



# The KINGBIRD

PUBLICATION OF THE FEDERATION OF NEW YORK STATE BIRD CLUBS, INC.

Vol. 11 No. 1

May, 1961

Pages 1-72

## CONTENTS

|                                                                                                                     |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Editor's Page .....                                                                                             | 2                        |
| The American Osyter-Catcher in New York .....Peter W. Post                                                          | 3                        |
| Possible Hybridization Between A Clay-colored Sparrow<br>and a Chipping Sparrow at Ithaca .....Mrs. Malcolm McIlroy | 7                        |
| Hérons of New York State .....                                                                                      | David C. Gordon 11       |
| Saving Some Old Frontiers .....                                                                                     | Maxwell C. Wheat, Jr. 19 |
| The January Water-fowl Count: VII .....                                                                             | Leo J. Tanghe 22         |
| Summary of Tree and Shrub Fruit Crop .....                                                                          | Stephen W. Eaton 24      |
| Call for Papers .....                                                                                               | 25                       |
| Club Notes .....                                                                                                    | 25                       |
| Field Notes:                                                                                                        |                          |
| The Cattle Egret in New York State .....                                                                            | 26                       |
| Observations on the Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker at Syracuse .....                                            | 27                       |
| Evening Flights of Migrating Waterbirds on Long Island .....                                                        | 28                       |
| Virginia Rails in Winter in Columbia County .....                                                                   | 29                       |
| A Mockingbird Congregation in Freeport .....                                                                        | 30                       |
| Hook, Line and — Wings .....                                                                                        | 31                       |
| Observations on Visual Activity in Birds .....                                                                      | 32                       |
| A Kingfisher and Some Swallows .....                                                                                | 32                       |
| Notes on Wintering Catbird .....                                                                                    | 33                       |
| A Partially Albino Blue Jay .....                                                                                   | 33                       |
| Barrow's Goldeneye on Oneida Lake .....                                                                             | 34                       |
| Whistling Swans Near Schenectady .....                                                                              | 34                       |
| Crossbill Flight Year in Saranac Lake Area .....                                                                    | 35                       |
| Highlights of the Winter Season:                                                                                    |                          |
| December 1 - March 31 .....                                                                                         | James K. Meritt 36       |
| Regional Reports for the Winter, 1960-1961 .....                                                                    | 38                       |

Editor — MINNIE B. SCOTLAND

### Editorial Board

JOHN B. BELKNAP  
LESLIE E. BEMONT  
ALLEN H. BENTON  
STEPHEN W. EATON  
EUGENE EISENMANN

JOHN J. ELLIOTT  
SALLY HOYT  
JAMES K. MERITT  
FRITZ SCHEIDER

Business and Circulation Manager — ALLAN S. KLONICK

Cover Design — DOUGLAS L. HOWLAND