Washington and Oregon. Bill Tweit (P.O. Box 1271, Olympia, WA 98507) and Steve Heinel (1094 Monroe, Eugene, OR 97402) have already begun working in tandem with the birders in this region and have together compiled the Northern Pacific Coast regional report in this issue. We look forward to many seasons of exciting reports in AMERICAN BIRDS.

Thomas H. Rogers (E. 10820 Maxwell, Spokane, WA 99206), certainly one of this magazine's most loyal and respected regional editors, who has, in fact, edited season after season of reports since February 1955, will remain the editor of the region that will now encompass the entire state of Idaho and the western section of the state of Montana, as shown on page 511 of this issue.

We think that these changes will expedite the reporting network in the northwest section of the United States and British Columbia and we urge all contributors to cooperate by sending their reports to these editors in a timely fashion. We greet these changes with enthusiasm because we feel that they will result in a better publication for you.

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