

ing in the spruces along the Battle River, but were not encountered when taking the census. From 20 to 25 Rusty Blackbirds are spending the winter on a farm at the south end of Dried Meat Lake, about 20 miles south of Camrose. — EDWARD ENGSTROM and F. L. FARLEY.

EDMONTON, ALTA.—January 2, 1938. Sky partly overcast, light north-west wind, temp. 25°. 7 miles on foot along North Saskatchewan River and White Mud Creek and back along the top of the bank. Downy Woodpecker, 1; Canada Jay, 2; Blue Jay, 6; American Magpie, 3; Long-tailed Chickadee, 12; Brown-headed Chickadee, 12; Bohemian Waxwing, 6; Evening Grosbeak, 11; Pine Grosbeak, 18; Common Redpoll, 16; White-winged Crossbill, 29. Total, 11 species, 116 individuals. —ALBERT L. WILK and HARMAN BURPPE.

VEDDER CROSSING, B. C.—December 26, 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sky mostly clear, but partly cloudy with snowflurries about 1.30 p.m., strong south-west wind, 20 in. snow on ground, temp. 36°-38°, following several days at about 20°. One observer, northwest shore of Cultus Lake, to Vedder Crossing by way of logging railway, returning by the main road, 6 miles on foot. Numbers greater than 15 are estimated. Mallard Duck, 2; Ring-necked Duck, 4 (one examined in the flesh); Lesser Scaup Duck, 2; American Golden-eye, 8; Barrow's Golden-eye, 6; Turkey Vulture, 1; Bald Eagle, 4; American Coot, 110; Glaucous-winged Gull, 30; Gulls (not further identified), 300; Red-shafted Flicker, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 1; Downy Woodpecker, 4; Steller's Jay, 5; Raven, 1; American Crow*, 40; Black-capped Chickadee, 3; Brown Creeper, 1; Ameri-

*I believe these are the same as the "North-western (Fish) Crow" listed in last year's census of Brooks and Pearse, being small and feeding on dead salmon along the river.

can Dipper, 4; Winter Wren, 2; Bewick's Wren, 1; Varied Thrush, 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 80; Spotted Towhee, 15; Oregon Junco, 25; Song Sparrow, 12. Total, 25 species, about 674 individuals. — W. E. RICKER.

CRESCENT DISTRICT, SURREY MUNICIPALITY, B. C.—December 27, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Snowing in morning, changing to rain in afternoon, visibility poor, wind north-east, 4 in. snow on ground, temp. 30°. In the morning walking eastward through second-growth timber to Elgin and back to Crescent along the Elgin Road. In the afternoon from the south end of Crescent Beach along the shore line in a northerly direction to the end of Blackie's Spit, then east along the dyke to the Great Northern track, turning south to Crescent Station. Distance covered, about 10 miles. Two observers, together. Common Loon, 3; Horned Grebe (?), 6; Western Grebe, 1; Northwest Coast Heron, 4; Black Brant, 100; Mallard Duck, 8; Pintail, 1; Green-winged Teal, 2; Canvas-back, 1; American Golden-eye, 6; Bufflehead, 2; Surf Scoter, 12; Ducks (not further identified), 100; Marsh Hawk, 1; Pigeon Hawk, 1; Hawk (sp. ?), 1; Killdeer Plover, 2; Black-bellied Plover, 2; Sandpipers (not further identified), 1000; Short-billed Gull (?), 50; Red-shafted Flicker, 1; Gairdner's Woodpecker, 1; Western Crow, 42; Oregon Chickadee, 9; Western Winter Wren, 1; Seattle Wren, 1; Varied Thrush, 29; Kinglet (sp. ?), 25; Brewer's Blackbird, 7; Oregon Towhee, 10; Savannah Sparrow, 1; Slate-coloured Junco, 1; Oregon Junco, 25; Rusty Song Sparrow, 10. Total, 32 species, 1466 individuals. Subspecies determined geographically. Larger numbers estimated. American Robin seen December 28, when weather much milder. — MARTIN W. HOLDOM and MARY W. HOLDOM.

WILLIAM HERRIOT, BOTANIST

By H. GROH

Contribution No. 528 from the Division of Botany, Experimental Farms Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada.



IT IS FITTING that those who have contributed from their obscurity to the sum total of our existing knowledge should share with others, more officially placed, in our grateful recognition of

services rendered. It is already more than seven years since the passing of William Herriot, respected citizen of Galt, Ontario, keen and competent student of the natural history of his locality, and erstwhile member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, to the present members of which organization these belated notes are offered.

As almost a fellow townsman of the late Mr. Herriot I might have come to know him personally, to participate in the pleasures of exploration of our adjoining townships; but before I even heard of him my absences from home had begun, and it is one of my real regrets that I never met him, and have to draw now, for some of my information, on an appreciation which appeared in the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Waterloo Historical Society, 1930.

Only for one brief period did Mr. Herriot engage in wider exploration, when "by government appointment, he accompanied Prof. Macoun on a three months' investigation to the Rockies and British Columbia". The fruits of this expedition are to be seen in the National Herbarium at Ottawa. Most of his botanizing was done in the vicinity of Galt, and papers based on this work appeared in the Ontario Natural Science Bulletin during the eight year span of its publication at Guelph.

They comprised the following titles:

Some New or Little Known Canadian Plants.

The Cyperaceae of the Vicinity of Galt, Ontario.

The Grasses of Galt, Ontario, and Vicinity.

The Ericaceae and Orchidaceae in the Vicinity of Galt, Ontario.

The Compositae of Galt, Ontario, and Vicinity.

The Rosaceae and Leguminosae of Galt, Ontario, and Vicinity.

The Crowfoot and Poppy Families and their

Allies around Galt.

To the reports of the Waterloo Historical Society, of which he was a member, papers were contributed on "Trees of Waterloo County" and "Aboriginal Agriculture in South Western Ontario."

The Ottawa Naturalist, for a period around 1908, was favoured with a number of notes, ornithological as well as botanical, indicating what is known of him, that his interest included the fauna, butterflies, etc., of his field. In the March, 1916, issue of *The Naturalist*, a valuable paper "Data on Seed Maturity of Some Ontario Plants", reports a piece of work done at the instance of the Seed Branch, Ottawa.

"Born in Galt, February 21st, 1870, Mr. Herriot served his apprenticeship in the machine shops of Messrs. Goldie and McCulloch. There he became an expert workman and won the respect and confidence of the firm which he served for forty-five years". His botany was therefore the labour of love of his spare hours. It is said of him that he was a born naturalist with whom it was a rare pleasure to tramp the woods. His quick eye detected anything out of the ordinary, and enabled him to add not a few records to the Canadian flora, along with a most creditable volume of regular plant survey.

The death of Mr. Herriot on October 10th, 1930, followed two years of rather poor health, but was the immediate result of a paralytic stroke. He was survived by his wife and two daughters.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

A WOLF RECORD FROM THE WINNIPEG AREA. — On Saturday, 13th November, 1937, a large wolf was killed at Dacotah, Manitoba, twenty miles south-west of Winnipeg, Manitoba, by W. & J. Rasmussen. The animal was an extremely large male, weighing 92½ pounds and measuring 68 inches. It was a dark grey, almost black, and showed a silver tipping on the guard hairs. The Rasmussen brothers sighted the wolf on a stubble field and gave chase in their car. They wounded the animal with a shotgun fired at

close range and then succeeded in running over it and killing it. Although coyotes are still seen occasionally in the Winnipeg district timber wolves have been practically unknown for many years.—BURT GRESHAM.

NOTE.—Wolves are so widely ranging that it is risky to make subspecific determinations without specimens. From the locality the specimens would likely belong to *Canis lupus nubilus*, the Buffalo Wolf of the prairies. — R. M. ANDERSON.



Groh, Herbert. 1938. "William Herriot, Botanist [Obituary]." *The Canadian field-naturalist* 52(2), 28–29. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.340030>.

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/89087>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.340030>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/340030>

Holding Institution

Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Ernst Mayr Library

Sponsored by

Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Ernst Mayr Library

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: In copyright. Digitized with the permission of the rights holder.

Rights Holder: Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club

License: <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/>

Rights: <https://biodiversitylibrary.org/permissions>

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.