

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS:**

As announced earlier, the annual Christmas Bird Count of the TPAS will be held in the Palo Duro Canyon and adjacent areas on Sunday, Dec. 19th. We will meet at the Park entrance at 8:00 A.M. Bring your lunch if you plan on making it an all-day count and we will meet at the first water crossing at noon to compile the morning's list.

Dates on two other area counts have been set. Monday, Dec. 27th a count will be made at Arnett, Okla., and Wednesday, Dec. 29th a count at Kenton, (Black Mesa), Okla. At this time it is not certain that the two counts at Lake Meredith will be held.

**ON ACQUIRING A LIBRARY OF BIRD BOOKS:**

You have probably often wondered, as I have, what bird books would constitute the core of a well rounded library. Recently, seven experts were asked to select 25 titles each thought should be in a birder's library. From these lists the editor of American Birds selected 60 titles as a basic selection.

The 60 titles are as follows:

**FIELD GUIDES:** A selection of these must be in every basis library.

1. A Field Guide to the Birds, R. T. Peterson, 1947. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. (Eastern Birds).
2. A Field Guide to Western Birds, R. T. Peterson, 1960. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. (Includes Hawaii.)
3. A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas, R. T. Peterson, 1960. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
4. Audubon Guides, Eastern Land Birds (1946), Water Birds (1951), Richard H. Pough. Doubleday & Co., New York.
5. Audubon Guide, Western Birds, Richard H. Pough, 1957. (Cannot be used without Eastern guides.)
6. Birds of North America, Chandler S. Robbins, Bertel Bruun, H. S. Zim. 1966. Golden Press, New York.
7. A Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe, 2nd Ed. R. T. Peterson, G. Mountfort, P. A. D. Hollom, 1966. Collins, London. (Useful especially for East Coast observers.)
8. Birds of Europe, Bertel Bruun, Arthur Singer. To be published this year.
9. Birds of the Ocean, W. B. Alexander, Rev. ed. 1954. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. (Indispensable for ocean watchers and travelers.)
10. Birds of the West Indies, James Bond, 1960. Collins, London. Being revised. (Includes birds sometimes seen in Gulf coast states.)
11. A Guide to Bird-finding East of the Rockies. O. S. Pettingill, Jr. 1951. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
12. A Guide to Bird-finding West of the Rockies. O. S. Pettingill, Jr. 1953. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.  
(Both books somewhat dated but useful.)
13. Birds' Nest: A Field Guide, Richard Headstrom, 1949. Ives Washburn, New York.
14. A Coloured Key to the Wildfowl of the World, Peter Scott, 1957. Scribner's Sons, New York. (Every species figured; handy guide to those zoo escapes.)
15. Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico, Ernest P. Edwards, late 1971.

**GENERAL REFERENCES:**

16. A New Dictionary of Birds, A. L. Thomson, 1964. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York.
17. The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds, 5th Ed. American Ornithologists' Union.
18. Birds of the World, O. L. Austin, Jr. and A. Singer, 1961. Golden Press, New York.
19. The World of Birds, J. Fisher and R. T. Peterson, 1964. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, New York.
20. Life Histories of North American Birds, 23 vols. A. C. Bent et al. 1919-1968. U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. (Available in Dover paperback reprints.)
21. The Birds, R. T. Peterson, and the Editors of Life, 1963. Time, Inc., New York.

**IMPORTANT WORLD AND REGIONAL BOOKS:**

22. Living Birds of the World, E. T. Gilliard, 1958. Doubleday & Co., New York.
23. The Audubon Illustrated Handbook of Birds, E. M. Reilly, Jr. 1968. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York.
24. Handbook of North American Birds, Vol. 1, R. S. Palmer., Ed. 1962. Yale University Press, New Haven.
25. Birds of Canada, P. A. Taverner, 1943. Musson Book Co., Toronto.
26. The Birds of Canada, W. Earl Godfrey, 1967. National Museum of Canada, Ottawa.
27. The Handbook of British Birds, Witherby et al. 5 vols. Witherby Ltd., London.
28. Birds of Europe, Bruun & Singer (See Field Guides).
29. A Guide to the Birds of South America, R. M. DeSchaunsee, 1971. Livingston & Co., Double-Wynewood, Pa.
30. Oceanic Birds of South America, R. C. Murphy, 1936. American Museum of Natural History, New York.

**TEXTBOOKS:**

31. Avian Biology, D. Farner and J. W. King, Editors. Academic Press. 4 vols., first vol. published in 1971.
32. The Life of Birds, J. C. Welty, 1962. W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia.
33. The Fundamentals of Ornithology, J. Van Tyne and A. Berger, 1971. Dover Publications, New York.
34. Ornithology in Field and Laboratory, O. S. Pettingill, Jr. 4th ed. 1970. Burgess Publishing Co., Minneapolis.

**SPECIALIZED SUBJECTS:**

35. The Migration of Birds, J. Dorst, 1962. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston.
36. Bird Migration, D. R. Griffin, 1964. Anchor Books, N. Y.
37. Radar Ornithology, Eric Eastwood, 1967. Barnes & Noble, New York.
38. Bird-song, W. H. Thorpe, 1961. University Press, Cambridge.
39. Bird Song, E. A. Armstrong, 1963. Oxford University Press, London.
40. The Flight of Birds, R. W. Storer, 1948. Cranbrook Institute of Science Bulletin No. 38. Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

**BEHAVIOR:**

41. The Herring Gull's World, N. Tinberger, 1953. Collins, London.
42. Studies in the Life History of the Song Sparrow, M. M. Nice, 1937/43. Transactions of the Linnaean Society of N. Y. Dover reprint.

43. Bird Display and Behavior, E. A. Armstrong, 1964. Dover Press reprint.  
 44. The Life of the Robin, D. Lack, 4th ed. 1965. H. F. & G. Withorby, London.

CONSERVATION:

45. The Passenger Pigeon, A. W. Schorgor, 1954. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison.  
 46. Peregrin Falcon Populations, their biology and decline, J. J. Hickey et al. 1969. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison.  
 47. Extinct and Vanishing Birds of the World, J.C. Greenway, Jr, 1967. Dover Press.

BOOKS ON SPECIAL GROUPS OF BIRDS:

48. The Ducks, Geese, and Swans of North America, F. H. Kortwright, 1943. American Wildlife Institute, Washington.  
 49. The Warblers of North America, L. Griscom, A. Sprunt, eds. 1957. Devin-Adair, N. Y.

ATTRACTING BIRDS:

50. Songbirds in Your Garden, John K. Terres, 1968. Crowell, New York.  
 51. The New Handbook of Attracting Birds, T. P. McElroy, Jr, 1961. Knopf, New York.  
 52. Attracting Birds: from the Prairies to the Atlantic., Verne E. Davison, 1967. Crowell, New York.

LAVISHLY ILLUSTRATED BOOKS:

53. The Shorebirds of North America, G. D. Stout et al. 1967. Viking Press.  
 54. Birds of the Northern Forest, J. F. Lansdowne and J. A. Livingston, 1966. Houghton Mifflin, Boston.  
 55. Birds of the Eastern Forest, J. F. Lansdowne and J. A. Livingston, 1968. Houghton Mifflin, Boston.  
 56. Hummingbirds, C. H. Goonewalt, 1960. Doubleday & Co., New York.

BIRD WATCHING:

57. A Guide to Bird Watching, J. J. Hickey, 1943. Oxford Press, New York.  
 58. Watching Birds, James Fisher, 1941, rev. 1951. Pelican Books, Harmondsworth, England.

GOOD READING:

59. The Bird Watcher's Anthology, R. T. Peterson, ed. 1957. Bonanza Books, New York.  
 60. A Treasury of Bird Lore, Joseph Wood Krutch and Paul S. Erikson, eds. 1962. Doubleday & Co., New York.

REGIONAL BOOKS:

Bailey

61. Birds of Colorado, Alfred M., and Robert J. Nidrach, 1965. Denver Museum of Natural History.  
 62. New Mexico Birds, Stokley Ligon, 1961. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.  
 63. Oklahoma Birds, George M. Sutton, 1967. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

BIRD NOTES:

Few unusual sightings have been reported during the late Fall season. During the first week of November several Cattle Egrets were seen by personnel at the Buffalo Lake NWR. Those constitute the first sightings of this species in our area in the last five or six years. An exciting observation was made by Peggy Acord and Rita Kenney in the Palo Duro Canyon on Nov. 23rd when 6+ White-throated Swifts were seen. On November 25th Kenneth Seyffert saw 2 Gray-headed Juncos at the same location. Several of our observers have noted the abundance of Tree Sparrows in our area this year, both in the Palo Duro and at Buffalo Lake. Also, there appears to be a substantial increase in the number of Red-heads around. Peggy reports seeing a large flock of Eastern Bluebirds and Robins at the Boy Scout Camp on Nov. 23.

A THURSDAY BIRDER:

1. Is still wondering what kind of hawk Richie Allon killed in that game last year with Cincinnati.
2. Can bring his car from 70 mph to zero in 5 seconds in the middle of Highway 40 to look at a bird overhead and never hear the screech of tires, the crunch of fenders, or the curses behind him. (The bird will probably be a pigeon).
3. Has poison ivy all summer.
4. Never believes those NO TRESPASSING signs are meant for him.
5. Has at least one pair of \$20 shoes in his closet ruined from wading across a creek.
6. Has a dusty car with mud-caked tires that hasn't been clean since the day he bought it.
7. Mows his lawn with his binoculars around his neck.

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CALENDAR:

- Dec. 19: Annual Christmas Bird Count in the Palo Duro Canyon. Begin at 8:00 a.m. and meet at the Park entrance.  
 Dec. 27: Christmas Bird Count at Arnett, Oklahoma.  
 Dec. 29: Christmas Bird Count at Kenton, Oklahoma.  
 Jan. 17: Monthly society meeting at the Garden Center, 7:30 p.m.

I am sure each of us has books in his or her library that each feels strongly should appear in everyone's bird library. The October edition of American Birds lists many that do not appear on this basic list. As far as I know all of these books are still in print and can be obtained through your local bookstore. Some can be bought from the local Audubon Society. Another good source for purchasing them is from the Pierce Book Co., Winthrop, Iowa 50682. The latter company's catalog also lists books under the categories of Botany, Fish, Reptiles, Aquatic Life, Mammals, Wildlife and General Nature.