

more than does the merely sticky *Grindelia*. The only specimen of *Madia* from an eastern locality that I have ever seen was sent to the Division during September, 1928, by Mathias D'Amours,

Trois Pistoles, Temiscouata Co., Que. It was said to be growing in a hay field, and was regarded as being weedy and established. The specimen was identified as *Madia glomerata* Hook.

BIRD CENSUS, 1928

Sunday, December 23, 1928. 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wind south. Clear after wind and rain. Weather for some time previous, very mild with rain and wind. Temp. 42° to 46°. Area covered from Courtenay to Point Holmes (Comox) Vancouver Island, mainly following shore line. Distance about ten miles, by car and on foot. Observers together most of the time.

Western Grebe, 72; Holboell's Grebe, 35; Horned Grebe, 72; Common Loon, 10; Pacific Loon, 10; Red-throated Loon, 3; Pigeon Guillemotte, 1; California Murre, 4; Glaucous-winged Gull, 2200; Herring Gull (Thayer's), 20; Short-billed Gull, 70; White-crested Cormorant, 1; Red-breasted Merganser, 15; Hooded Merganser, 5; Mallard, 640; Widgeon, 250; Green-winged Teal, 6; Greater Scaup, 325; Lesser Scaup, 68; American Golden-eye, 500; Barrow's Golden-eye, 7; Bufflehead, 210; Harlequin, 52; American Scoter, 40; Surf Scoter, 525; White-winged

Scoter, 700; Heron (North West), 4; Coot, 11; Aleutian Sandpiper, 1; Red-backed Sandpiper, 140; Sanderling, 2; Black Turnstone, 30; Sabine's Grouse, 1; Bald Eagle, 5; Pigmy Owl, 1; Kingfisher, 5; Harris Woodpecker, 1; Gairdner's Woodpecker, 2; Pileated Woodpecker, 1; North West Flicker, 19; Raven, 2; North West Crow, 237; Meadow Lark, 113; Brewer's Blackbird, 20; Pine Finch, 300; Oregon Junco, 22; Rusty Song Sparrow, 14; Sooty Fox Sparrow, 1; Oregon Towhee, 9; Seattle Wren, 5; Winter Wren, 5; Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 30; Western Kinglet, 28; Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 1. Total number of birds, 4841. Total number of species, 54.

INTRODUCED.—English Sparrow, 5; California Quail, 25; Mongolian Pheasant, 6. Total number of introduced birds, 36. Grand total of birds, 4877. Grand total of species, 57.

ALLAN BROOKS and THEED PEARSE, Comox, B.C., observers.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

WANTED—CROWS—DEAD OR ALIVE!—The discovery was recently made at the Division of Pathology, Health of Animals Branch of the Department of Agriculture, that many of the common crows are affected by tuberculosis. This is of special interest as it is the first time that tuberculosis has been found among wild birds (not in captivity).

To aid in further work on this problem we would suggest that those interested in bird life should send crows to the laboratories for examination.

The following suggestions are offered for sending specimens:

(1) When live crows are caught these may be boxed up and sent by express collect. Live crows are more useful for examination.

(2) Crows that have been killed may be boxed up and sent express collect providing the sender lives within a 24-hour journey of Ottawa.

(3) When the sender lives a distance from Ottawa, the lungs, intestine, liver and spleen should be removed, packed in dry borax and sent to the laboratory.

Send specimens to: RESEARCH LABORATORIES, MOUNTAIN ROAD, HULL, P.Q.

N.B.—This is a very important piece of work, both economically and ornithologically, being conducted by Dr. Chas. A. Mitchell in the Animal Diseases Research Institute of the Health of Animals Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is to be hoped that all who have opportunity will assist Dr. Mitchell to procure the necessary specimens.—ORNITHOLOGICAL EDITOR.

PROTECTION OF MOOSE.—After reading Mr. Otto Schierbech's article on the moose situation in the Province of Nova Scotia the only conclusion that one can come to is that shooting during the mating season is absolutely wrong.

If the open season started from the 15th of October, the 72.4% of bulls killed from the first to fifteenth might make a very great difference to the 52% of barren cows killed during the ten days in December, and I am on the opinion that not one per cent of the hunters are capable of telling whether a cow is barren or not as the



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