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Northern flying squirrel at Poverty Beach feeder  
Photo by D. Boyce

**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
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**Meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of the month (except July, August, and September) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm Centre, 420 University Avenue, Charlottetown. Each meeting commences with a brief business meeting followed by a nutrition break and a guest speaker. Members and non-members are welcome.

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**Cover Illustration:**

The northern flying squirrel is quite common on Prince Edward Island. If you have a sunflower feeder filled with seed at night, you may see this magnificent, night-active mammal during the warmer seasons. This species hibernates with others of its kind and sometimes other species in tree cavities and sometimes buildings.

## SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island's Annual General meeting is being held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Anyone interested in submitting their name for a position on the Society's Executive Council should submit their name to Dan Kennedy at 651-2926 [dankennedy@islandtelecom.com](mailto:dankennedy@islandtelecom.com)

### THE 8<sup>th</sup> NEIL BENNETT AUTUMN BIRDING CLASSIC: by Dan McAskill, Ray Cooke, Fiep de Bie, & Dwaine Oakley

The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island and the Island Nature Trust designed the Autumn Birding Classic in 1995 as a long-term fund raiser partnership for the Trust's land conservation program and as a bird monitoring system for the autumn. In 1999, the Autumn Birding Classic was renamed the Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic in memory of Neil's significant contributions to the Trust. In the 12 years since its creation, this partnership has raised more than \$11,000.

On Saturday, September 22<sup>th</sup>, Ray, Fiep, and Dan met to commence the 2007 Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic. We started out day at 0300 hrs in Sherwood with no wind and a spectacular star filled night. It was approximately 10 degrees Celsius. The winds which started light just after dawn at 0620 hrs increased to southerly ~20 km/hr by mid-day. By day's end at 2000 hrs, we had travelled 396 km, walked about 1 km, and the temperature had risen to 18 degrees Celsius. Efforts to team up with Dwaine Oakley via cellular telecommunications failed and, thus, we had two teams out for the day. Dwaine Oakley commenced his day at St. Eleanors and, once his bird surveys there were completed, he continued along the coastal area to Tracadie Harbour finishing the day at Crossroads. Dwaine travelled 225 km by car and walked 3 km.

The Eastern Team started birding at Hillsborough Bridge with the Double-crested Cormorants at the old bridge piers. Ray used a palm pilot and speakers to play the call of Saw-whet Owl, Great Horned Owl, American Bittern, Sora, and Virginia Rail. Fiep imitated Barred Owls calls. We tried Lake Verde, Dromore (2 places), Avondale, and Elliotvale. We were successful in obtaining Northern Saw-whet Owl, Barred Owl, Great-horned Owl and Sora Rail by 0430 hrs and had spectacular views of four shooting stars in the clear sky.

By the time Team 1 reached East Point at dawn, it was cooler and damper and we had donned our warm clothes. There was little wave action so visibility was great. The highlight of the day was the action of 2 Parasitic and 1 Pomerine Jaegers pursuing small gulls and terns in an attempt to make them drop their food. We also found a Cliff Swallow and watched the pursuit flights of two Merlin, one of which was successful.

The highlights of the day's outing that were seen by all the participants in Team 1 were the Parasitic Jaegers, the Cliff Swallow, a flock of Whimbrel in a Hermanville blueberry field, an American Coot and the antics of three Merlin at Allisary Creek impoundment, the large number (~80) of Red Knot at Tracadie Harbour, and the variety of shorebirds and warblers. Dwaine recorded 8 Red-throated Loons at Cavendish still sporting most of their breeding plumage and 3 Pectoral Sandpipers, 2 Willet and a Dunlin at Schurman's Shore. In addition, he seen a Red-eyed Vireo, a Lesser Black-backed Gull, and a Lincoln's Sparrow.

In total, the two teams observed 108 species. In addition to the birds seen below, we also observed two muskrat, heard several beaver, and seen one skunk, two raccoons, two red squirrels, and one gray seal.

Thanks to the various donors, Trust's pledge collectors, and team members, over \$1,411 was raised in the 2007 Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic.

Red-throated Loon  
Common Loon  
Pied-billed Grebe  
Northern Gannet  
Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Cormorant

Great Blue Heron  
Canada Geese  
Wood Duck  
Gadwall  
American Wigeon  
American Black Duck

Mallard  
Blue-winged Teal  
Northern Pintail  
Green-winged Teal  
Redhead Duck  
Ring-necked Duck

Common Eider	White-rumped Sandpiper	Boreal Chickadee
Harlequin	Pectoral Sandpiper	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Surf Scoter	Dunlin	Golden-crowned Kinglet
White-winged Scoter	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Veery</i>
Black Scoter	Wilson's Snipe	American Robin
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Pomarine Jaeger(1)</i>	Gray Catbird
Common Goldeneye	<i>Parasitic Jaeger(2)</i>	European Starling
Hooded Merganser	Black-headed Gull	Cedar Waxwing
Common Merganser	Bonaparte's Gull	Northern Parula
Red-breasted Merganser	Ring-billed Gull	Magnolia Warbler
Osprey	Herring Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Bald Eagle	Iceland Gull	Black-throated Green Warbler
Northern Harrier	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Blackpoll Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Glaucous Gull	Black-and-White Warbler
Merlin	Great Black-backed Gull	Common Yellowthroat
Sora	Caspian Tern	Chipping Sparrow
American Coot	Common Tern	Savannah Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Rock Pigeon (Dove)	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
American Golden Plover	Mourning Dove	Song Sparrow
Semipalmated Plover	Great Horned Owl	Swamp Sparrow
Killdeer	Barred Owl	White-throated Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Northern Saw-whet Owl	White-crowned Sparrow
Lesser Yellowlegs	Belted Kingfisher	Dark-eyed Junco
Willet	Downy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
Spotted Sandpiper	Northern Flicker	Common Grackle
Whimbrel	Red-eyed Vireo	Purple Finch
Ruddy Turnstone	Blue Jay	Pine Siskin
Red Knot	American Crow	American Goldfinch
Sanderling	Common Raven	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Cliff Swallow</i>	
Least Sandpiper	Black-capped Chickadee	

**Note:** Species in italics are rarely seen here.

## WINTER BIRD REPORTS:

By David Seeler

Its that time of the year again. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to the end of February, its our winter bird count season. Hopefully we can outdo our sister provinces and others who are beginning this yearly endeavour. To participate, simply join the UPEI bird list server or E-mail me at [seeler@upei.ca](mailto:seeler@upei.ca) Please start your E-mail with subject line with "WBL:" which stands for Winter Bird List. As of our publication date, there were over 80 species recorded.

## NEWS FROM ABOUT:

Department of Natural Resources and politicians responded positively to the "Stop the Quarry" efforts of naturalists with the N.S. Environmental Review team indicating that the BILCON company rock quarry in Digby was NOT approved. (Adapted from a Joan Czupalay Oct. 31 E-mail)

Atlantic Canada Gaia Singers in P.E.I. and NS along with other singing circles in North America recently released a second CD entitled "My Heart is Moved" The title song is a poem by Adrienne Rich. The CD contains songs written and composed by Carolyn McDade and friends. Many of them are derived from the words of The Earth Charter. Carolyn describes this as "music to guide us through the narrows" The narrows refers to the global

ecological crisis. Some of the proceeds from the CD will go towards environmental projects in P.E.I. The last CD, "O Beautiful Gaia" supported work of the Island Nature Trust, Macphail Ecological Forestry Project and Farmers Helping Farmers. The CD is \$20 and available from Jan Devine jrdevine@eastlink.ca (902) 892-1871 or through Carloyn McDade's website <http://www.carolynmcdademusic.com/heart.html>

The California Energy Commission has adopted guidelines to reduce the wildlife impacts of wind turbines. Washington, Montana, and Texas are reviewing their measures. The percentage of birds and bats killed by wind turbines is small compared with kills from vehicles and buildings and current estimates of wind turbine bird and bat kill collisions are from 30,000 to 60,000 annually. However, the increase in wind turbines to help address renewable energy goals suggest that annual kills will increase to 900,000 to 1,800,000 annually. (Adapted from "Bird Deaths Stir Oversight for US Wind Power" Oct. 8 2007 article by Leonard Anderson of Reuters News Service sent by MK)

As part of its staff continuing education program, the P.E.I. Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry held an old growth forest identification workshop in late October. This workshop was modeled on a similar workshop held in Nova Scotia last year.

Nature Canada commended a recent decision by the Government of Canada to temporarily withdraw more than 10 million ha of Canada's Northwest Territories from future industrial development. The areas to be protected include the Ramparts River and Wetland complex which is slated to be Canada's next wildlife management area and the East Arm of Great Slave Lake which is to be a new national park. (Adapted from a Nature Canada E-mail dated Nov. 11, 2007)

Experts on birds of prey from 60 countries met to try to develop an international agreement to conserve endangered migratory birds in Europe, Africa, and Asia. If successful, an agreement could help the conservation of a variety of migratory birds including 77 species of raptors. (Adapted from BBC One-Minute World New, Oct. 21/07)

The fish kills last July resulted in closure of the East Branch of the Tryon River and all of the Dunk River above Route 1A from Jul. 24 to Dec. 31, 2007. ((DFO Gulf Region Close Time Variation Order 2007-073)

Corridor Resources Inc is conducting exploratory drilling on private land just north of the New Harmony Demonstration Woodlot. (Corridor Resources Inc. Information Notice in Guardian)

#### **WEATHER EVENTS:**

High winds buffeted the Island and caused power disruptions in many areas on Sept. 23 (JDM).

By the time Hurricane Noel had reached Prince Edward Island, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, this storm had reduced in intensity. While much milder than originally anticipated, the winds gusts still hit 90+ km/hr. However, the sustained wind at Harrington only reached a maximum of 58.3 km/hr that day.

Snow overnight at Donagh on Nov. 11 (JDM) and the first real snow storm occurred on Dec. 3-4 and it was wet snow that caused many power outages. In the western part of the Island, many broken poles left power out until the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### **ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:**

Compiled by J. Dan McAskill

**FUNGI:** Only 2 meadow mushrooms were seen in pastures and shore side fields at Savage Harbour & Argyle Shore this autumn but some white Amanita were present at Savage Harbour (JDM). Small flush of inky cap mushrooms at a few sites in Queens County in late October (JDM).

**PLANTS:** DO reported a large patch of turtleheads (~50 plants or more) in St. Eleanors in late August. Fall dandelions at Argyle Shore and Donagh in mid to late-Oct. (JDM). Autumn foliage colours peaked in the Bonshaw Hills around Oct. 17 to 20 (JDM, LY). There was a relatively poor crop of Mt. Ash in central P.E.I. (JDM) but a large crop at East Point (DO). There was a light crop of Canada holly berries and a very light crop of conifer seed at Afton Road on Nov. 7 (WFB, JDM) but a moderate crop of Canada Holly at Desable (JDM, LY).

**INSECTS & SPIDERS:** Large black spider at Charlottetown (EMu). Large swarms of mosquitos at Savage Harbour shore on Oct. 13 (JDM). 25 blackflies at St. Charles DU Pond on Nov. 7 (BD). ~25 working clover in Hermitage grain field on Oct. 19 (JDM, LY, NH).

**BIRDS:** **Red-throated Loon** - off Cavendish on Oct. 5 (LH), in NE P.E.I. on Oct. 21 (CGa), 2 at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa, RM), at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), at Dalvay on Oct. 28 (FdB), ~30 at Cavendish on Nov. 3 (TW), 1 at Dalvay on Nov. 7, 2 at Stanhope on Nov. 14, & 2 at Cavendish on Nov. 25 (DCS); **Common Loon** - at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), at Brackley Beach & Rustico Island on Oct. 28 (FdB), 1 at Keppock Beach on Nov. 12 (JHR), 4 at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa, RM), 1 at East Point & 4 at Blooming Point on Nov. 9 (BD), 1 at Stanhope on Nov. 14 (DCS); **Pied-billed Grebe** - 1 at Leslie's Pond & East Lake on Oct. 6 (DCS), 2 at Long Pond on Oct. 14 (DCS); **Horned Grebe** - 4 off Earnscliffe on Oct. 20 (DCS), 3 at Malpeque Bay with one doing courtship like display on Oct. 21 (LH), at Malpeque Bay on Nov. 8 (LH); **Red-necked Grebe** - 1 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 3 off Earnscliffe on Oct. 20 (DCS), at Malpeque Bay on Nov. 8 (LH), at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa, RM); **UID Storm-Petrel** - 1 at St. Peter's Harbour on Oct. 16 (MK); **Leach's Storm-Petrel** - 1 off Rustico Island Causeway on Nov. 12 (DCS); **Northern Gannet** - 1 at Savage Harbour shore on Oct. 13 (JDM), 500 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 30+ on Oct. 26 at East point (DCS), 4 dead gannet at Redhead in late Oct. (MK), 3 at Dalvay on Nov. 6 (DCS); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 1,000 at Cavendish on Sept. 3 & 800 on Oct. 13 (DCS), ~200 on Hillsborough Piers and rocks in mid to late Oct. (JDM, DCS); **Great Blue Heron** - 30 at Brush Wharf Road in Orwell on Sept. 18 (EC), 2 landed in clover field at Desable on Oct. 17 (JDM, LY), 15 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 25 & 12 on Oct. 31 (DCS), 1 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWO, LY, DDU, JDM), 12 at Covehead Harbour and Marsh & 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 12 (BD), 3 at Trout River in Millvale on Nov. 19 (WFB, JDM), 4 at Brackley West Marsh on Nov. 23 and 5 on Nov. 26 (DCS), at North Shore on Dec. 1 (DC&ES), 1 seen flying at Sherwood on Dec. 6 (DO); **Snow Goose** - 1 blue phase with Canada Geese at Donagh in early Oct. (SH), 1 at St. Eleanor's with 20 Canada Geese on Nov. 29 (TW); **Canada Geese** - ~600 at Desable on Oct. 8 (JDM), ~1,500 in Miscouche Lagoon and adjacent grain field on Oct. 8 (JDM), 0 to ~1,000 on various days at Ellen's Creek & in Upton Farm fields in October & November (JDM), hundreds fluting down into potato fields in Donagh in mid-Oct. (JDM), ~1,500 in Wilmot River and adjacent grass & potato fields in mid-Oct. (JDM), ~900 at New London Bay at Cavendish on Oct. 13 (DCS), ~800 to 1,000 at Lake Verde & 1,000+ in Pownal Bay in mid-Oct. (JDM), ~800 at Lake Verde on Oct. 19 (JDM, LY, NH), 200 at Leslie's Pond on Oct. 26 (DCS), 400 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 27 (DCS), 750 at St. Peter's Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 1,500 flying at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWO, LY, DDU, JDM), 550 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 12 (BD), 1,500 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSM), 380 at Robinson's Island on Nov. 28 (DCS); **Brant** - 1 at Summerside Hbr. on Sept. 30 (DO, DCS); **Gadwall** - at Stanhope Marsh on Nov. 2 (DO, BH, WCT), 40 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD); **Eurasian Wigeon** - male at Summerside Hbr. on Sept. 30 (DO); **American Wigeon** - 2 at Long Pond on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 20 at Black Pond on Oct. 26 (DCS), at Leslie's Pond on Nov. 2 (DO, BH, WCT), female at Allisary Creek Impoundment on Nov. 22 (BDO); **American Black Duck** - 300 at Cavendish sandspit on Oct. 13 (DCS), 300 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 21 (DCS), ~200 at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (FdB), 0 to 200 daily in Riverside Drive Hillsborough River at Charlottetown in November (JDM), 100 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 250 at Covehead Harbour and Marsh, 150 at John Archie's Pond, & 150 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), 50 to 400 daily in Hillsborough River at Riverside Drive Charlottetown in November (JDM), 300 at Locke Shore Road along bay edge on Nov. 19 (JDM, WFB); **Mallard** - 5 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 (JDM, LY), 12 at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 16 (JDM, LY), 4 at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (FdB), 5 males at John Archie's Pond & 1 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), up to 10 in Hillsborough River at Riverside Drive Charlottetown in November (JDM), 8 at Breadalbane on Nov. 25 (EC); **Northern Shoveler** - 5 at Borden Lagoons on Sept. 19 (DCS); **Northern Pintail** - 30 at Summerside Harbour on Sept. 30 (DCS), 13 at Covehead on Oct. 28 (FdB), at Stanhope Marsh on Nov. 2 (DO, WCT), 20 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 4 & 30 on Nov. 18 (DCS), 8 at Covehead Harbour and Marsh on Nov. 12 (BD), 5 at Spring Valley on Nov. 19 (JDM, WFB); **Green-winged Teal** - 6 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), 3 at Covehead on Oct. 28 (FdB), at Long Pond on Nov. 2 (DO, BH, WCT), 14 at Alexandra on Nov. 4 (FdB), 10 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWO, LY, DDU, JDM), 10 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), on north shore on Dec. 1 (DC&ES); **Redhead** - 2 pair at Leslie's Pond on Oct. 27 (CGa); **Ring-necked Duck** - 2 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), 10+ at Long Pond on Oct. 30 (DCS), at Leslie's Pond & Dalvay Lake on Nov. 2 (DO, BH, WCT), 13 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 17 (DCS); **Greater Scaup** - 2 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), at Leslie's Pond & Dalvay Lake on Nov. 2 (DO, BH, WCT), 80 at Brackley Bay on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (DCS), 300 at Brackley Marsh & Bay on Nov. 12 (BD), 15 at Long Pond on Nov. 18 (DCS); **Lesser Scaup** - 2 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), 25 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), 1 at Long Pond on Nov. 18 (DCS); **Common Eider** - ~130 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 300 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM); **Harlequin Duck** - 2 at East Point on Oct. 6 (DCS), 1 in NE P.E.I. on Oct. 21 (CGa), female at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), male & 2 female at East Point on Nov. 2 (DO, WCT) & 4 on Nov. 4 (FdB); **Surf Scoter** - 20+ at East point on Oct. 6 (DCS), 15 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO); **White-winged Scoter** - 60 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), numerous at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 20 at Dalvay on Oct. 22 (DCS), 12 at Dalvay on Oct. 28 (FdB), 15 at Dalvay on Nov. 6 (DCS), at Keppock

Beach on Nov. 12 (JHR), 19 at Belmont Provincial Park on Nov. 25 (EC); **Black Scoter** - 20 to 60 at East Point in Oct. (DCS), 80 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 150 (2/3 females) at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **Long-tailed Duck** - at Long Pond on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), at East Point on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT), 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 27 off Stanhope on Nov. 5 (DCS), 35 at Savage Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 1 at Robinson's Island on Nov. 12 (BD), 20 at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa,RM); **Bufflehead** - 5 male at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), several at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (RC), 3 pair at St. Eleanors on Oct. 25 (DO), at East Point & Black Pond on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT), 4 at Black Pond on Nov. 4 (FdB), at North Shore on Dec. 1 (DC&ES), at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 3 (SCS); **Common Goldeneye** - 2 at Long Pond on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 10 at Pownal Bay on Oct. 20 (DCS), 30 at Malpeque Bay on Oct. 22 (DO), 4 at Black Pond on Oct. 26 (DCS), at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (RC), 9 at Long Pond on Oct. 30 (DCS), at Leslie's Pond & Dalvay Lake on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT, CGa), 30+ at Black Pond on Nov. 4 (FdB), 10 at St. Charles DU Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 200 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 75 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD); **Barrow's Goldeneye** - at Black Pond on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT), 17 at Hyde Park Pond in Cornwall on Nov. 3 (DO) & 20+ on Nov. 25 (SGC), 1 at Covehead on Nov. 24 (DCS); **Hooded Merganser** - 3 at East Lake on Oct. 6 (DCS), 4 to 6 at Leslie's Pond with males flipping back their heads on Oct. 27 (CGa), at Leslie's Pond, Dalvay Lake & Black Pond on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT), 5 at Black Pond on Nov. 4 (FdB), female at Covehead Harbour and Marsh & 5 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), 12 at Leslie's Pond on Nov. 20 (CGa), at North Shore on Dec. 1 (DC&ES); **Common Merganser** - at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 2 (DO, WCT), 18 at Larkins Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 500 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD); **Red-breasted Merganser** - 7 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 35 at Brackley Beach & Dalvay on Oct. 28 (FdB); **Ruddy Duck** - 4 at Black Pond on Oct. 21 (CGa), 2 males & 2 females at Leslie's Pond on Oct. 27 (CGa), 1 at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (RC) & female on Nov. 2 (DO,BH,WCT); **Osprey** - 1 at Cavendish on Sept. 26 & 1 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 3 (DCS); **Bald Eagle** - pair at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), Immature & adult at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (FdB), 2 adults at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 29 (JDM, LY), 1 immature at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSm), 3 adults together in flight at Robinson's Island, 1 adult at Brackley Marsh, & 1 adult at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), 3 in kettle at Donagh with very high buteo on Nov. 18 (LY, JDM), 1 to 7 at Tracadie Harbour in Nov. (DCS); **Northern Harrier** - 3 at Desable fields in Oct. (JDM, LY), female at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 16 (JDM, LY), 1 at Hermitage on Oct. 19 (JDM, LY, NH), 1 at Long Pond on Oct. 28 (FdB), 1 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 1 at St. Peter's Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 1 at Hermitage on Nov. 11 (JDM), 1 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSm), 1 at Brackley West Marsh on Nov. 24 & 26 (DCS), 1 immature at Desable on Nov. 28 (JDM, LY), female at French River on Dec. 2 (TW); **Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 & 1 at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 16 (JDM, LY), 1 at Desable on Oct. 17 (JDM, LY), 1 at East Point on Oct. 18 (T&SB) & 1 on Oct. 28 (DCS, CGa,DO, JHR), 2 at East Point & 1 at St. Peter's Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 1 at Long Pond on Nov. 12 (BD), adult & immature frequenting Crossroad's feeders in late Nov. (DO); **Northern Goshawk** - 1 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO), immature at St. Eleanors on Oct. 25 (DO), 1 immature at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), 1 chasing pigeon at Desable on Nov. 3 (DO), 1 hatch year at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **Red-tailed Hawk** - immature at Donagh on Oct. 20 (JDM, LY, SH), 1 at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 29 (JDM, LY), 2 immatures at Hampton on Nov. 10 & 14 (JDM, LY), 1 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSm), 2 at Hunter River, 1 at Indian River, & 1 at Hartsville on Nov. 19 (JDM, WFB), 1 at Canoe Cove on Nov. 12 & 2 at New Dominion on Nov. 23 (DCS), 1 at Margate on Dec. 2 (TW); **Rough-legged Hawk** - 1 at Margate on Oct. 8 (TW), light & dark phase at St. Eleanor's on Nov. 3 (DO), 1 at Robinson's Island on Nov. 14 (DCS), 1 at Indian River & 1 at Hartsville on Nov. 19 (JDM, WFB); **American Kestrel** - 1 at Alexandra on Nov. 4 (FdB), 1 at Alexandra on Nov. 18 (RA); **Merlin** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), Nov. 4 (FdB), Nov. 9 (BD), 1 at Brackley on Nov. 7 (DCS), 1 at Belmont Provincial Park & 1 at St. Louis on Nov. 25 (EC); **Peregrine Falcon** -1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24 (DMacN) 2 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 1 in NE P.E.I. on Oct. 21 (CGa), 1 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **Gray Partridge** - 20 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 13 (DFG, EL, BSo), 10 at Argyle Shore on Oct. 16 (LY, JDM), 12 at Donagh on Oct. 16 (LY), 12 at York Point on Nov. 5 (ASm), 12 at South Melville on Nov. 6 (RA), 20 at Upton Farm in Charlottetown on Nov. 6 (JHR), 7 frequenting Argyle Shore feeder in Nov. (DH), 7 at Donagh roadside on Dec. 1 & Dec. 6 (JDM), 8 at French River on Dec. 2 (TW), 8 at Stanhope and 7 at Pleasant Grove on Dec. 7 (F&JC); **Ruffed Grouse** - 1 at St. Charles DU Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 3 at Afton Road on Nov. 7 (WFB, JDM), 1 at Rocky Point on Nov. 25 (SGC); **Sharp-tailed Grouse** - 3 at Hermanville on Oct. 21 (CGa), 1 at St. Peter's Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD); **American Coot** - 2 at St. Charles DU Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 3 at Allisary Creek impoundment on Nov. 22 (BDo); **Sandhill Crane** -1 heard at Slemon Park on Nov. 10 (DO); **Black-bellied Plover** - at Covehead on Sept. 28 (DC&ES), 4 at Victoria Harbour on Oct. 17 (JDM), at Brackley/Covehead on Oct. 21 (DCS), 10 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), 42 on Nov. 3, 6 on Nov. 4, 45 on Nov. 7, 12 on Nov. 10, & 1 on Nov. 15 (DCS); **American Golden-Plover** - 1 at Cavendish on Sept. 26 (DCS), at Covehead on Sept. 28 (DC&ES), 1 at Victoria Harbour on Oct. 17 (JDM), 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 22 (DCS), 50+ in field at Sherbrooke on Nov. 6 (BM), 1 at Malpeque on Nov. 12 (LH); **Semi-palmated Plover** - at Covehead on Sept. 28 (DC&ES), 8 at Fernwood on Oct. 19 (GMcC), 39 at Cavendish on Oct. 13, 4 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 25 (DCS), 1 at Dalvay Beach on Nov. 3 (DCS); **Greater Yellowlegs** - calling at Desable on Oct. 17 (JDM, LY), 6 at Victoria Harbour on Oct. 17 (JDM), at Brackley/Covehead on Oct. 21 (DCS), 15 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), 2 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWo, LY, DDu, JDM); **Hudsonian Godwit** - 2 at Brackley/Covehead on Oct. 21 (DCS), 1 at Souris Causeway on Oct. 26 (DC&ES), 3 at Covehead on Oct. 27 (DCS); **Ruddy Turnstone** - 3 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 1, 53 on Oct. 25, & 9 on Oct. 31 (DCS); **Red Knot** - 1 at Cavendish on Sept. 26 (DCS), 160 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 21 (DCS), 13 at Legion

Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), small number at Tracadie & 2 at Covehead on Oct. 26 (DCS), 2 at Souris Causeway on Nov. 1 (DK), 8 on Nov. 1, 29 on Nov. 2, 12 on Nov. 3, 1 on Nov. 4, 20 on Nov. 5, 14 on Nov. 6, 38 on Nov. 7, 32 on Nov. 8, 10 on Nov. 10, 2 on Nov. 14 (DCS), 15 on Nov. 12 (BD), & 9 on Nov. 18 (DCS) at Tracadie Harbour; **Sanderling** -15 at Victoria Harbour on Oct. 17 (JDM), 3 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), at East Point on Oct. 26 (DC&ES), 6 at Dalvay on Oct. 28 (FdB), 13 at Dalvay & 18 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 31 (DCS), 3 at Hampton on Nov. 3 (JDM, LY) ~18 at Cavendish on Nov. 4 (TW), 25 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 9 at Cable Head East on Nov. 9 (BD), 3 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWo, LY, DDu, JDM), 18 at Dalvay Beach on Nov. 12 (BD), 18 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 18 & 1 at Cavendish on Nov. 25 (DCS); **Semipalmated Sandpiper** - >300 at Covehead on Sept. 28 (DC&ES), 40 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 22 (DCS), 1 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO); **White-rumped Sandpiper** - 2 immature at Brackley/Covehead on Oct. 21 (DCS), 1 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO); **Baird's Sandpiper** - 1 at Cavendish on Sept. 16 (DCS); **Pectoral Sandpiper** - 63 on Oct. 1 & 107 at Covehead on Oct. 4 (DCS), 6 at St. Peter's Bay on Oct. 6 (DCS), 1 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), 6 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 22 (DCS); **Purple Sandpiper** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 26 (DC&ES); **Dunlin** - >750 at Brackley/Covehead on Oct. 21 (DCS), 27 at Legion Shore Malpeque Bay on Oct. 21 (DO), 33 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 14, 81 on Oct. 22, & 37 on Oct. 31 (DCS), 1 at Souris River on Oct. 26 (DC&ES), 149 on Nov. 1, 200 on Nov. 3, 53 on Nov. 4, 67 on Nov. 6, 145 on Nov. 7, 120 on Nov. 8, 50 on Nov. 10, 7 on Nov. 13, 72 on Nov. 15, 100 on Nov. 17, 188 on Nov. 18, 7 on Nov. 19, & 9 on Nov. 26 (DCS), ~20 at Hampton on Nov. 3 (JDM, LY), 50 at Savage Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 20 at Covehead Harbour and Marsh on Nov. 12 (BD), 50 at Malpeque Bay on Nov. 8 & 49 on Nov. 11 (LH), 12 at Robinson's Island & 225 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 12 (BD), 31 at Souris Causeway & 5 at Desable on Nov. 18 (RA); **Short-billed Dowitcher** - at Covehead on Sept. 28 (DC&ES); **Long-billed Dowitcher** - 1 at Covehead on Oct. 27 (DCS); **Wilson's Phalarope** - 1 at Covehead marsh on Sept. 28 (DC&ES); **Parasitic Jaeger** - at East Point on Nov. 3 (RC) & Nov. 4 (FdB); **Black-headed Gull** - adult with Bonaparte's Gulls feeding on Atlantic Silversides at Belvedere Pond & adult at Stratford Lagoon on Oct. 14 (DO), 2 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 14 & 1 on Oct. 27, 1 on Nov. 12, 19, 24, & 28 (DCS); **Bonaparte's Gull** - 18 in winter plumage at Desable Bridge & 2 at West River Causeway on Sept. 16 (EC), 20+ at Covehead Bay on Oct. 14 (DCS), 20 at Belvedere Pond on Oct. 17 (JDM), 30 at Covehead on Nov. 3 (DCS), 110 in feeding frenzy at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWo, LY, DDu, JDM), 50 at Covehead Harbour and Marsh on Nov. 12 (BD), 20+ at Chapel Creek on Nov. 25 (DCS), good numbers at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 10 (SCS); **Ring-billed Gull** - 30 at Chapel Creek on Nov. 25 & 8 at Brackley West Marsh on Nov. 28 (DCS); **Herring Gull** - many in fields and bays in Oct. & Nov. (JDM); **Iceland Gull** - 1 at Stanhope on Nov. 13 & 5 at Victoria Park on Nov. 25 (DCS); **Lesser-black-backed Gull** - adult at Miscouche Lagoon on Nov. 3 (DO), back off the Ferry Road in Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 10 (SCS); **Glaucous Gull** - juvenile at Miscouche Lagoon on Nov. 3 (DO), 1 at Covehead on Nov. 18 (DCS); **Great Black-backed Gull** - 14 adults & 1 hatch year at Naufrage Harbour on Nov. 7 (BD); **Black-legged Kittiwake** - at East Point on Nov. 3 (RC); **Caspian Tern** - 1 at Covehead on Oct. 1, 3, & 5 & 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Oct. 1 (DCS); **Common Tern** - 80 at East Point on Sept. 13, 21 at Cavendish on Sept. 15, 30 at Covehead on Sept. 21, 200 at Brackley Bay on Sept. 23, 10 at Greenwich on Sept. 30, 2 at Hillsborough Bridge on Oct. 13 (DCS); **UID Alcide** - at East Point on Nov. 3 (RC); **Black Guillemot** - at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa); **Rock Pigeon** - 18 at West Royalty feeders on Sept. 1 (DCS), 40 at Westmoreland in mid-Nov. (JDM, LY, WFB), 8 at Hermitage grain and cornfields on Nov. 19 (JDM, LY, WFB, JD); **Mourning Dove** - 3 to 7 at Donagh feeders in Nov. & 20 post snow storm on Dec. 2 (JDM), at Watervale feeders on Dec. 1 (AC); **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** - 1 at French Village on Sept. 27 (DMacN), 1 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS); **Barred Owl** - 1 calling at Vernon River on Oct. 1 (DK); **Short-eared Owl** - 1 hunting field at Desable on Oct. 29 (JDM), 6 at Clyde River on Nov. 19 (J'NB via DO), 1 at Frenchfort on Nov. 19 (JA via DO); **Belted Kingfisher** - 1 at Black Pond on Oct. 26 & 1 at Basin Head on Oct. 28 (DCS), 1 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWo, LY, DDu, JDM), 1 at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 3 (SCS); Red-bellied Woodpecker - at Kinlock feeder on Dec. 3 DA via JHR); **Downy Woodpecker** - at West Royalty feeder (DCS), at Charlottetown seed bells on Sept. 30 (EMu), at Watervale feeders on Dec. 1 (AC); **Hairy Woodpecker** - at Charlottetown seed bells on Sept. 30 (EMu), 2 at Bubbling Springs Trail on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 4 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), at West Royalty feeder (DCS), 5 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), at Watervale feeders on Dec. 1 (AC); **Black-backed Woodpecker** - female at Bubbling Springs Trail (BH); **Northern Flicker** - 1 at Cavendish & at Point Prim on Oct. 13 (DCS), 3 at St. Peter's Lake on Nov. 9 (BD), male & female at West Royalty feeder (DCS), 2 at Cavendish on Nov. 25 (DCS); **Western Kingbird** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa); **Northern Shrike** - juvenile at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 22 & 25 (DO), 2 at St. Charles DU Pond & 1 at Larkin's Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), immature at Argyle Shore on Nov. 24 (JDM, LY), 1 at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 3 (SCS); **Red-eyed Vireo** - at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB); **WHITE-EYED VIREO FIRST PEI RECORD** at Cameron's Island Banding Station on Oct. 10 (DO); **Gray Jay** - 1 at St. Charles DU Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 1 at Goose River on Nov. 9 (BD); **Blue Jay** - ~25 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 (JDM, LY), 5 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), ~20 at Hermitage grain and cornfields on Nov. 19 (JDM, LY, WFB, JD); **American Crow** - thousands at Victoria Park roost in Oct. & Nov. (JDM), ~20 at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 29 (JDM, LY), many feeding on soya beans at Upton Farm in Charlottetown on Nov. 6 (JHR); **Common Raven** - 2 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 (JDM, LY), 3 to 10 on various days in October at Desable (JDM, LY), 5 at Hermitage on Oct. 19 (JDM, LY, NH), 5 at Black Horse Corner on Oct. 29 (JDM, LY), 25 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **Horned Lark** - 13 at Cavendish on Sept. 26 & 3 on Oct. 3 (DCS), 29 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), ~30 foraging in field at New London with a few Snow Bunting on Dec. 4 (TW), 3 at Locke



Shore Road garden on Dec. 6 (LH); **Black-capped Chickadee** - 24 including one with white head & tail at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), 5 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **Boreal Chickadee** - 1 at Cameron's Island on Oct. 13 (DCS), 2 at Argyle Shore on Oct. 16 (JDM, LY); **Red-breasted Nuthatch** - many at Bubbling Springs Trail on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 2 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD); **White-breasted Nuthatch** - 1 at North Milton feeders on Nov. 24 (SGC), 1 at Pleasant Grove feeders on Nov. 25 (SGa); **Brown Creeper** - 1 at Greenwich on Sept. 30 (DCS), 1 foraging for insects on Norway maple at Crossroads on Oct. 14 (DO), at East Point on Oct. 18 (T&SB), 1 at Long Pond on Oct. 21 (DO); **Winter Wren** - at Cameron's Island Banding Station on Oct. 10 (DO); **Carolina Wren** - 1 at Summerside on Nov. 11, 2 on Nov. 23, & 2 on Dec. 2 (BMi, JCr,L&JH); **Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 2 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO); **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** - 4 at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB), 20+ at Greenwich on Sept. 30 (DCS), at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK), 1 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO); **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** - 1 in NE P.E.I. on Oct. 21 (CGa), 1 at East Point on Oct. 26 (DCS), 1 heard at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS); **Swainson's Thrush** - 1 at East Point on Sept. 30 (DCS); **Hermit Thrush** - 3 at Cameron's Island Banding Station on Oct. 10 (DO), 1 at Tea Hill on Oct. 29 (FdB); **American Robin** - ~10 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 (JDM, LY), 30 at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB), 100 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), ~40 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO), ~20 at Murray Head on Nov. 5 (FRC), 50 at St. Charles DU Pond & 50 feeding on Canada holly at Larkins Pond on Nov. 7 (BD), 400 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), ~20 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSM), 8 at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 3 (SCS); **Northern Mockingbird** - 1 at Twin Shore's Campground at Malpeque Bay on Oct. 5 (LH); **European Starling** - 25 between Donagh & Savage Harbour on Oct. 13 (JDM), ~50 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 15 (JDM, LY), ~100 at Donagh on Oct. 20 (JDM, SH, LY), starlings house cleaning in light standards in Charlottetown in early Nov. (DO, FRC), ~600 at Hermitage grain and cornfields on Nov. 19 (JDM, LY, WFB, JD); **American Pipit** - 1 working wrack line on Cavendish sandspit on Sept. 30 (DCS), 4 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 4 at Queens Road Beach on Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 15 (DCS); **Bohemian Waxwing** - 50 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), 30 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), 300 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), ~300 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSM), 20 at Georgetown Royalty on Dec. 3 (SCS); **Cedar Waxwing** - ~20 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO), 10 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), 50 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), 30 at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa,RM), 20+ at Murray Head on Nov. 5 (FRC); 30 at Vernon River on Nov. 22 (DK); **Orange-crowned Warbler** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM); **Nashville Warbler** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN); **Magnolia Warbler** - 2 at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW); **Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 30+ at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 2 at Cameron's Island on Oct. 13 (DCS), 2 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 1 at North Cape on Oct. 27 (DO); **Black-throated Green Warbler** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN), at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW); **Pine Warbler** - 2 at North Cape on Oct. 27 (DO); **Palm Warbler** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN), 1 at Greenwich on Sept. 30 (DCS), 1 at Cameron's Island Banding Station on Oct. 10 (DO); **Blackpoll Warbler** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN); **American Redstart** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN); **Common Yellowthroat** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM); **Canada Warbler** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 24-27 (DMacN); **Yellow-breasted Chat** - 1 found at Cameron Island Banding Station on Oct. 4 (DO); **American Tree Sparrow** - 2 at Greenwich on Sept. 30 (DCS), 4 at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB), 1 at North Cape on Oct. 27 (DO), first of season at Donagh feeders on Nov. 30 (JDM); **Chipping Sparrow** - 12 at Greenwich on Sept. 30 (DCS), 6 at Crossroads on Oct. 14 (DO); **Clay-coloured Sparrow** - 1 at Savage Harbour with White-crowned Sparrows on Sept. 24 (DMacN); **Field Sparrow** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 27 (DMacN); **Savannah Sparrow** - at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK), 2 at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB); **Fox Sparrow** - at Cameron's Island Banding Station on Oct. 10 (DO) & Oct. 13 (DCS), 1 at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK), 1 at Donagh feeders in Mid-Oct. (JDM), at Crossroads on Oct. 14 (DO), 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM); **Song Sparrow** - 2 at Donagh feeders on Oct. 9 (JDM), at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK); **Lincoln's Sparrow** - at Savage Harbour on Sept. 27 (DMacN), 1 at East Point on Oct. 6 (DCS), 1 at Beach Grove on Oct. 14 (EC); **Swamp Sparrow** - 8 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 3 at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB); **White-throated Sparrow** - 40+ at Dalvay on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 3 at Donagh feeders in Mid-Oct. (JDM), at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK), 18 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 20 at Crossroads on Oct. 14 (DO), many at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB), at Vernon River feeders on Dec. 3 (DK); **White-crowned Sparrow** - after high winds on Sept. 23, there was a large fallout (50 at least) in the French Village area on Sept. 25 to 28 (DMacN), 1 at Robinson's Island on Sept. 26 (FdB, DW), 6 juveniles at Carragher's Pond on Sept. 30 (EC), 23 at Greenwich & 6 at Dalvay on Sept. 30 (DCS), many at Malpeque Bay on Oct. 5 (LH), 3 at Covehead on Oct. 7 & 1 on Oct. 8 (DCS), 1 at Cameron's Island on Oct. 13 (DCS), at Beach Grove on Oct. 14 (EC), 2 juveniles at Crossroads on Oct. 11 (DO), 1 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 2 at Donagh feeders in Mid-Oct. (JDM), at Vernon River on Oct. 12 (DK), at East Point on Oct. 18 (T&SB); **Dark-eyed Junco** - 8 at Donagh feeders on Oct. 9 (JDM), 30 at Crossroads on Oct. 14 (DO), 3 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM); **Lapland Longspur** - 2 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 25 (DO); **Snow Bunting** - ~100 at Black Horse Corner potato fields on Oct. 16 (JDM, LY), 4 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), ~100 at Nail Pond on Oct. 27 (DO), ~50 at Hampton on Nov. 3 (JDM, LY), 135 at Naufrage Harbour on Nov. 7 (BD), 250 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), ~50 at Long River on Nov. 10 (DWo, LY, DDU, JDM), ~50 at Hermitage on Nov. 11 (JDM), ~50 at Indian River on Nov. 12 (JDM, LY, CSM), at Hermitage grain and cornfields on Nov. 19 (JDM, LY, WFB, JD), 50 at Rocky Point on Nov. 23 (DCS); **Northern Cardinal** - female at South Melville on Nov. 3 (RA); **Red-winged Blackbird** - 1 at Vernon River feeders in Dec. 6 (DK), several immature at Desable on Dec. 9 (BPe); **Rusty Blackbird** - 1 male at Crossroad's feeders on Dec. 7-8 (DO, DCS, JDM, SGC), at Desable on Dec. 9 (BPe); **Common Grackle** - ~40 at Desable on Oct. 17 (JDM, LY), ~200 flying at

Hampton on Nov. 3 (JDM, LY), 120 at Tea Hill on Oct. 31 (FdB), at Kinlock Road feeders on Nov. 6 (JHR), 1 at Crossroads feeder on Dec. 2 (DO); **Brown-headed Cowbird** - 8 at Vernon River feeders on Nov. 23 (DK); **Bullock's Oriole** - female at Crossroad's feeder on Nov. 29 (DO) to Dec. 8 (DC&ES,L&JH,JDM,SGC); **Baltimore Oriole** - 1 at Dunedin on Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 (JR), male at Murray Harbour in Oct. (GSa); **Pine Grosbeak** - 8 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 7 at West Cape on Oct. 18 (FdB), 2 at Nail Pond & ~10 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO), 20 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS) 6 at East Point on Nov. 14 (CGa,RM), 45 at Murray Head on Nov. 5 (FRC), 250 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), 4 at Richmond trail on Nov. 25 (EC), 4 at South Melville on Nov. 30 with 1 eating crab apples and 1 eating maple buds (RA), 5 at Pleasant Grove feeders on Dec. 6 (JM); **Purple Finch** - female at Donagh feeders in mid-Oct. (JDM), 2 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), ~30 at Sea Cow Pond on Oct. 27 (DO), 2 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), few at Tea Hill on Oct. 31 (FdB), 5 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), 12 at North Milton feeders on Nov. 24 (SGC), 4 at Pleasant Grove feeders on Dec. 6 (JM); **White-winged Crossbill** - 3 at Bristol on Oct. 7 (EC), at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 15 at Stanhope on Oct. 18 (T&SB), 200 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), ~60 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), number of flocks of 10 to 40 between Sea Cow Pond & North Cape on Oct. 27 (DO), 1,500 at East Point & 150 at St. Peter's Harbour on Nov. 9 (BD), 150 at Dalvay, 8 at Long Pond, & 12 at Brackley Marsh & Bay on Nov. 12 (BD), 2 at Stanhope feeders on Dec. 1 (F&JC), 18 at New London on Dec. 2 (TW); **Common Redpoll** - 30 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), 23 at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), 200+ in NE P.E.I. on Oct. 21 (CGa), ~20 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), 20 at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), ~25 at Afton Road on Nov. 7 (WFB, JDM), 100 at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 150 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), 150 at Desable on Nov. 28 (JDM, LY), singles at Vernon River, South Melville, & Donagh feeders on Dec. 6 (DK,RA,JDM); **Pine Siskin** - 30 at East Point on Oct. 15 (KM), at St. Eleanor's on Oct. 17 (DO), ~20 at East Point on Oct. 27 (CGa), 70+ at East Point on Oct. 28 (DO, JHR, CGa,DCS), at South Melville on Nov. 3 (RA), 20 at Dalvay on Nov. 5 (DCS), 500 feeding on seed heads of beach goldenrod at South Lake & Barrier Beach on Nov. 8 (BD), 500 at East Point on Nov. 9 (BD), at Vernon River on Nov. 10 (DK), 1 at West Royalty feeder on Nov. 12 (DCS), 15 at Robinson's Island on Nov. 14 (DCS), 8 at Charlottetown feeder on Dec. 1 (SGC); **American Goldfinch** - at South Melville on Nov. 3 (RA); **Evening Grosbeak** - 12 at Vernon River on Oct. 31 & 6 on Nov. 6 (DK), 1 at Crossroads feeder on Oct. 31 (DO), 2 at Green Bay feeders on Dec/ 2 (JW); **House Sparrow** - 10 to 15 at West Royalty on Nov. 23 to 28 (DCS).

**Old Reports & Corrections:** Osprey nest location in last newsletter was south not north of the Brookvale Ski park (EC). The 36 Willet reported by Eleanor Beagan was on Aug. 5 not 14<sup>th</sup> as reported by the Editor in Island Naturalist #185. 1 Cattle Egret at Dunk River Bridge on Jun. 4/07 (EC). Northern Hawk Owl at Cabot Park on Mar. 27/05 (Pierre Brunet). 1 Northern Shrike at Appin Road on Mar. 25/07 (EC). 1 male Mourning Warbler at St. Catherines on Jul. 14/07 & 2 at Appin Road on Jul. 22 (EC). 1 Fox Sparrow at Tyne Valley on Aug. 7/07 (EC). 1 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher at North River on Aug. 7/07 (EC)

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**White-eyed Vireo - First Island record**  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

*Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.  
Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.*

**YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate**

- Dec. 14 to Jan. 5** - Each year, many natural history and birding groups participate in **Christmas Bird Counts** (CBCs). These can be registered counts through Audubon and Bird Studies Canada (BSC) or unregistered counts. For registered counts, adults who are not-BSC members must pay a \$5 fee which is used to assist with the preparation of the CBC reports, the critical element for the documentation of bird population trends. There are four Christmas counts on Prince Edward Island, namely, the Prince Edward Island National Park CBC (registered), the Hillsborough CBC (registered), the Montague CBC (unregistered), and the East Point CBC (registered). The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island coordinates the first three counts while Vern Laux coordinates the East Point count. To participate or obtain more information, contact the Society at [nhspei@isn.net](mailto:nhspei@isn.net)
- Dec. 15 - The East Point Christmas Bird Count.** Please contact Dwaine Oakley at 569-1815 or [dwayne.oakley@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:dwayne.oakley@pei.sympatico.ca) for details and to register.
- Dec. 16 - The Prince Edward Island National Park Christmas Bird Count** This count features a lunch time pot-luck at the Dalvay Interpretative Centre. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at [nhspei@isn.net](mailto:nhspei@isn.net) for information or to register.
- Dec. 26 - The Hillsborough Christmas Bird Count.** There will be a pot-luck after the event for participants at 6 p.m. at Dan McAskill's in Donagh. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at [nhspei@isn.net](mailto:nhspei@isn.net) for information or to register.
- Dec. 30 - The Montague Christmas Bird Count.** Please contact Scott Sinclair at 652-2646 or [ssinclair@isn.net](mailto:ssinclair@isn.net) for information or to establish your count area.
- Jan. 1** - Membership renewal time for the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island
- Jan. 8** - The Natural History Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Farm centre
- Jan. 16 - Foxes and Coyotes of PEI, Wild Dogs of the Island.** Jackie Waddell will make a presentation on these mammals that can be secretive and bold. Presentation starts at 7 PM at Confederation Library and is part of the Island Nature Trust's Confederation Library Nature Series presentations.
- Feb. 5** - There will be a presentation at the Natural History Society's meeting which starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. The speaker will be announced in the Buzz, the CBC, and our website. **YN**
- Feb. 15 to 18** - The on-line Great Backyard Bird Count runs. Please submit your sightings to [www.birdsource.org/gbbc/](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/)
- Mar. 4** - There will be a presentation at the Natural History Society's meeting which starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. The speaker will be announced in the Buzz, the CBC, and our website. **YN**
- Apr. 1 - The Natural History of the Tantramar Marshes in New Brunswick.** Colin MacKinnon will be the guest speaker at the Natural History Society's meeting which starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre, University Ave., Charlottetown. **YN**



Bullock's Oriole at Stratford  
Photo by Dwaine Oakley

Weekly Peak Shorebird Numbers Observed in the PEINP – Brackley; Covehead & Dalvay in 2007

155 Excursions from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007

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Species	April		May				June				July					August				September				October					November		
	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19
BBPL			10	25	49	61	16				1	2	2	2	59	45	51	91	41	67	40	219	100	145	22	37	91	58	10	2	1
AMGP																					1	3	1								
SEPL												16	37	75		92	125	242	37	59	23	292	61	36	2	5	2	1			
KILL															1																
GRYE	4	3	21	8	5	3			3	12	14	29	54	58	69	82	41	82	73	91	49	32	98	45	111	54	60	20	16	1	
LEYE			9		1	1		1	3	3	21	36	65	97	132	105	107	73	75	19	37	16	13	3							
WILL			4	5	7	9	6	5	12	21	33	80	27	11	18	10	2	3													
WHIM												1	4					1	3		3										
HUGO												6	5	5		3	3	8		3				1		3	3	3	3	3	
RUTU					4	1	1	1					1	31	62	42	10	27	3	1	2	6	3	2							
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LESA				10	25	15	10					13	24	92	37	80	84	187	16	5	38	41	22	2							
WRSA						1	1							3		1	1	19	1					1	2	2					
BASA																		3		1											
PESA												1									2	8	15	110							
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STSA												1	1						1				1								
LBDO																											1				
SBDO					1						16	136	133	170	248	66	76	49	73	37	24	59	7	7			2				
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Note: There were 2 Black-bellied Plover, 1 Red Knot, and 1 White-rumped Sandpiper still present on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
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