

urged to help expedite the work by responding promptly to questionnaires and requests for records and other information.

The Kingbird

We are hopeful about getting *The Kingbird* to you on time. We believe that this can be done and no one is working any harder on this problem than our very capable editor, Dr. Minnie B. Scotland. The tardiness in the past was not due to our editor.

"In union there is strength." The Federation is only as strong as the members make it. Let us all be well-informed on Federation activities and see that the members in your own club are kept up-to-date on Federation matters. It is suggested that a brief resume of *The Kingbird* be given at the first meeting of your club after each *Kingbird* is received. Then circulate the magazine among your members or file it in the club's library where it will be available for reference.

Member Clubs

While many of the member clubs are older organizations and quite able to solve their own problems we also recognize the fact that the newer clubs may wish to have some assistance. The Federation stands ready to help in any way that it is possible to do so.

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THE JANUARY WATERFOWL COUNT: VI

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The 1960 Waterfowl Count of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs was carried out from January 17 to 25, 1960, and gave a total of 201,840 individuals. Of the five previous counts, two have been higher and three have been lower. In this year's count there were 40 species and the Mallard-Black Duck hybrid. The Common Eider which has usually been seen in small numbers on Long Island did not appear this year. However, this year's count included Whistling Swan and Blue-winged Teal from Howland's Island (Region 5), Mute Swan from the Oswego River, European Widgeon from Long Island, and Barrow's Goldeneye and Smew (*Mergellus albellus*) from Buffalo.

The Smew was discovered, identified and photographed by Robert D. Coggeshall, and it was seen by many competent Buffalo observers on Jan. 17, 18 and 22. There has been no previous satisfactory North American record for this species.

The aerial count by the New York State Conservation Department gave a total of 247,513 individuals. Details of this count were again supplied by Mr. Dirck Benson, Game Research Investigator for the Conservation Department. The aerial count on Long Island was 67,000 higher than the ground count, due largely to off-shore flocks of Black Ducks, Brant and Scaup. For the remainder of the state it was 22,000 lower than the ground count, due in part to missing some 12,000 Common Mergansers and 3000 Canvasbacks at Buffalo. Canvasbacks and Redheads in the Finger Lakes Region were down considerably from the record highs of last year. The Champlain Valley was not covered in the ground count, and the Susquehanna River was not covered in the aerial survey. X-b refers to Long Island, and X-a to the remainder of Region X.

I wish to thank all who took part in this census, either as observers or tabulators of the regional records.

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THE JANUARY WATERFOWL COUNT

NEW YORK STATE	1960	I	II	III	IV
Common Loon -----		1	1	1	
Red-throated Loon -----		1			
Red-necked Grebe -----		1		1	
Horned Grebe -----		5		302	
Pied-billed Grebe -----		1		1	1
Mute Swan -----					
Whistling Swan -----					
Canada Goose -----		4		27	
Brant -----					
Snow Goose -----					
Mallard -----		480	48	803	370
Black Duck -----		1520	71	1012	356
Mallard x Black Hybrid -----					
Gadwall -----		2			
Pintail -----		35		1	
Green-winged Teal -----					1
Blue-winged Teal -----					
American Widgeon -----		19		5	
European Widgeon -----					
Shoveler -----			1		
Wood Duck -----				1	
Redhead -----		194	70	5690	
Ring-necked Duck -----		2	1	28	
Canvasback -----		9772	5	1351	
Greater Scaup -----		9066	3124	6035	
Lesser Scaup -----		20	88		
Common Goldeneye -----		6864	2439	731	6
Barrows Goldeneye -----		1			
Bufflehead -----		79	90	59	
Oldsquaw -----		2460	871	49	
Harlequin Duck -----					
King Eider -----		3			
White-winged Scoter -----		14	185		
Surf Scoter -----		1	1		
Common Scoter -----		4			
Ruddy Duck -----					
Hooded Merganser -----		4	2	7	
Common Merganser -----		15192	673	59	131
Red-breasted Merganser -----		448	142	15	
Smew -----		1			
Coot -----		1		241	
Unidentified -----		5	14		15
Total -----		46200	7826	16419	880

V	VI	VIII	IX	X-A	X-B	Totals
1	1				143	148
				3	17	21
					1	3
18				145	759	1229
3			3		12	21
1				23	471	495
1					9	10
87				197	1022	1337
				1	23113	23114
			1		7	8
1144		132	297	298	2926	6498
2594	99	1245	710	2022	15241	24870
13						13
3					86	91
22	1		2		143	204
1			1		81	84
1						1
				41	4004	4069
					1	1
3					8	12
7					3	11
133	5				11	6103
	2		143		144	320
31	2	1	39	1185	3028	15414
4141	2671	1	20	9622	23628	58308
164						272
1794	1762	52	57	296	3394	17395
						1
61	4		2	293	963	1549
183	179			112	728	4582
					2	2
5	1				3	12
8				21	8207	8435
					456	458
3					137	144
			4	265	90	359
12		1	55	5	115	201
3356	33	40	605	2	79	20170
297	1	10		97	1278	2288
						1
2					500	744
116	1000		12		1680	2842
14205	5761	1482	1951	14628	92490	201842