

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

No major attempt has been made to combine the ornithological statistics of this state in a publication since the issuance of Elon Howard Eaton's Birds of New York, about forty years ago. Although this is by no means a comparative attempt it is nevertheless the initial step taken in similar direction. The staff, therefore, submits for you, the reader, our first edition of THE KINGBIRD, our Federation publication, with the hope that it will serve as a guide and an inspiration to all the ornithologists of our State.

With the first issue we are introducing a new bird artist from the Rochester area, who our staff feels shows great promise. Our thanks to Douglas Howland for our cover illustration. In the near future it is the Editor's hope to use more illustrations for articles and section headings.

Publication dates are tentative. The January-February issue will be out January 20th. All copy for the next issue should be in by January 5th. After this issue The Kingbird will be sent only to individual members of the Federation. Four issues a year are planned.

In addition to the regular staff, I wish to thank my wife, who has patiently examined the proofs, and helped in the final preparation of the publication.

To this may be added that if a record or an article may appear to be incomplete, disputed or in question, the reader is to consider himself challenged to amend or improve it with his own contribution.

To the birders of New York State, THE KINGBIRD bids welcome.

... A.S.K.