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Summary information

Repository:	Royal Ontario Museum
Title:	Clifford E. Hope fonds
Reference code:	SC33
Date:	1926-1952 (creation)
Physical description:	47.5 cm of textual records (28 volumes) 16 photographs : b&w prints

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Clifford Ernest Hope (1910-1953) was a Toronto naturalist and chief preparator in the Division of Ornithology at the Royal Ontario Museum. Born on March 31, 1910, Hope's interest in natural history began at a young age, and he was considered an outstanding field naturalist by the age of 16. He joined the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology and Palaeontology in 1932, eventually becoming chief preparator. While working at the ROM, Hope participated in or led 10 expeditions into various parts of Ontario including Favourable Lake, Lake Attawapiskat, Fort Severn, Fort Albany, and Cape Henrietta Maria, all in the Hudson Bay drainage area of northern Ontario. He contributed many specimens of birds, nests and eggs, insects, and mammals to the museum's collections. In 1944 and 1945, he was loaned to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests to investigate the effects of DDT spraying on birds in Algonquin Park; this was one of the earliest such investigations. While with the Department, Hope also studied the relation of breeding birds to the spruce budworm, and initiated bird population studies. Hope was an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, first elected in 1933, as well as a member of the Brodie Club and the Toronto Ornithological Club. Hope died on August 9, 1953, in Toronto.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of C.E. Hope's specimen catalogue from 1927-1937, 24 bird observation journals from 1926-1952 with an index to the first 7 volumes, notes and correspondence from the Fort Severn Expedition, two copies of the manuscript for a book entitled *Birds of the Favourable Lake Mine*, Patricia Portion of Kenora, ON, and a collection of specific notes of various bird species. The specimen catalogue of 1927-1937 is in three volumes and organized by bird species, but not in taxonomic order. Each entry is numbered and gives both the common and Latin names of the bird, as well as information on the sex and wingspan of the specimen and where it was collected. The 24 volumes of bird observation journals are organized chronologically and most give detailed notes on bird observations on a day by day basis, with information on the area, time of day, weather conditions, and species observed. In contrast, volumes 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 are organized quite differently and list the birds observed, and nests found, in addition to more detailed notes on bird observations. The Fort Severn expedition notes and correspondence consist of several typewritten pages

about the 1940 expedition as well as several letters dating between 1932 and 1952 from fellow naturalists and ornithologists. The two manuscripts of Birds of the Favourable Lake Mine, Patricia Portion of Kenora, ON are typewritten and edited. This book [?] represents C.E. Hope's research on bird life in the Patricia portion of Kenora that makes up nearly one third of Ontario. The collection of detailed notes on birds species are handwritten notes organized by species, but not in taxonomic order. Each entry is titled by the bird's common name with the Latin name as a sub-title, and contains information such as the species' nesting habits, when and where the specimen or nest was located, measurements of the eggs and nest, observations on the species' behaviour, and information on bird specimens that were collected. In addition, there are 16 black and white photographs included in this file, most of which are glued into the section they are related to. Another important note is that each species has been numbered, but the system of numbering is not related to the catalogue of specimens that Hope compiled. Fonds is comprised of the following series: SC 33-1: Specimen catalogue SC 33-2: Bird observation journals SC 33-3: Fort Severn expedition records SC 33-4: Birds of the Favourable Lake Mine, Kenora SC 33-5: Species notes

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Not available at this time.

Restrictions on access

Open

Related material

See also SC 83: Toronto Ornithological Club fonds. The ROM holds 4718 bird specimens collected by Hope in Ontario, Manitoba, Wyoming, Ohio, and Utah.

Note [General]

Biographical information from: Cranmer-Byng, Jack, and Martin K. McNicholl. Ornithology in Ontario. Whitby, Ont.: Hawk Owl, 1994, and Baillie, J. L. "Clifford Ernest Hope." Auk 71 (1954): 348.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Collection holdings

File: SC33-SC 33-1-1 - Specimen catalogue [1-348]

Title: Specimen catalogue [1-348]

Reference code: SC33-SC 33-1-1

Date: 1927-1937 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-1-2 - Specimen catalogue [349-648]Title: Specimen catalogue [349-648]Reference code: SC33-SC33-1-2Date: 1927-1937 (date of creation)Physical description: 1 volume of textual recordsPublication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-1-3 - Specimen catalogue [648, cont.-927]Title: Specimen catalogue [648, cont.-927]Reference code: SC33-SC33-1-3Date: 1927-1937 (date of creation)Physical description: 1 volume of textual recordsPublication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-1 - Bird observations journal vol.1Title: Bird observations journal vol.1Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-1Date: 1926 (date of creation)Physical description: 1 volume of textual recordsPublication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-2 - Bird observations journal vol.2Title: Bird observations journal vol.2Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-2

Date: 1927 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-3 - Bird observations journal vol.3

Title: Bird observations journal vol.3

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-3

Date: 1928 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-4 - Bird observations journal vol.4

Title: Bird observations journal vol.4

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-4

Date: 1929 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-5 - Bird observations journal vol.5

Title: Bird observations journal vol.5

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-5

Date: 1930 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-6 - Bird observations journal vol.6

Title: Bird observations journal vol.6

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-6

Date: 1931 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-7 - Bird observations journal vol.7

Title: Bird observations journal vol.7

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-7

Date: 1931-1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of a bird observation journal and an index to journal volumes 1-7.

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-8 - Bird observations journal vol.8 & 9

Title: Bird observations journal vol.8 & 9

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-8

Date: 1932-1935 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-9 - Bird observations journal vol.10 & 11

Title: Bird observations journal vol.10 & 11

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-9

Date: 1933-1938 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-10 - Bird observations journal vol.12 & 13

Title: Bird observations journal vol.12 & 13

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-10

Date: 1938-1940 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-11 - Bird observations journal vol.14 & 15

Title: Bird observations journal vol.14 & 15

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-11

Date: 1940-1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-12 - Bird observations journal vol.16 & 17

Title: Bird observations journal vol.16 & 17

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-12

Date: 1942-1952 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-13 - Bird observations journal vol.18 & 19

Title: Bird observations journal vol.18 & 19

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-13

Date: 1944-1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-14 - Bird Banding Records and notes for Expedition to Malachi & Sioux Lookout

Title: Bird Banding Records and notes for Expedition to Malachi & Sioux Lookout

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-14

Date: 1945-1947 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-15 - Field notes

Title: Field notes

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-15

Date: 1947-1950 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of notes for Algonquin Park, & Cape Henrietta Maria expedition and field notes, Wyoming.

Physical description: 2 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-2-16 - Field notes

Title: Field notes

Reference code: SC33-SC33-2-16

Date: 1952 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-3-1 - Fort Severn Expedition Notes & Correspondence

Title: Fort Severn Expedition Notes & Correspondence

Reference code: SC33-SC33-3-1

Date: [1932-1952] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-4-1 - Birds of the Favourable Lake Mine, Patricia Portion of Kenora District, ON

Title: Birds of the Favourable Lake Mine, Patricia Portion of Kenora District, ON

Reference code: SC33-SC33-4-1

Date: [ca. 194?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC33-SC33-5-1 - Species Notes [Eastern Least Bittern (191) to Lapland Longspur (536)]

Title: Species Notes [Eastern Least Bittern (191) to Lapland Longspur (536)]

Reference code: SC33-SC33-5-1

Date: [ca. 193?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published
