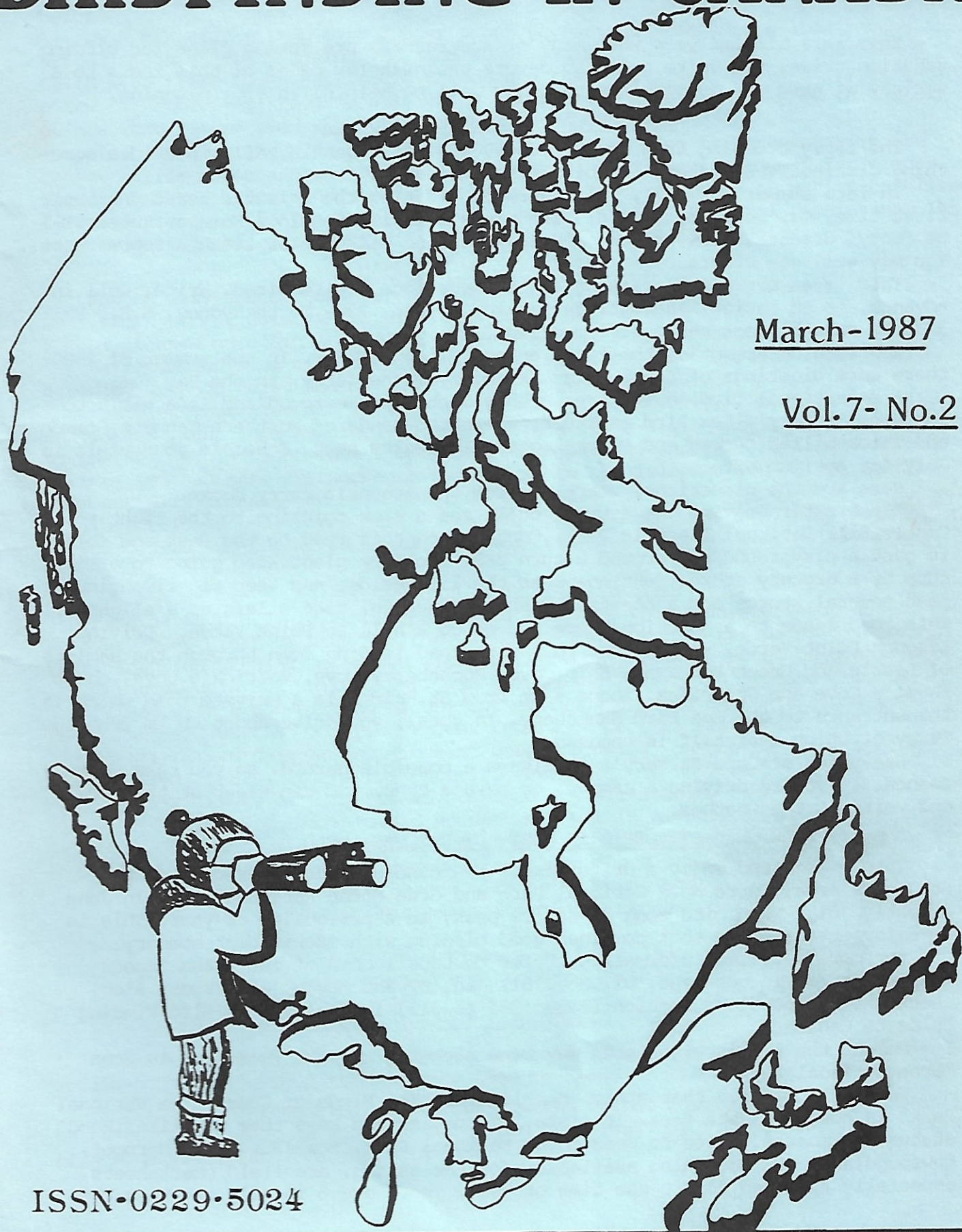


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The term "North America" means different things to different birders, and to those who draft birding rules and regulations.

Does it include Greenland? Bermuda? Baja California? How could Hawaii be considered part of North America? And so on.

Most birders who keep geographical records likely recognize two North Americas, one that fits the American Birding Association's definition, which is: "the 49 continental United States, Canada, St. Pierre & Miquelon, and adjacent waters." plus the American Ornithologists' Union concept which, in the 6th edition, not only extends to Central America, but takes in all Hawaiian Islands.

So, one might distinguish these by the initials, "N.A.(A.B.A.)" and "N.A.(A.O.U.)".

When BIRDFINDING IN CANADA began publishing North America totals, it was intended that only N.A.(A.B.A.) figures would be recorded. And, although we never did clarify the situation, it worked out that, somehow, subscribers seemed to know this, only a very few reporting otherwise, or even asking for a ruling.

Since then, we have been asked, a few times - not often, if we should print both North American totals. For sake of completeness (the only reason we can think of) perhaps we should. However, at the moment, we have no plans to do so. We're not looking for any more statistical content and, since virtually all of our readers who report figures, seem to be thinking "N.A.(A.B.A.)" we intend to leave it that way.

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