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BIRDS OF HAMILTON

and Surrounding Areas

by **Robert Curry**

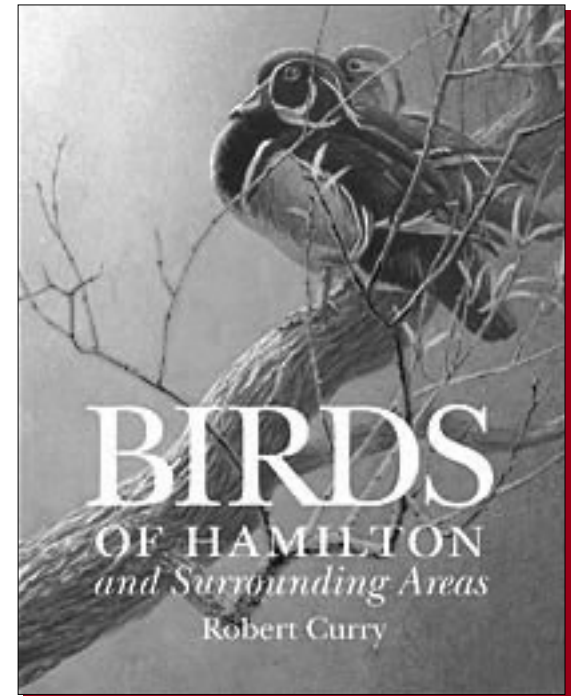
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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He has been president of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, chair of the Long Point Bird Observatory and chair of the Ontario Bird Records Committee.

Curry has authored numerous articles on bird identification and distribution. In 2003 he received the Distinguished Ornithologist Award from the Ontario Field Ornithologists.

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A 600-page reference guide book to the status of over 385 species of birds that have occurred in the Hamilton Study Area (HSA), which includes the cities of Hamilton and Burlington and all or parts of the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Halton, Norfolk, Peel, Waterloo, Wellington and Niagara.

FEATURES

- A historical account of birding activity in the HSA highlights local pioneers and Hamilton Naturalists' Club (HNC) involvement in bird study.
- Chapters by leading local field naturalists cover a wide range of birding projects in the HSA: bird-banding, the Grimsby Hawkwatch, Fall, Winter and Waterfowl Bird Counts, bird migration and seasonal movements, research projects sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Service and various universities, and the bird conservation projects undertaken by the HNC over the last century.
- Informative maps detail birding hot spots and vegetation types.
- Thorough and up-to-date species accounts document over 385 bird species in the HSA, including their rarity, relative abundance, seasonal occurrence and other important information.
- Colourful photographs, donated by local field naturalists and photographers, illustrate the birds and their habitats.
- Numerous drawings by professional bird illustrators Robert Bateman, Dave Beadle and Peter Burke enliven the species accounts.
- Graphs and tables detail such topics as seasonal occurrence, trends in bird populations and nesting occurrence.
- Original artwork by artist Robert Bateman is featured on the cover and the frontispiece.
- Fred Bodsworth, author of *Last of the Curlews*, *The Sparrow's Fall* and other Canadian favourites, has contributed a provocative foreword.



Northern Goshawk: George K. Peck.

Birds of Hamilton and Surrounding Areas is the first such study since Thomas McIlwraith published his *Birds of Hamilton, Canada West* in 1866. It is a must-have natural history reference for birding enthusiasts, teachers, students, libraries and residents of the HSA area and beyond.
