



## SC56 Edmund William Waltho fonds Finding Aid

**Dates of Creation:** 1936-1964

**Extent:** 33.3 cm of textual records (15 volumes)

### Biographical Sketch:

Edmund William Waltho was born on November 8, 1909 in Toronto, Ontario to Charles Jonathan Waltho and Clara Evelyn Parton. He is the second born of three children. Not much is known about Waltho's education or career, though he was a member of the Wilson Ornithological Society in 1956. He died in Toronto in 1978 at the age of 68.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of Waltho's bird observation journals.

Waltho organized his journals in two different ways; daily accounts of bird observations, or monthly summaries of the species observed in Toronto. The first ten volumes (Files 1-5) in this fonds are the daily observation journals, which date from 1954 to 1964. There is no volume for 1959. These are yearly diaries that Waltho used to record observations on the days he went bird watching. The notes are generally limited to the species spotted (referred to by their common names) and where he was when he observed them. Occasionally, Waltho notes information on birds nests that he found and the number of eggs observed.

The last five volumes (Files 6-10) are his monthly summaries of bird observations from Toronto. These are from 1936 to 1958, but not all intervening years are represented. These volumes are set up like a checklist - the first page lists the bird species and the other sheets check off the species observed each day in a month, with a total at the bottom of each column for the number of birds seen each day. The first volume also has a collection of 76 Wonder Trails by Ellsworth Jaeger, which are short newspaper stories about different species of wildlife, with an accompanying drawing of that animal in its daily life.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Unknown.

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on access.

### Item List:

File number	Title	Extent	Dates	Box #
File 1	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1954	1
File 2	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1957	1
File 3	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1958	1
File 3	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1960	1
File 4	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1961	1



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File 4	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1962	1
File 5	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1963	1
File 5	Journal of bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1964	1
File 6	Journal of monthly bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1936	2
File 7	Journal of monthly bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1937	2
File 8	Journal of monthly bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1938-1940	2
File 9	Journal of monthly bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1941-1944	2
File 10	Journal of monthly bird observations	1 volume of textual records	1958	2