

ADDITIONAL RECORD OF SUMMER TANGER IN NORTH DAKOTA.—The sky was clear, the wind blowing strongly (est. 12-20 mph) from the east, and the temperature about 60°F. on May 16, 1975 when the seniors and graduate students in Zoology 204, Introductory Ornithology, at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. (Cass County) were participating in their final field examination. About 7:30 a.m. they were at the grove of elms at the east end of the college gardens, where the road from the main campus runs west between the fenced grove and the garden plots. At this point on this day the plots had not yet been worked this spring and were just black dirt.

As we walked along the road, two highly colored birds flew from the garden patch to the lower branches of the elm trees along the road. One was a female Northern Oriole and the other a Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*). As we watched while I made the comment that that was a bird that wasn't supposed to be here, the tanager flew back to the garden plot where we all observed it for over a minute. It then flew back to the trees and then east along the road out of sight.

Since it was an exam, I made the identification of this bird part of the exam and all five of the participants correctly identified the species working completely independently using Robbins, Bruun and Zim as an identification guide. All were using binoculars. The students included Candy Brassard, graduate student; Debra Jacobson, senior; Rita Rambousek, senior; Mark Goeden, senior, and Richard Taves, freshman. Mark and Rick are experienced bird watchers, Rick being a veteran, and hence considerably more mature than the average freshman. The girls are all biology majors, and although new to bird watching, are trained in field methods.

As far as I can find, the only previous record for Summer Tanager in North Dakota is "one observed in Walsh County, 6 miles east of Adams on July 17, 1968, by Paul F. Springer," and reported in Audubon Field Notes 22(5):620 [1968] (Stewart, *Prairie Naturalist* 3(1):3-12, 1971). J. Frank Cassel, Zoology Department, North Dakota State University, Fargo, 58102.

SNOWY OWL IN MCHENRY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, IN MAY.—On May 18, 1975, my wife Genevieve and I were driving home from Bottineau, North Dakota, where we attended the North Dakota Natural Science Society's annual meeting. We were leisurely driving south on North Dakota Highway Number 14 and were keeping a bird species list, which we usually do when driving to and from NDNSS meetings.

As we drove through a cut in a small sand dune knoll in McHenry County, my wife said, "Snowy Owl." I looked at her with a smile of disbelief. "I am not kidding," she said. We stopped and retraced the short distance back to the cut in the knoll, and, to my amazement, there on the ground along the fence row sat a quite heavily barred Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*). We flushed it to see if it was injured. It flew away without any apparent difficulty and settled again on another small knoll some one hundred yards away.

The location was slightly more than three miles north of the Karlsruhe junction on ND #14. The time of day was 2:30 p.m., it was calm and clear, and the temperature was 73°F.

When we reached home that evening, our bird list for the day, including the owl, totaled 71 species.—William A. Buresh, 1527 N. 19th St., Bismarck, North Dakota 58501.