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**BENNETT (GERRY) PAPERS
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MS. **Bennett, Gerry**
COLL. Papers
362 40 boxes (6 metres)

Collection of papers from Gerry Bennett (1921-1999), ornithologist and author. He wrote and published the journal *Birdfinding in Canada* (1981-1989) and at least three books on birdwatching and birdwatchers.

The papers consist of: GB's typed journals recording his bird sightings and other observations of natural history from the 1950s to 1998; his correspondence with naturalists from the late 1970s to 1990s; his research notes and files on ornithological topics, including birding records and lists for a variety of locations, and the newsletters from a number of ornithological organizations; drafts and typescripts of some of his writings. Dates covered: 1950s-1990s, with a little earlier material from 1940s.

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Boxes 1-13

Journals. 1952; 1956-1998

Typed day by day records of bird sightings, weather, and other natural history observations. Includes clippings and additional material on ornithological subjects taken from printed sources as well as some correspondence.

Box 1

1952; 1956-1957

Folders 1-9

1952

Folders 10-11

Notes to 1952. Includes J.L. Baillie: 1 TLS, April 30, 1951

Folders 12-19

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Folders 20-23

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Folders 1-5

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Folders 6-14

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Folders 19-26 1967

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Folders 6-11 1969

Folders 12-18 1970

Folders 19-24 1971

Folders 25-30 1972

Box 6 1973-1975

Folders 1-7 1973

Folders 8-14 1974

Folders 15-21 1975

Box 7 1976-1979

Folders 1-6 1976

Folders 7-12 1977

Folders 13-17 1978

Folders 18-26 1979

Box 8 1980-1984

Folders 1-6 1980

Folders 7-11 1981

Folders 12-16 1982

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Folders 22-27 1984

Box 9 1985-1989

Folders 1-6 1985

Folders 7-12 1986

Folders 13-17 1987

Folders 18-23 1988

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Box 10 1990-1992

Folders 1-10 1990

Folders 11-18 1991

Folders 19-27 1992

Box 11 1993-1995

Folders 1-9 1993

Folders 10-17 1994

Folders 18-25 1995

Box 12 1996-1998

Folders 1-8 1996

Folders 9-14 1997

Folders 15-20 1998

Box 13 “Journal of a trip to Texas, 1961. Holograph vol.
“Journal of a trip to the Mid West, 1963.” 1 holograph vol.

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Boxes 14-23

Correspondence with ornithologists and others, 1970s-1990s. Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with GB's letters interfiled. Two alphabetical sequences.

Material chiefly relates to ornithological subjects, includes bird lists and observations from a large number of correspondents. Includes business correspondence relating to the publication of *Birdfinding in Canada*. Additional correspondence is also found in the Journals and in the Subject Files listed below.

Box 14

Abram – Canadian Wildlife Service

Folder 1

Abram, Mary

Folder 2

Adam, Christopher I.G.: 1982-1986

Folder 3

Addison, Ottelyn: 1983-1987

Folder 4

- Allshead

Folders 5-8

American Birding Association, 1983-1992

Folder 9

American Birds; American Museum of Natural History; American Monitor, Ltd.; Anderson, Vivian.

Folders 10-11

Anglin, Lise: 1987-1993

Folder 12

Appleton – Autotte

Folder 13

Baicich – Baillie, Mary

Folder 14

Bain – Bannon, Peter E.

Folder 15

Bannon, Pierre: 1983-1988

Folder 16

Barrett – Bayfield Area Bluebird Society

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Beattie – Bell

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Bellerby – Biggs

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Folder 19	Binsfield – Bowers
Folder 20	Bob-O-Link – Bond
Folder 21	Botham – Bouvier
Folder 22	Bowles, Bob: 1982-1989
Folder 23	Boyle – Brunton
Folder 24	Brydon – Buhler
Folders 25-26	Burrows, Roger: 1980-1989
Folder 26	Cameron – Canada
Folder 27	Canadian Acquisitions Division, National Library of Canada: 1978-1981
Folder 28	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation – Canadian Wildlife Service

Box 15

Cannings – Dyas

Folders 1-2	Cannings, Richard: 1982-1989
Folder 3	Carley – Carpentier
Folder 4	Carson – Charlton
Folder 5	Chartier – Chesterfield, Norman
Folder 6	Chiasson – Christie, David
Folder 7	Chungranes – Clark, William R.
Folder 8	Cline – Coey
Folder 9	Collins, Mary: 1983-1987
Folder 10	Connop – Cook, Margaret

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| Folder 11 | Corbridge – Cr |
| Folder 12 | Cronin, Grace and Fergus: 1984-1990 |
| Folder 13 | Crumb – Currie, Hugh |
| Folder 14 | Curry, Bob: 1980-1990 |
| Folder 15 | Dalzell, Norman: 1981-1989 |
| Folder 16 | David – Davidson, Gary |
| Folder 17 | Davidson, W.S. – Dendy. Includes 1 TLS from Arn Dawe, Aug. 1, 1983. |
| Folder 18 | De Smet – Dewing |
| Folder 19 | Dick, John Henry – Dickson, Ross |
| Folder 20 | Di Labio – Dyas |

Box 16 Dyke – Greenwood

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|-------------|---|
| Folders 1-3 | Dyke, Thomas: 1981-1991 |
| Folder 4 | Eaton – Edwards |
| Folders 5-7 | Elder, Dave: 1981-1992 |
| Folder 8 | Ellison – Farley |
| Folder 9 | Fast – Federation of British Columbia Naturalists |
| Folder 10 | Ferguson – Fletcher |
| Folder 11 | Foley – Force |
| Folder 12 | Foster – Fullerton |
| Folder 13 | Gairdner – Gartshore |

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Folder 14	Gaskell – Gaymer
Folder 15	Geale – Gendron
Folder 16	Gersher – Gibbons
Folder 17	Gibson, Graeme: 3 ALS, 2 TLS (form letters)
Folder 18	Giess – Goodwin
Folder 19	Gosselin – Greenwood

Box 17 Grieff – Long

Folders 1-2	Grieff, Gord: 1984-1990
Folder 3	Griffith – Guyot
Folder 4	Hall – Hamel
Folder 5	Hammonds – Hayman
Folder 6	Hearne, Margo: 1985-1989
Folder 7	Heiter – Heron
Folder 8	Herriot, Trevor: 1988-1989
Folder 9	Hettish – Holland
Folder 10	Hollway – Howe
Folder 11	Howie – Hughes
Folder 12	Hunt – Hurlbutt
Folder 13	Hurtig Publishers – Instituto Miguel Lillo
Folder 14	James – Johnston
Folder 15	Jones – Kautesk

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Folder 16	Keast – Kern
Folder 17	Kerr, Harry
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Folder 20	Ladouceur – Lane
Folder 21	Langford – Laviolette
Folder 22	Stephen Leacock Associates – Learmouth
Folder 23	Le Pard – Long

Box 18 Long Point Bird Observatory – McDonald

Folder 1	Long Point Bird Observatory
Folder 2	Longstaff – Lyle
Folder 3	Macey – Majka
Folders 4-6	Mark, David M.: 1980-1986
Folder 7	Marsh – Marven
Folder 8	Massingham, Colin and Joyce
Folders 9-11	Maybank, Blake: 1982-1989
Folder 12	Meade, Gordon
Folder 13	Messely – Miles
Folder 14	Miller – Moorcraft
Folder 15	Moring – Mulcahy
Folder 16	Murr, Norman

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Folders 18-21 Mac; Mc
Folder 18 MacDonald – Mackenzie
Folder 19 MacLean – Mactavish
Folder 20 McAllister – McCorquodale
Folder 21 McCracken – McDonald

Box 19 McEvoy – Rusnell

Folders 1-2 Mc
Folder 1 McEvoy – McLellan
Folder 2 McLeod – McTavish
Folder 3 Naccarato – Nordin
Folder 4 Norristown Branch, National Audubon Society – [Olmstead?]
Folder 5 Oliver – Oxford University Press
Folder 6 Pace – Parsons, Robert: 1985-1987
Folders 7-10 Parsons, Robert: 1988-1991
Folder 11 Parsons, Sandra – Perks
Folder 12 Peterson – Poulin
Folder 13 Poynter, Allen: 1973-1989
Folder 14 Pratt – Prince
Folder 15 Pringle, Gordon
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Folder 17 Read – Richards
Folder 18 Ridout – Rockwell
Folder 19 Roncetti – Roy
Folder 20 Royal Ontario Museum – Rusnell

Box 20 Sabo – Thorpe

Folder 1 Sabo, Tim
Folder 2 San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory – Satterfield
Folder 3 Satterly, Jack: 1978-1981
Folder 4 Scheibler – Shackleton
Folders 5-6 Shadick, Stanley: 1982-1988
Folder 7 Shemilt – Siddle, Chris: 1984-1985
Folder 8 Siddle, Chris: 1986-1989
Folder 9 Siepman – Sinclair
Folder 10 Slater – Slinger
Folder 11 Smedley – Smith, Jim
Folder 12 Smith, June – Speirs
Folder 13 Sprague – Stern
Folders 14-15 Stirling, David: 1981-1989
Folder 16 Storms – Symmes
Folders 17-18 Tafel, Richard: 1984-1989
Folder 19 Taggart – Taylor

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Folder 20 Teale – Thorpe, Ken: 1985-1987

Folder 21 Thorpe, Ken: 1988-1989

Box 21 Tiessen – Woodrow

Folder 1 Tiessen – Todd

Folder 2 Toochin – Tozer

Folder 3 Tracey – Tyson

Folder 4 University of Oklahoma Press – Van Damme

Folder 5 Vanderberg – Vaughan, Town of

Folder 6 Wagner – Walker, Ken

Folders 7-10 Walker, Rob

Folder 11 Walshe – Warwick

Folder 12 Watson – Weedon

Folders 13-14 Weir, Ron: 1980-1988

Folder 15 Welbourn – Wetzell

Folder 16 Wharton – Whittington

Folder 17 Williams

Folder 18 Wilson, Flo (J.L. Baillie's daughter): 1 ANS, Nov. 6, 1985 (with original artwork)

Folder 19 Wilson, Reid and Margaret – Wingtips

Folder 20 Wiseley – Woodliffe

Folders 21-22 Woodrow, Terrie: 1982-1989

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Folders 23-27 Wormington, Alan: 1980-1989

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Folders 1-3 Worona – Zufelt

Folders 4-10 Correspondence re: the end of *Birdfinding in Canada*. 1989-1990.

Folder 1 Worona – Wylie

Folder 2 Yaki, Gustave

Folder 3 Yank – Zufelt

Folders 4-8 “Best Wishes”

Folder 4 A-D

Folder 5 E-K

Folder 6 L-N

Folder 7 O-T

Folder 8 V-[Z]

Folder 9 “Back Copies”

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- Box 23** **Miscellaneous.** Includes correspondence from Lise Anglin re: book on J.L. Baillie; J.L. Baillie: 1 TLS, Aug. 15, 1967; and correspondence from O.E. Devitt.
- Boxes 24-32** **Subject Files.** Files of research materials, both printed and manuscript, compiled or collected by GB. They were arranged by subject or topic and filed in ring binders. GB set up a numbered classification scheme for most of his binders. No key to the system accompanied the papers, however. The general contents of each binder have been summarized briefly below. GB's classification numbers, when present, have been used as titles.
- Box 24** 10:10 to 10:15. Life lists; Christmas bird counts. 1980s and 1990s. Includes Toronto Ornithological Club (TOC) material on Christmas census summaries, 1925-36; 1949-1960.
- Box 25**
- Folders 1-10 10:15. Nesting records. 1970s-1980s. Includes material on Ontario Breeding Birds Atlas project, newsletters, and on other atlas projects.
- Folders 11-21 10:20. Material on various bird species. Clippings, offprints, notes, collected by GB.
- Box 26**
- Folder 1 10:20:15-16. Pelagic birds.
- Folders 2-6 10:20:20. Birds and birding sites in Atlantic Canada.
- Folders 7-17 10:20:20. Birds and birding sites in Ontario.
- Folders 18-21 10:20:20. Birds and birding sites in Western Canada.

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- Box 27** 10:20:20. Birds and birding sites in Western Canada (continued);
10:20:20. "Foreign" birds and birding sites. Includes Mexico,
Caribbean, Central and South America, Malaysia.
- Box 28** 10:20:25--10:25:25
Annual reports on Point Pelee migration. 1979-1985.
Materials re Ontario Bird Feeder Survey, Long Point Bird
observatory. 1976-1988.
- 10:30:10--10:35:10
Material on variety of birding sites & birds
- Box 29** 10:40:10
Material re individual outstanding birders' life lists in U.S. and
Canada. Biographical material on outstanding birders, including
TOC members and others. Includes material on J.L. Baillie.
- 10:40:15--10:55:35
Biographical material on Norm Chesterfield; member lists of
various nature clubs in Canada; book reviews and notices of books
on birds; photographs and reproductions of birds; miscellaneous
travel materials.
- Binder 10:60:5-7
Ontario Field Ornithologists materials, newsletters. 1983-96.
Society of Canadian Ornithologists materials, newsletters; material
re annual Baillie Birdathon.
- Box 30** 10:60:10—10:60:55
Sighting reports sent to GB; extracts made by GB from J.L.
Baillie's notes; newsletters from various nature clubs; material re
sightings in York Region.
- 10:65:10—12
Newsletters from various nature clubs.
- 10:65:13
Long Point Bird Observatory newsletters. 1979-1991.

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- Box 31** 10:65:13 (continued)
Long Point Bird Observatory newsletters. 1991-1994.
- 10:65:14—19
Newsletters from various nature clubs: Michigan, 1981-2;
Algonquin Park, 1983-86; Newfoundland, 1986; Prince Edward
Island.
- 10:65:20
North American Rare Bird Alert Newsletter, 1985-88.
- Box 32** 10:70—10:98
Material on birding equipment (binoculars, etc.); typescript of
chapter for book on Ontario ornithology: "Chapter 6: Evolution of
Birding". 1987. Typescripts of several articles or speeches by
GB; miscellaneous printed material on a variety of ornithological
topics and bird species; TOC material.
- Box 33**
- Folders 1-21 Compilation of sightings by bird species. 1951-59. Typed charts
of GB's sightings.
- Folders 22-27 "Nests". 1935-1976. Listing of nests found by GB. Compiled for
the Ontario Nest Records Scheme at the Royal Ontario Museum
(ROM).
- Box 34**
- Folders 1-7 Ontario Rare Bird Breeding Program (ORBBP), 1989-1991.
Records of nests located by GB, 1990-1991. Background
materials and program newsletter.
- Folders 8-16 Toronto Ornithological Club material. (Additional material on
TOC is filed in the Correspondence files. See also photographs,
box 35, folders 16-25).
- Folder 17-18 Long Point Bird Observatory newsletters.
- Folders 19-25 Toronto Field Naturalists' Club newsletters.

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- Folders 1-4 York Region sightings. Correspondence with Jim Macey; checklists, maps.
- Folders 5-7 “Birdwatching in York Region and beyond, May-June 1994” by J.R. and S.J. Macey.
- Folders 8-15 York County and Vaughan Township sightings. Includes charts of areas covered and lists of sightings by species.
- Folders 16-25 Photographs.
Photographs taken by GB, 1940s-1960s; collected by GB relating to the TOC and its members; and sent to GB from a variety of sources.
- Boxes 36-38 Checklists.**
- Boxes 36-37 Cards recording GB’s sightings. 1950s-1980s.**
- Box 38 OVS Charts recording GB’s sightings. 1983-1989.**
- Boxes 39-40 Writings.**
- Typescripts and drafts for unpublished work, *Thirteen Moons*; proofs for *Laughing Matter*; correspondence re his books, especially *Wild Birdwatchers I Have Known*; notes and drafts for articles, speeches, etc. Material collected by GB for “HANTAN”.