

sun to shine through during the day, the dust still held the sun's heat beneath a thin, cool top layer.

Once through the wood, there were more open fields on each side; the soft darkness lightened enough to let him see the fence posts as he came abreast of them. On each post, as it came into view, was a singing robin. As the boy came near, the robin took off, disappearing at once into the darkness. The next post then took shape, with its singing robin on top. He always wondered if it was the same robin, flying from post to post ahead of him, or if each post along the road was topped with a singing robin, who would return to his perch and go on with his song after the boy had passed.

He came to the path leading down to the brook, and as he turned off the road, he looked over his shoulder and saw the dawn coming up behind him. The trout would be biting. His step quickened.

NEW BIRDING JOURNAL

by Dan McAskill



For the birding enthusiast, there is a new Canadian birding journal on the shelves. It is "Birders Journal", a not for profit magazine for the benefit of ornithology and the birding community. It features bird news from across Ontario and Canada as well as articles on distribution, identification, descriptions of recent rarities, behavioral notes, bird-finding articles, birding accounts, conservation news, Long Point Bird Observatory column, a photo quiz, a prize-bird identification contest, CBC news, and other interesting information. Six issues are planned each year. Subscriptions are \$30 in Canada, \$36 in the United States, and \$44 overseas. Send subscriptions to Circulation Manager, Birders Journal, 8 Midtown Drive, Suite 289, Oshawa, Ontario L1J 8L2. A copy will be on display at the next meeting of the NJSPEI.

NEWS FROM ABOUT

Early signs last spring suggested that the Whooping Crane was going to have a great year with a record 32 nests being found by biologist Ernie Kuyt. Unfortunately, a drought intervened and only 9 to 12 of the 21 chicks known to have hatched appear to have fledged. (adapted from Birders' World, Dec. 91)

Banding Alert - anyone seeing Common Terns with coloured bands on their legs or yellow dye marks should record the specific area showing the dye and the colour of the band combination. Send reports to Chris Rimmer, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Woodstock, VT 05091 (adapted from Birders' World Dec. 91).

The CNF and Canadian Wildlife Service have completed Birdquest, an educational adventure in bird watching and habitat exploration. Six levels of proficiency - two beginner, two intermediate, and two advanced - lead participants from basic bird identification to independent study. At the end of each level, participants are awarded a badge and certificate acknowledging their achievements. The kit includes instructor's notes, badge requirements, and a resource kit. It costs \$ 49.95 plus GST plus \$4 shipping and handling. To order call 1-800-267-4088. (adapted from Nature Alert 1:1 October 1991)

The Conservation Council of New Brunswick was added to the United Nation's Global 500 Roll of Honour for outstanding environment achievements. (adapted from Conservation Council of New Brunswick Annual Report 1990-91)

The P.E.I. Federation of Flyfishers Ltd.'s West River Enhancement Project utilized 18 persons to complete approximately 11 kilometers of watershed enhancement work on the west River, installed a fishing platform for the physically challenged, repaired and improved a number of pincher gabions and installed sediment catch basins. (adapted from Streamlines 2:3)

"Caring for the Earth", a document which describes actions that are required "to keep human activities within the earth's carrying capacity and to