

thickets, ravines, marshy or swampy areas and try to survive. Sometimes they are lucky and find a feeding station, and they stay near by and so are regularly reported, but most often they hide in brush piles remote from people and they are normally overlooked. We try to find them and so tally another species. Such birds as thrushes, thrashers, catbirds, phoebes, orioles, Tree Swallows, warblers and towhees are in the group we refer to here.

Then there are the Northern birds which migrate "south" to winter locally. White-throats, juncos, other sparrows, chickadees, nuthatches, siskins, crossbills, goldfinches, are the hardy and half hardy birds that we regularly list each winter. Some "unusual" birds — owls and hawks, eiders, bay and sea ducks, plus the sanctuary waterfowl, make up a large segment of our list.

Some birds are "permanent residents", they occur on a year-round basis; Song Sparrows, Cardinals, Sparrow Hawks, Short-eared Owls, Horned Larks and Gulls. We know where to look for these birds and find them regularly.

Now, who does it? Who are these avid souls, who wade through half frozen marshes, beat through the poison ivy, who (Eee-gad) brave some ice-covered jetty to seek the eiders, the Oldsquaws, the Harlequin Duck or the feeding Gannet ??? Who?

YOU — yes, you, are needed. We want everyone to come out on count day. Rain or shine, or — Br-r-r SNOW.

So — come to your club meeting and accept an assignment.

Maybe you will receive a medal — HERO OF THE — Club."

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CLUB NEWS

The Buffalo Audubon Society cordially invites you to the

Harold D. Mitchell, Testimonial Dinner

In the Museum of Science, Humboldt Pkwy., Buffalo, N. Y.

November 16, 1963

Roger Tory Peterson — Guest Speaker

Reservations may be made by mailing your check or money order for ten dollars (\$10.00) to Miss Margaret Wendling, 87 Garrison Road, Williamsville 21, New York. Make your reservations early — facilities are limited to 400.

In approving his testimonial dinner, Mr. Mitchell has pledged the proceeds to the Beaver Meadows Wildlife Refuge Fund. Souvenir programs will list names of patrons or friends of Audubon who contribute \$5.00 or more toward the Fund. This contribution may be sent along with your reservation to Miss Wendling.

Gertrude G. Webster, Chairman of Publicity Committee.