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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Packard, Christopher M.
Title:	Maine Field Naturalist Bird Sightings Files
ID:	SpC MS 0315
Date [inclusive]:	1952-1972
Date [bulk]:	1956-1969 (bulk)
Physical Description:	6.8 cubic feet (51 archival card file boxes)
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Maine Field Naturalist Bird Sightings Files, SpC MS 0315, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

The collection contains report slips for bird sightings used in a collaborative project of the Portland Society of Natural History and the Maine Audubon Society. Under the guidance of Christopher M. Packard, curator of the Portland Society, project members, both observers and "feeding station operators" recorded bird and other natural history observations from around the state of Maine. The cards were returned to the Natural History Museum each month and subsequently published as a monthly compilation of bird records in the *Maine Field Observer* and the *Maine Field Naturalist*. This project followed an earlier effort of long-time Natural History Society curator Arthur H. Norton. He had used a similar card system of reporting, and the forty years of data from those files formed the basis for Ralph S. Palmer's book *Maine Birds*, published in 1949. The Society aimed to continue this card reporting system in order to preserve data in a way that could be studied and analyzed to give an overall picture of bird distribution and habits over a long period of time. The project took place during a time of change for both organizations. The two societies had merged operations in 1961 while maintaining separate corporate identities and separate buildings. However by 1972, the Portland Society's building had been demolished, its collections disbursed, and it formally merged with and took the name of the Maine Audubon Society.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains 51 card boxes of field reports of bird sightings in Maine from the early 1950s through the early 1970s. The cards are arranged in the order that birds are listed in the Check-List of North American Birds prepared by the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of the American Ornithologists' Union. Each card lists the bird species, the number of birds observed, the name of the observer or reporter, and the town, county and date of observation.

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Arrangement

Cards are arranged in AOU (American Ornithologists Union) checklist order. See Science Reference QL 681.C52 1983, in the Fogler Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Birds -- Maine
- Ornithology -- Maine
- Card files
- United States -- Maine
- Portland Society of Natural History (Me.)
- Maine Audubon Society

Publications About Described Materials

Data published in Maine Field Naturalist and Maine Field Observer.

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Red-necked grebe, 1959-1966	box 1
Horned grebe, 1959-1970	box 1
Pied-billed grebe, 1958-1971	box 1

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Cards for shearwaters and petrels

Title/Description	Instances
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Greater shearwater, 1956-1969	box 2
Sooty shearwater, 1959-1969	box 2
Fulmar, 1953-1967	box 2
Manx shearwater, 1964	box 2
Leach's petrel, 1956-1969	box 2
Petrels, 1966-1968	box 2
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Cards for gannets	box 2
Gannet, 1956-1969	box 2

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Cards for cormorants	

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Double-crested cormorant, 1961-1971	box 2
European cormorant, 1962-1969	box 2

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Cards for herons

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Great blue heron, 1955-1972	box 2
Green Heron, 1958-1972	box 3
Common egret, 1956-1968	box 3
Snowy egret, 1957-1971	box 3
Black-crowned night heron, 1958-1969	box 3
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Greater snow goose, 1956-1962	box 4
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White-winged scoter, 1957-1972	box 7
Surf scoter, 1957-1971	box 7
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Common merganser, 1956-1972	box 7
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Goshawk, 1956-1970	box 8
Sharp-shinned hawk, 1956-1970	box 8
Cooper's hawk, 1957-1968	box 8
Red-tailed hawk, 1957-1970	box 8
Red -shouldered hawk, 1957-1969	box 8
Broad-winged hawk, 1956-1970	box 8
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Ring-necked pheasant, 1956-1968	box 10
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Common gallinule, 1957-1969	box 10
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Cards for plovers	box 10
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Purple sandpiper, 1955-1970	box 12
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Least sandpiper, 1956-1970	box 12
Dunlin, red-backed sandpiper, 1955-1969	box 12
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Cards for gulls

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Cards for gulls	box 13
Gulls, reference to articles about	box 13
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Iceland gull, 1955-1970	box 13
Great black-backed gull, 1956-1972	box 13
Herring gull, 1956-1971	box 13
Ring-billed gull, 1955-1969	box 13
European black-headed gull, 1957-1969	box 13
Bonaparte's gull, 1956-1971	box 13
Little gull, 1960-1967	box 14
Black-legged kittiwake, 1961-1968	box 14

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Black-billed murre, 1968-1970	box 14
Dovekie, 1957-1970	box 14
Black guillemot, 1952-1969	box 14
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Eastern kingbird, 1955-1971	box 19
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Great crested flycatcher, 1956-1970	box 19
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Yellow-bellied flycatcher, 1957-1970	box 20
Traill's flycatcher, 1956-1971	box 20
Least flycatcher, 1956-1971	

box 20

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box 20

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Cards for larks

Title/Description	Instances
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Tree swallow, 1956-1962	box 21
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Rough-winged swallow, 1956-1969	box 21
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Cliff swallow, 1956-1970	box 21
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Title/Description	Instances
Cards for crows	box 22
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