

winged Gull, 20; Thayer's Gull (?), 1; Short-billed Gull, 3; Short-eared Owl, 2; Belted Kingfisher, 1; Northwestern Red-shafted Flicker, 5; Gairdner's Woodpecker, 2; Northwestern Crow, 52; Oregon Chickadee, 10; Winter Wren, 2; Northwestern Robin, 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet, 1; Sitka Kinglet, 2; California Purple Finch, 13; Pine Siskin, 10; Oregon Towhee, 2; Oregon Junco, 2; Rusty Song Sparrow, 14. Total, 44 species, 1468+ individuals. Also California Murre, 1 (Dead bird); Flock of Ducks 2000+, (probably Pintail); December 8th, Coast Bush Tit, 8; December 14th, Northwestern Shrike, 1; December 25th, Cedar Waxwing, 1; December 30th, Varied Thrush, 1; large increase in River and Pond Ducks in recent years.— Martin W. Holdom, William T. Plaxton.

COURTENAY-COMOX, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C.— One mile west of town, through town, river bank, estuary and sea shore, and adjoining cultivated land. December 30, 1944; 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.; dull with high fog, poor visibility, calm; temp. 30 to 38° F.; previous week mild. Two observers together, 10 miles on foot. Lesser Loon, 8; Holboell's Grebe, 3; Horned Grebe, 5; Western Grebe, 7; Double-crested Cormorant, 4; North-west Coast

Heron, 3; Mallard, 150+; Baldpate, 100+; Green-winged Teal, 1; Canvas-back, 7; Greater Scaup, 250; American Golden-eye, 100; Barrow's Golden-eye, 3; Buffle-head, 50; White winged Scoter, 500; Surf Scoter, 100; Hooded Merganser, 7; American Merganser, 55; Red-breasted Merganser, 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk, 2; Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Black Pigeon Hawk, 1; Pheasant, 10; American Coot, 26; Killdeer, 4; Wilson's Snipe, 4; Glaucous-winged Gull, 250; Herring Gull, 1; Thayer's Gull (?), 1; Short-billed Gull, 3; Western Belted Kingfisher, 3; Northwestern Red-shafted Flicker, 8; Western Pileated Woodpecker, 1; Harris' Woodpecker, 4; Gairdner's Woodpecker, 2; Stellar's Jay, 3; Northern Raven, 3; Western Crow, 4; Northwestern Crow, 400; Oregon Chickadee, 13; Western Winter Wren, 11; Western Robin, 26; Pacific Varied Thrush, 16; Western Golden-crowned Kinglet, 11; Northwestern Shrike, 1; English Sparrow, 65; Western Meadowlark, 10; Brewer's Blackbird, 82; California Purple Finch, 8; Oregon Towhee, 15; Oregon Junco, 104; Rusty Song Sparrow, 16; also 6,000 ducks, probably mostly the two aforementioned scoters; noted in previous 24 hours - Bald Eagle, 1; Red-backed Sandpiper, 1; Pine Siskin, 1. Total 51 species, 8476 individuals. —Theed Pearse, A. R. Davidson.

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RHYNCHOSPORA, SECTION EURHYNCHOSPORA, IN CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST INDIES. By Shirley Gale. *Rhodora*. Vol. 46, No. 544, pp. 89-134; No. 545, pp. 159-197; No. 546, pp. 207-249; No. 547, pp. 255-278. April, May, June, and July, 1944.

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ferences to Canadian species: *R. capitellata* in N.B. and Ont.; *R. alba* in Que., Sask., B.C. and Alaska; *R. alba* forma *laeviseta* is a new form, the type of which is from Nfdl., but which is also found in Canada in Que., N.S. and B.C.; *R. capillacea* in Nfdl., Quebec, N.B., Sask.; *R. fusca* in Nfdl., N.B. and N.S.

— HAROLD A. SENN

THE SONG OF THE WOOD PEWEE *Myiochanes virens* LINNAEUS: A study of bird music by Wallace Craig, *New York State Mus. Bull.*, No. 334, pp. 1-186, pl. 1, 1943.

An extended study of bird song as music, including such topics as: The morning twilight song; other songs and calls; geographical

variation and individual differences; musical life history; comparison with other species; evolution of the song; imitation; birds song as aesthetic art; ranking the song birds and problems for future study. There is a five-page bibliography. It is an unusual and exceptionally interesting paper. — A. L. RAND.



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