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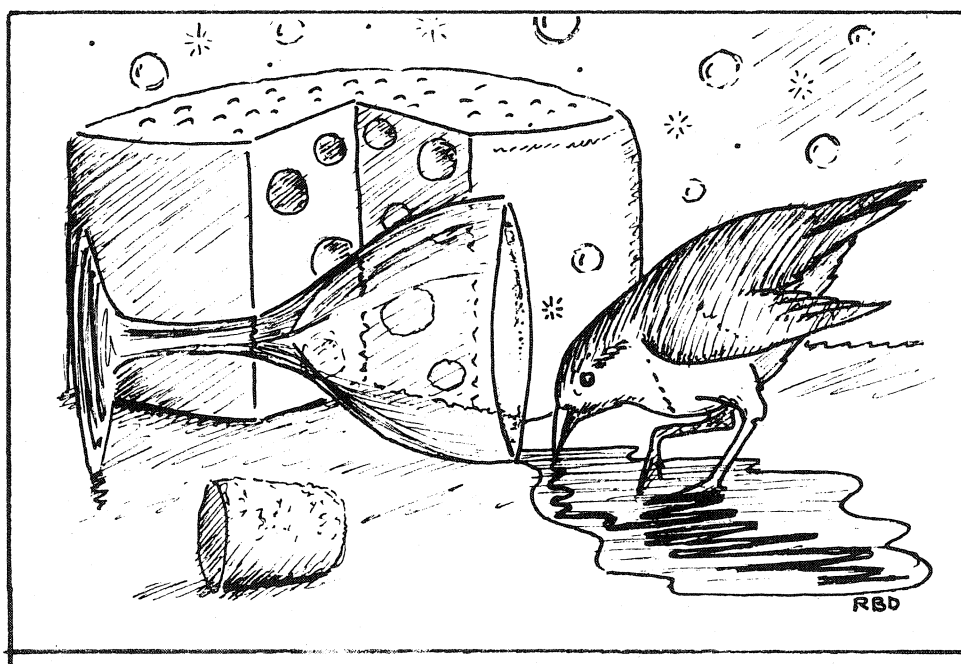
Annual General Meeting
1994

October 27

Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax

8:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese to follow.



Elections 1994-95

The Executive Committee for 1994-95 will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

President.	Lise Cohrs
Vice President.	Chris Field
Treasurer.	Bill Caudle
Membership Secretaries.	Christine Ross and Peter Payzant.
Secretary.	Inez Roberts
Honorary Solicitor.	Tony Robinson.
Honorary Auditor.	James Morrow.

Further nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

Also from the floor will be nominations for

Three Directors.

It is suggested that Directors be willing to serve for several years in order to gain experience and ability to step up to the executive positions.

Nova Scotia Christmas Counts

Dec 17, 1994 - Jan 2, 1995



Count packages will be sent to all who
compiled a count in 1993-94. Others will
be sent on request:-

Enquiries :

David Currie
52 Dorothy Crescent
RR 1
Armdale N.S.

B3L4J1
Ph. 876-8745



Back Issues of N. S. BIRDS.

Curtis Chipman is moving house and has copies of Nova Scotia Birds to give away. Should you be missing any of the following he may be reached at:

P.O. Box 988
Wolfville, NS
B0P 1X0.

1970's

- '76 July
- '77 May
- '79 July

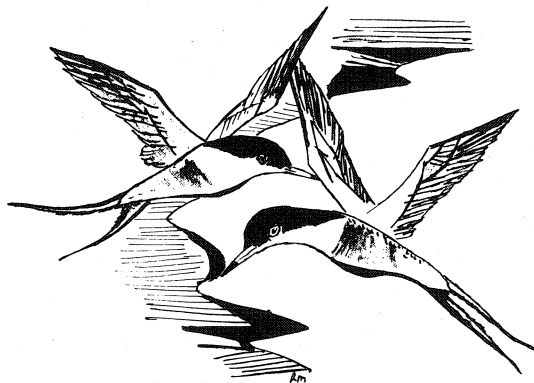
1980's

- '81 April, July
- '82 July
- '83 Jan, April, July
- '84 Jan, April, July
- '85 Jan, July
- '86 Jan, April, July
- '87 Jan, April, July
- '88 Jan, April
- '89 April

1990's

- '90 April, July
- '92 April, July
- 1993 July

It is also possible that, at another residence, he may have others — so if you have a gap not filled by the above he suggests you write him.



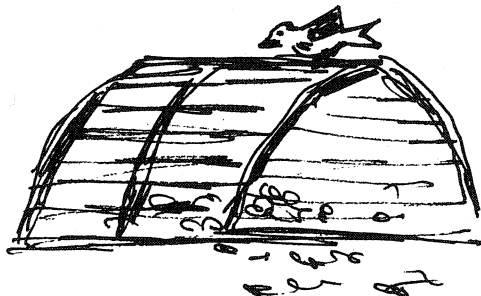
Found: bird guide.

A copy of the National Geographic Bird Guide was lost on the grounds of the Mariner's Anchorage, St Margaret's Bay on June 27. It contained notes of sightings throughout N. America. It was subsequently found, but the owner left no name or address.

The book can be claimed by the owner by writing to
 Mariner's Anchorage,
 Box 147
 Tantallon
 Nova Scotia, Canada. B0J 3B0
 Tel 902-823-1700.

Bird Seed

Halifax Seed Co will again offer seed and feeders at a discount to NSBS members in Halifax Co. Those concerned will receive a brochure from the company in November.



Museum Programmes for Fall
and early Winter

[Please note that we meet every fourth Thursday, not necessarily the last Thursday of the month.]

All meetings are at The Nova Scotia Museum
Summer St, Halifax.

All begin at 8.00 p.m.

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| September 22 | David Young.
"Birding in S.W. Nova Scotia." |
| October 27 | Annual General Meeting.
Wine and Cheese Party. |
| November 24 | John Cohrs
"Shorebirds - great adaptors
or super specialists." |
| January 26 | Members' Slide Night. |



FORTHCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Reminder: Please be sure to phone the field trip leader or contact person ahead of time to register for the trip. In this way no trip is oversubscribed and you can be contacted in case of cancellation.

LEADERS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT A FIELD TRIP REPORT THE EDITOR IN TIME FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF **Nova Scotia Birds**. PLEASE SEND TO:

Shirley Cohrs,
8 Rosemount Ave.,
Halifax, N.S.
B3N 1X8

OCTOBER

- Sat. 1 Hartlen's Point & Eastern Shore. Leader: Fulton Lavender (477-7808). Meet at the old entrance to Hartlen's Point Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.
- Oct. 7-10 Bon Portage Island (Thanksgiving Weekend). Contact Person: Angus MacLean (679-5878). Meet at the Prospect Point wharf on Friday at 3:00 p.m. There will be a charge for the boat trip and accommodations on the island. Bring food, sleeping gear, drinking water, appropriate clothing and footwear, flashlight and a sheet to cover the mattress. Pre-registration is necessary. Leave island at about 2:00 p.m. on Monday.

NOVEMBER

- Sat. 12 Northern Head, Cape Breton. Leader: Alan Murrant (737-2684). Meet at the site of the former Heavy Water Plant at 8:00 a.m. Be prepared for a 1½ hour rugged hike and dress warmly.

DECEMBER

Christmas Bird Counts. Watch for announcements of the Count(s) in your area and participate!!

JANUARY

- Sat. 14 Sewer Stroll I. (if bad weather, the 15th). Leader: Fulton Lavender (477-7808). This is an all day trip. Meet at Hartlen's Point at 8:00 a.m. Trip will end up in Herring Cove via Bedford.
- Bald Eagles. Watch for the annual Eagle Day at Sheffield Mills, Kings County, in late January or early February. Guaranteed to see lots of eagles (and Red-tailed Hawks).

FEBRUARY

- Sat. 11 Sewer Stroll II. (if bad weather, the 12th). Leader: Fulton Lavender (477-7808). Meet at Hartlen's Point at 8:00 a.m. This is an all day trip and ends at Herring Cove via Bedford.

Any questions or suggestions should be direct to the Field Trip Co-ordinator, Angus MacLean (679-5878), 2992 Lovett Road, Coldbrook, N.S. B4R 1A4.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REPORTS

for

the **January 1995** issue

November 15, 1994

Bird Reports to the RECORDS EDITOR

Wendie Tay
5 Berwick Street
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3B6

Articles, sketches, Field Trip Reports and letters to the EDITOR

Mrs. Shirley Cohrs,
8 Rosemount Ave.,
Halifax, N.S. B3N 1X8

Photographs to

Dr. I.A. McLaren,
1755 Cambridge Street,
Halifax, N.S. B3H 4A8



A BIRD WATCHER BY ANY OTHER NAME

Among the many pleasures of bird-watching--and I cannot claim twenty-five years, as can many in our society--is the powerful new vocabulary made available to one. The mammal viewer, snake inspector or toad watcher is largely restricted to single and mundane names--wolf, cougar, deer, green snake, horned toad, and so forth. Not for them, the enrichment of BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY, FAIRY TERN, GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL, WORM-EATING WARBLER, LARK, VESPER or, GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW. These glorious words give the hobby of birding a tremendous joie de vivre. AND, what a goldmine when we wish to expand horizons to describe with suitable names, birdwatchers we have known.

How many of us have arisen early -- too early to shave -- and, all unkempt, have encountered on a field trip a similarly hairy individual, impossibly cheerful, who cannot stop whistling and humming a cheery tune -- perhaps the BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRDER.

Remember the many trips with our knowledgeable guide in search of the elusive Seaside Sparrow? How easily *he* is identified as the SAGE CATTAIL THRASHER. Or, perhaps you may recall the startled looks as you emerged from the woods, overlooking a neighbour's back yard barbeque in full spate. What would they have seen if we bore the flamboyant names of the birds we watch? The SKULKING WOOD PEEKER?

I remember a trip spent in company with a dieter. At the dessert stage of the lunch stop (during which she ate two crackers and sipped water) I offered a banana, reluctantly refused. The devil tempted me, a Nova Scotia BANANA QUITTER was added to my life list.

Think of the uncomfortable days in the field when, at the return of the group after a long, cold, rainy six hours, a glance around revealed a LUGUBRIOUS WETEAR, a LONG-FACED SHIVERER and a WATER DRIPPER.

Some of us have read an account of a well-known member's attempt to "spsh" out a warbler on the grounds of the Halifax County Home, to be questioned by a passerby, "lost your cat?". If only we could have entered the mind of the onlooker. How would he classify the birder-- a GRAY CATCALLER?

Oh, the fertile grounds of the pelagic trips. Have you seen the rare GREEN-FACED TRIPPER? As the boat gets farther from shore and the waves build up, you realize your misidentification--it was only the COMMON STOMACH TURN.

Assess yourself and your family and classify with the *phylum aves*. Does my compulsive whistling, chirping and swishing, cause my companions to specify me as a WHISTLING TREE-LOOKER? My wife's insistence that all months from April to November, dictate the wearing of shorts as the appropriate birding costume, regardless of the state of the weather, automatically dubs her the SLENDER REDSHANKS. My daughter, running along the beach during her recovery from measles, irrevocably entered the life lists of all birders present, as the first SPOTTED SANDRUNNER in the province.

Then there is the loner--the birdwatcher who, even when coerced into joining a field party, crashes away through the bush on his own-- could this be the SOLITARY MISANTHROPE?

I must lay down my pen--hundreds of species, some rude and unsuitable for a family publication, rage behind my clenched teeth, struggling to get out. I see my NOBLE SCREECH-BEARER bringing me my nightcap and so shall close before my readers can be truthfully classified as BORED ALLS.



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