

American Robin - *Turdus migratorius* - Robins, including a bird of the year, were found at Burnside on August 26, 1942. This extends their recorded range in this longitude beyond a barren inland area where none are found. They were in a thicket of large willows and alders.

Arctic Redpoll - *Acanthis hornemanni* - Seen at Paulatuk, Coppermine and Burnside.

Redpoll Linnet - *Acanthis linaria* - Abundant on the Arctic coast; identified at Paulatuk, Coppermine and Burnside.

Savannah Sparrow - *Passerculus sandwichensis* - Generally distributed; very common at Coppermine on two days, namely August 24 and September 3, 1942, obviously migrating.

Tree Sparrow - *Spizella arborea* - Observed along the coast and also at Burnside, Bathurst Inlet, August 26, 1942.

Harris' Sparrow - *Zonotrichia querula* - Common at Burnside on August 26, 1942, both adults and young of the year being seen.

White-crowned Sparrow - *Zonotrichia leucophrys* - Common at Burnside on August 26, 1942, including young of the year.

Snow Bunting - *Plectrophenax nivalis* - Migrating flocks were observed on the Mackenzie River from Arctic Red River to Good Hope, October 9-12, 1942.

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CURRENT LITERATURE

WHITE SPOTTING IN THE FOX, by Leon J. Cole and R. M. Shackelford, 1943, *Amer. Naturalist*, 77, pp. 289-321.

This deals with the origin and genetics of the platinum fox, a pale mutant of the silver fox that is always accompanied by white spotting. Similar strains originated independ-

ently in Norway in 1933, Wisconsin in 1937, Wyoming in 1937 and Quebec in 1938. In 1940 one skin from Norway brought \$11,000.00 in New York. Platinum behaves in inheritance as a dominant which is lethal when homozygous. Some white-faced silver fox mutants are similar to the platinum and are discussed. — A. L. RAND.



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