

Don Willis and Kim Barrett discuss efforts on behalf of the endangered Prothonotary Warbler. Bev Kingdon outlines Hamilton area activities contributing to the Trumpeter Swan reintroduction to Ontario. Audrey Gamble and Mike Stree celebrate the efforts to reintroduce Peregrine Falcons, and provide key details of the successes in Hamilton. Mike Stree outlines the history of the Grimshy Hawkwatch, and provides the statistics for 30 years of counting.

Ralph Morris presents the history and details of many university studies undertaken with colonial waterbirds nesting in the Hamilton Harbour over 35 years. Chip Weseloh further explores the effects of contaminants on population levels of watchbirds in the harbour from government funded studies over 35 years. The effects of these complimentary studies give considerable cause for concern to the human population living in the harbour area.

The Hamilton Fall Bird Count is outlined by Bill Lamond, with results and highlights from those counts. The data from the Hamilton Christmas Bird Counts since 1921 are presented by Ian Richards. Mark Chojnacki covers the Peel-Hatton section of Christmas Bird Counts since 1963. The Midwinter Waterfowl Census is discussed by George Naylor. George Bryant reviews the situation with Lake Ontario pelagic species. Phil Waggett presents a nostalgic look at some egg collecting. And finally, David Brewer

and John Miles detail the efforts and results of bird-banding, mainly since 1957.

The book cover and a frontpiece are from a fine painting by Robert Bateman. There are two groups of colour plates: The first 16 (27 photos, a map and a painting) are selected habitats and some birding highlights. These are superb photos from several sources. The second 16 (82 photos) illustrate some of the rare and uncommon birds of the Hamilton area. While I found the placement of the plates somewhat awkward, within the text of chapters, they are a beautiful addition to the book. The numerous black and white photos, drawings, and paintings that compliment the text through the book are also a very pleasing addition. Short biographies of the contributors, an index to species accounts, and the latest addition to the Hamilton area bird list conclude the book.

The Birds of Hamilton is a monument to a huge cooperative effort by a dedicated group of birding enthusiasts. It is an achievement that deserves to be on the shelves of all people interested in birds of Hamilton and the wider provincial scene.

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