

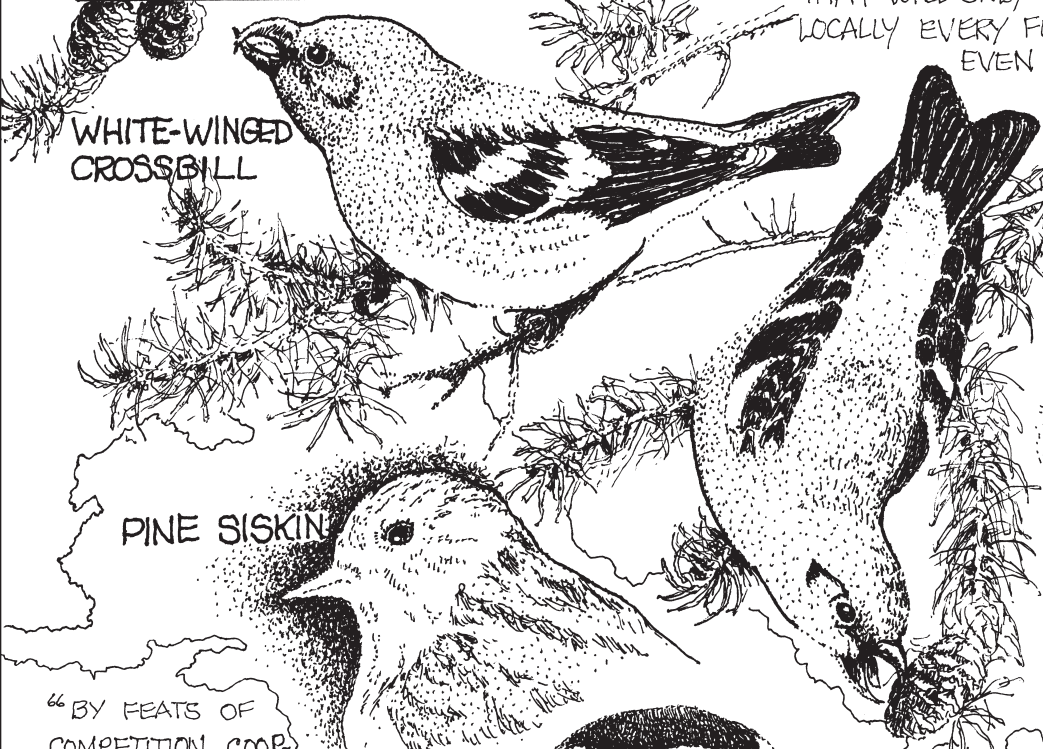
Headwaters Sketchbook

BY LINDA MCLAREN

BIRDWATCHERS ARE INVETERATE LISTERS—LIFE LISTS, ANNUAL LISTS, WEEKLY LISTS, "BIG DAY" LISTS! IN WINTER THESE LISTS CAN DWINDLE. BUT THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE OF SEEING A SPECIES THAT WILL ONLY BE IDENTIFIED LOCALLY EVERY FEW YEARS OR EVEN A LIFETIME.

date JAN 6 9 a.m.
GRANGE AT ALTON
SUNNY -10°C

blue jay
chickadee
tree sparrow
in above
downy w.
w.b. nuthatch
cardinal
*white-winged crossbill!
30 in spruce trees



WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL

PINE SISKIN

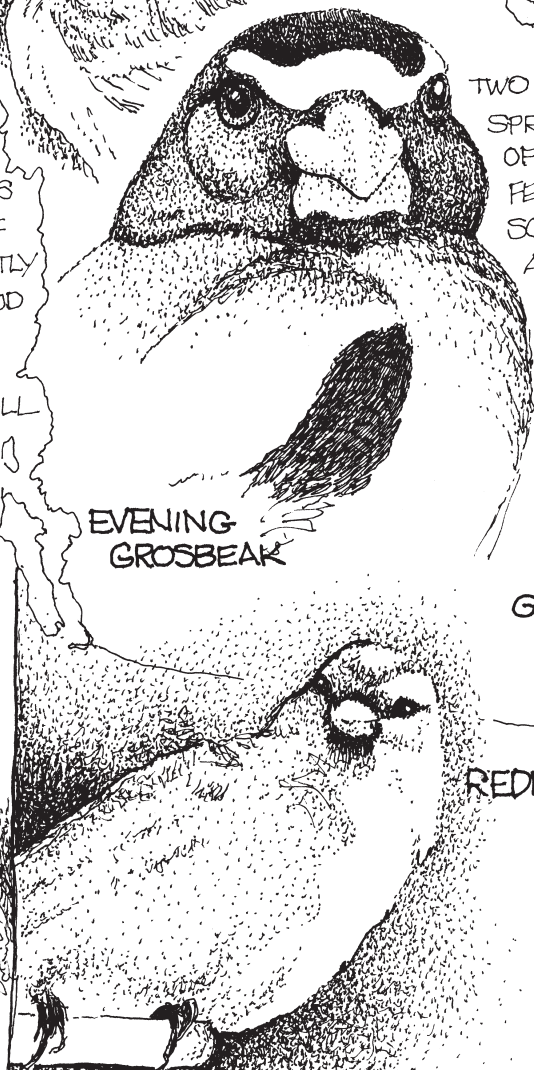
Matching Birds to Food

"BY FEATS OF COMPETITION, COOPERATION & ADAPTION, NORTH AMERICA'S BIRDS WILL PLACE THEMSELVES IN THE COMING MONTHS OVER MANY MILLIONS OF SQUARE MILES, EXACTLY WHERE THE RIGHT FOOD IS AVAILABLE AT THE RIGHT TIME."

— FRANK RUSSELL

TWO WINTERS AGO OUR SPRUCE TREES WERE FULL OF CROSSBILLS, OUR FEEDERS AWASH IN SQUABBLING SISKINS AND REDPOLLS. A YEAR LATER THEY WERE IN THE YUKON.

WHERE THIS YEAR?



EVENING GROSBEAK



PINE GROSBEAK

REDPOLL



YELLOW BIRCH

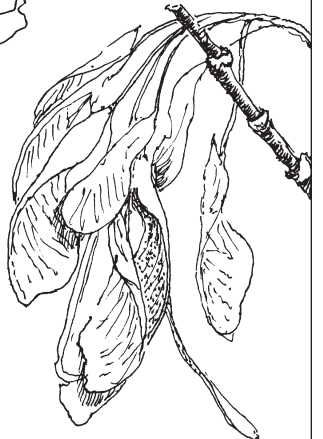


MOUNTAIN ASH



WHITE SPRUCE

MANITOBA MAPLE



"THE GYPSY ROVER CAME OVER THE HILL,
DOWN THRU THE VALLEY SO SHADY;
HE WHISTLED AND HE SANG
TIL THE GREENWOOD RANG,
AND HE WON THE HEART OF A LADY."

— LEO MCGUIRE