

5, 29; Swamp Sparrow 10, 65; Song Sparrow 26, 948; Lapland Longspur 5, 22; Snow Bunting 12, 1833.

Totals for entire state: 178 species; 526,153 individuals.

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CLUB NEWS

SASSAFRAS BIRD CLUB

The Sassafras Bird Club like many others in the state has long realized the need for furthering conservation practices. On a limited budget, however, it has been necessary to weigh the matter of how best to serve this fine cause. The club decided several years ago to sponsor a two week scholarship to the Audubon Camp in Maine. The only requirement the club made was that each student share his knowledge and experience by serving as leader of Nature Activities at a local boy scout, girl scout, 4-H or day camp for one season. These organizations have rotated assignment of an able student as the project has continued on an annual basis.

The staff of the Audubon Camp has been pleased with the type of scholarship student sent and welcomes word that another is to come this summer.

As years pass former students have spoken often of the broadening experience gained and the fine friendships formed while at camp. It is impossible to recount the many advantages of such an experience, but if nature study is continued as a vocation or an avocation, surely a sound basic understanding of ecology places a person in a fine position in this field. One of the students remarked that all through his life he would cherish memories and enjoy the out-of-doors the more for his better understanding of how to help preserve it.

Sassafras Bird Club members point with pride to this fulfillment of community responsibility and they urge other clubs to try out this idea.