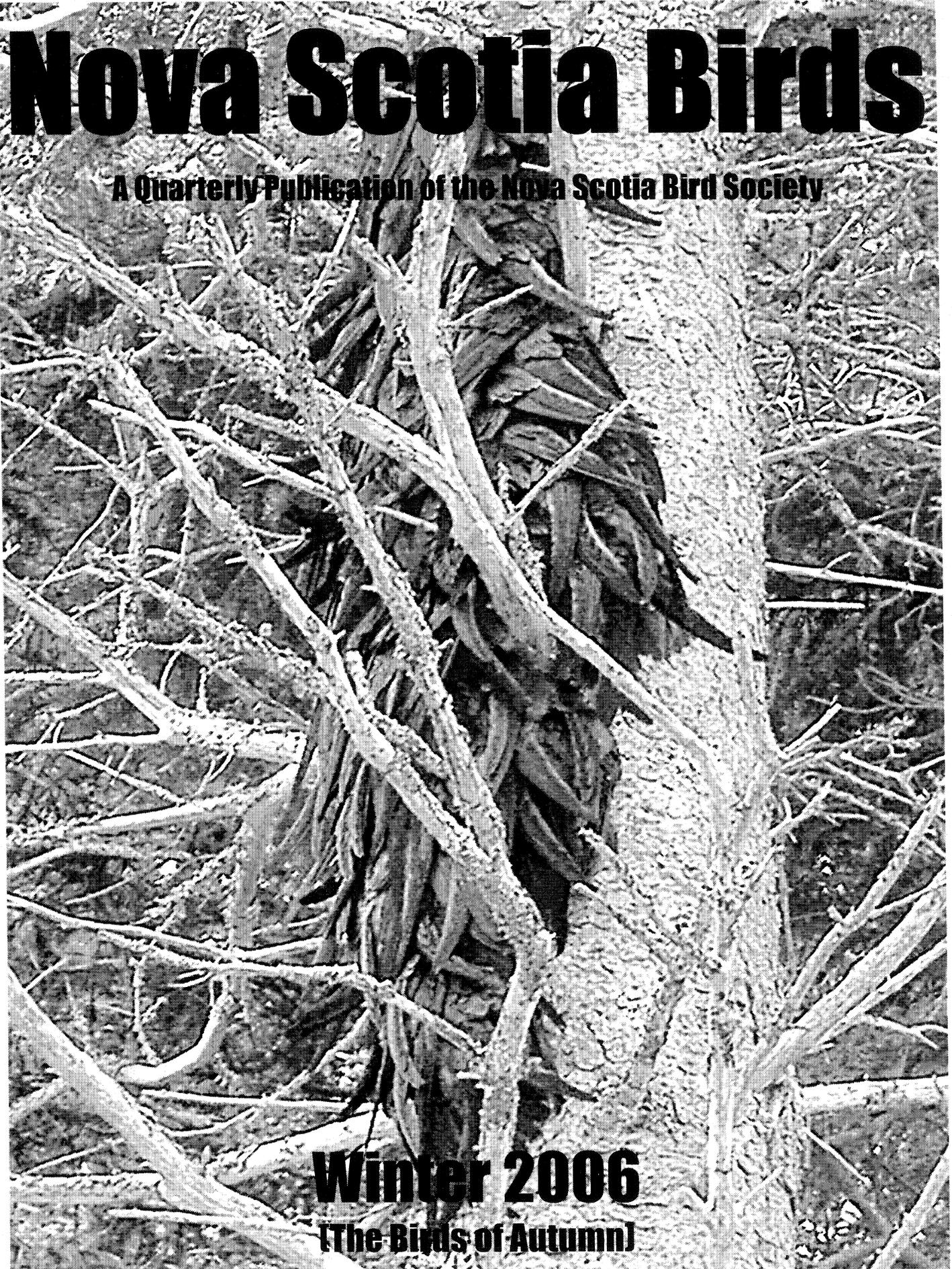


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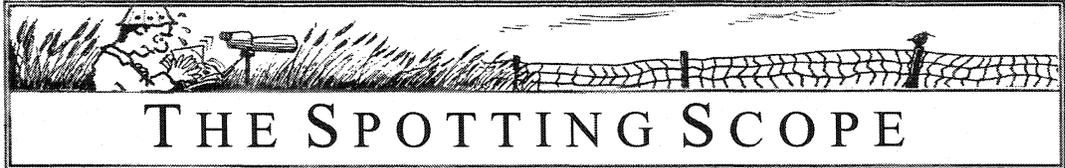
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THE SPOTTING SCOPE

"This is a packed issue, so I'll save space by keeping my column short. Good birding to you all this Spring, and get atlassing. . ."



Guest speakers at the November meeting of NSBS held in New Glasgow. (L - R) Steve Vines, Richard Murphy, Harry Brennan, Gary Murray and Ken McKenna. [Photo Gisèle d'Entremont]

Nova Scotia's North American Migratory Count

By Hans Toom

Nova Scotia's North American Migratory Bird Count (NAMC) will be held this year on May 13 for the 15th consecutive year. The count has always held on the second Saturday of May. This annual count provides useful snapshot data to all those interested in the well-being, population trends, and seasonal migration patterns of our birds. This is even more relevant given the apparent change in our continental weather patterns.

Judy Tufts, who was the Provincial Coordinator for our NAMC since 1995, retired last year but will continue as Kings County coordinator. She deservedly received the Nova Society Bird Society's "Puffin Award" for her work. Congratulations Judy!

I will be contacting all the provincial coordinators in March to carry on this good work. I will also be establishing a link on my website, www.hanstoom.com, for all our provincial data, background, and planning information.

Last year more than 700 observers tallied 209 species and over 123,000 individual birds in our province, a commendable effort as good as any in North America for our population size. Please join me in continuing this important project.

I can be reached at 902-868-1862, or Htoom@hfx.eastlink.ca. □

We wish to acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada, through the Publications Assistance Program, toward our mailing costs.



Presidents Corner

A lot has happened in the last three months. We have several projects lined up but we need volunteers to work on them.

One project is a proposal for offsetting the expenses incurred by Atlas volunteers who are NSBS members – preliminary details may be found in the Atlas column elsewhere in this issue. Since this proposal requires members to submit an itemized list of expenses, we need volunteers to ensure the paperwork is properly prepared. This small group of volunteers will meet once late in the autumn evaluate and verify the submissions. If you like this idea, consider volunteering; we need this group, or the project won't materialize!

We also need volunteers in the following areas:

Typists
 E-mail monitors
 Advertising Sales Executives
 Assistant Field Trip Coordinators
 Clerks to organize back issues of our magazine, AND
 Lots More Area Representatives!

We have a new Board Member. We created a new Director position and Fulton Lavender kindly volunteered to fill it on an interim basis until our next AGM. Fulton will be our Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in any of the above-mentioned positions, please call Fulton at 455-4966 or send me an E-mail.

How's your Big Year coming? Be sure to keep track of your sightings by province or by county and submit them to myself or to Blake Maybank next January.

Get ready to Atlas! Spring is just around the corner!

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2005 Field Trip Leaders Recognized

By Suzanne Borkowski – President NSBS

In our 50th Anniversary Year we offered 40 outings. Please join me in thanking the following leaders for organizing these wonderful trips:

Sewer Stroll I	Bob McDonald
Sewer Stroll II	Fulton Lavender
Glace Bay and Area "Harbour Hop"	George Crowell & Bev Sarty
Along the Fundy Shore	Jim Wolford
Baccaro and Blanche Peninsula	Donna Ensor
Martinique Beach	Ian McLaren
Wolfville Area	Jim Wolford
Beginning Birders Field Trip	Suzanne Borkowski
Cape Sable Island	Murray Newell
Belleisle Marsh	Richard Stern
Bon Portage Island (May)	Claire Diggins
The Fred Dobson Warbler Walk	Joan Waldron
50 th Ann. Historic Hants County Trip	Margaret Clark

Owling, Cape Breton
 Lewis Lake Warbler Walk
 Canso and Area (June)
 Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct
 Crystal Crescent Beach Prov. Park
 Conquerall Mills
 Grand River, Cape Breton
 Cumberland County
 Shubenacadie
 Cape Chignecto-Birds & Botany Walk
 Bird Islands
 Wallace Bay
 Pictou County
 Mahone Bay
 Taylor Head Provincial Park
 Point Michaud, Cape Breton
 Cherry Hill Beach
 Bon Portage Island (September)
 Hartlen Point
 Eastern Shore
 Schooner Pond & Morien Bar
 Brier Island
 Chebucto Peninsula Seasonal Rarities
 Autumn Birding in Pictou County
 Canso and Area (November)
 Antigonish Coastal Waters
 Canso Causeway

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Puffin Of The Year Award

By Suzanne Borkowski

The NSBS Puffin of the Year Award was instituted in 1972 by then President Eric Cooke, for outstanding contributions to the Bird Society. Since then the conditions have changed slightly to include outstanding contributions to birds or birding in Nova Scotia. The list of awardees is long and prestigious and this year's winner is well-deserving of a place among them.

She was born in Peru and spent her early childhood there. At the age of nine her father, a British engineer, brought his family back to England, where they lived on a farm in the beautiful countryside of Essex. She later met a handsome young Canadian, who was stationed in France with the Royal Canadian Air Force, while he was on leave in London. They married and the couple returned to Canada where they lived for a time in Greenwood, Nova Scotia.

Her husband had a cousin, one Robie Tufts, who visited them often and encouraged them to take up birding. Her father had also been a long-time birdwatcher. One of the first field trips they went on was led by Richard Stern, a good friend of theirs, and a past President of the Bird Society. Since they both love nature, it wasn't long before birding became far more than just a pastime. In due course this lady led local field trips herself. She and her husband have traveled extensively to various countries around the world and kept accurate records of the birds they saw en route.



Judy Tufts. [Photo Richard Stern]

About ten years ago, this lady took over the coordination of the North American Migration Count and built it into our largest scientific database of migrating birds passing through the province of Nova Scotia. It is my great pleasure to present this year's Puffin to none other than Judy Tufts. □



FORSTER'S TERNS, like this one Oct. 30 at Catalone Gut, CBRM, were scattered among more numerous Common Terns in coastal areas after "Wilma". [Photo Cathy Murrant]



FORSTER'S TERNS have been regular late-fall and winter visitors in recent years, but "Wilma" brought unusual numbers. This one swooping about Oct. 31 at Three-Fathom Hbr., HRM, shows its characteristic "ear patch." [Photo Bernard Burke]

The New Halifax Young Naturalists Club

The exciting new Halifax Young Naturalists Club will provide an opportunity for children 8 years old and up to connect with nature in a fun and informal way. Club members will learn about the natural world from hands-on experiences and interactions with mentors and experts in natural history. Starting in September 2006, the club will meet once a month for indoor meetings, and have a least one field trip per month. In meetings, Club members will hear from engaging speakers about fascinating nature-related topics, and well as gain instruction in natural history skills (such as how to use a field guide). Club members will also go on hikes at nearby wild areas, lead by expert natural historians. There will be opportunities for members to employ their observation, identification, and environmental stewardship skills. Plus, it will be a lot of fun. To stay in the loop about the progress of the Halifax Young Naturalists Club, you are welcome to subscribe to their email update list, at youngnaturalistsns-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Halifax Young Naturalists Club - Open House Day (June 3, 2006)

Come and see what the new Halifax Young Naturalists Club is all about! Starting in September 2006, the Club will meet once a month for indoor meetings, and have a least one field trip per month. On June 3, you are invited to the Nova Scotia Museum to get a taste of what Halifax Young Naturalists Club meetings will be like. Local experts on Nova Scotian birds, wildflowers, animals, plants and other natural phenomenon will be on hand, giving talks, displaying specimens, and leading fun activities. In the afternoon, join member of Nova Scotia's natural history groups for a guided hike at Mt. Uniacke Park. The hike will be a great opportunity to see some wildlife, chat with local nature nuts, and see what Halifax Young Naturalists will experience on field trips. The entire day is free to the public. Let's explore the natural wonders on Nova Scotia together! □

Corrections to the Anniversary Edition

The following photographs were inappropriately credited in the recent 50th Anniversary Edition:

Inside back cover

Eastern Wood-Pewee: Ian McLaren

Outside back cover

Worm-eating Warbler: Trina Fitzgerald

Common Merganser: Gary Murray

We apologise for the errors.

Randy Lauff, Guest Editor *Nova Scotia Birds* 50th Anniversary Edition.

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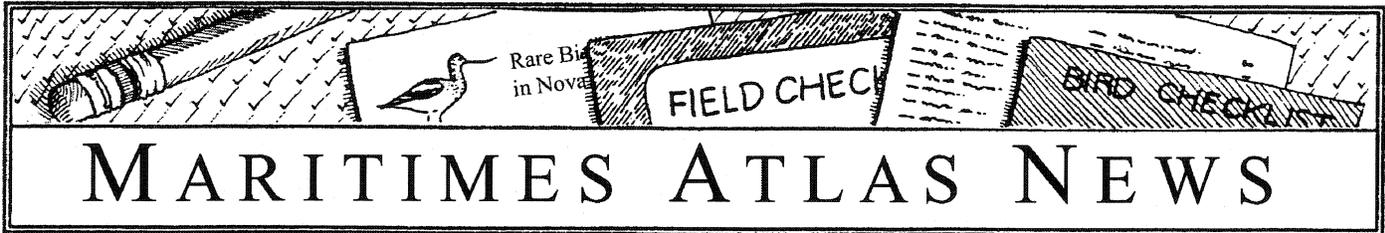
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Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas Update

By Blake Maybank, Nova Scotia Coordinator

As you read this we are two months into the first year of the five year atlas project, and the necessary supporting structure is taking shape. The two atlas staff, Karel Allard and Steve Gullage, are hard at work, training coordinators and atlasers, and getting the atlas web site (www.mba-aom.ca/) up and running.

All of Nova Scotia's coordinators are in place, and here is the contact information:

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The regional maps (and maps of all the squares) will be available on the atlas web site, so you can easily find the region nearest you. If you do not have internet access, call the atlas office toll-free for information - 1-866-5ATLAS5 (866-528-5275)

The Nova Scotia Bird Society's executive has decided, under provisions of Revenue Canada's Charities policy, to issue official charitable donation receipts to atlas volunteers (who are also Bird Society members) for expenses they incur while atlasing. The details of the policy are still being worked out, but the allowable expenses will likely include mileage, meals, and accommodations. The rates for these expenses are also under review, but if, for example, the Society chose to model the rates after those permitted federal government employees, the mileage rate could be 40 cents a kilometre, or more. For anyone doing a lot of atlasing, this could quickly result in a considerable sum.

The actual mechanism for issuing the receipt is a bit convoluted, and will be explained in the next issue of "Nova Scotia Birds", but in the meantime anyone wishing to take advantage of this policy should keep a detailed atlas travel log detailing daily mileage and expenses – the daily log should indicate the starting point, the atlas square(s) visited, the ending point, and the total day's mileage. Keep copies of all meal and accommodation receipts. The Bird Society will prepare expense forms, and make them available on-line, and at meetings.

Participation is entirely voluntary, but anyone doing a lot of atlassing is encouraged to do so, as they could receive a nice charitable receipt to help reduce their income tax. Anyone with questions should feel free to contact me.

Time to get atlassing. . .

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Field Trip Reports

Point Michaud, Cape Breton

20 August 2005, Leader: George Digout and Sharon Digout

The weather on 20 August 2005 cooperated for a walk along Point Michaud Beach to the ponds near the point. Twenty-five people from as far away as Truro and Stellarton and across Cape Breton met leader George Digout in St. Peters. A short drive brought us to Morrow's cottage where we left the vehicles. The ponds between the cottage and the beach provided us with good looks at sleeping Ring-necked Ducks. The Green and Mink Frogs attracted as much attention as the ducks from the stragglers. It was just after high tide when we reached the beach, and there were few shorebirds. However there were a couple of Bald Eagles, a few dozen Common Eiders offshore, and two Sharp-shinned Hawks flying over us to keep our attention.

The channel from the ponds was silted up making crossing it very easy; however, this also meant the ponds had no daily flushing and there was little mud for shorebirds to rest at high tide. The only shorebirds in the ponds were 9 Short-billed Dowitchers, a Greater Yellowlegs, and a cooperative Solitary Sandpiper in the channel. We found the most shorebirds on either side of the narrow peninsula to the point. Most people were able to compare the leg colour, size and shape of Sanderling, White-rumped Sandpiper, Semipalmated Sandpiper, and Least Sandpiper. Amongst the more common species were two Red Knots and, most spectacularly, a Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Everyone got good views as it foraged along the shore and up the beach. Just as Gordie Gillis' big lenses were set up for the definitive photo, a Merlin sped through and sent the flock wheeling. That signaled the start of the retreat back along the beach to the cars and then the main event, chowder and soup, and sweets at Digout's in River Bourgeois.

Through the day many of us were thinking of a companion and host for many bird outings in St Peters. Murdock Digout passed away at age 92 earlier in the week. He was a charter member of the Nova Scotia Bird Society, dedicated observer of the birds of the St Peters area for decades, and always there for a conversation about birds, either the day's observations or reminiscences of days gone by. We were able to extend our sympathies to his son Billy before we left, and we missed both of them on the trip today.

Dave McCorquodale

Cherry Hill Beach

28 August 2005, Leader: Eric Mills

Today's NSBS field trip to Cherry Hill Beach, western Lunenburg County, saw the area at its best. The fog cleared early for the 15 participants, and the rest of the morning was clear, with a cooling breeze off the water. Sylvia Fullerton had staked out two Buff-breasted Sandpipers, which were in the beach wrack near the parking area, along with a Baird's Sandpiper and the regular small peeps. At one time a Buff-breasted and a Baird's were in the same binocular field at very close range, allowing point by point comparison. Farther west along the beach three absurdly tame juvenile Piping Plovers were reluctant to move, and we had a flyby by a fine Whimbrel. The inner flats were populated by the usual late August faces, including a number of White-rumped Sandpipers, and after some searching, three Red Knots. A few lingering participants, eating lunch at the top of the beach near the parking area, were treated to a flyby by a Merlin, which crossed the beach and shot over the dunes.

Highlights: a juvenile N. Harrier, a Merlin, lots of Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, three juvenile Piping Plovers, numerous juvenile Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers, two (maybe three) Buff-breasted Sandpipers, one (maybe two) Baird's Sandpipers, a Whimbrel, three Red Knots, Sanderlings and several White-rumped Sandpipers, a few Short-billed Dowitchers, abundant Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows, and a jet-lagged leader who was grateful for the sharp eyes of Sylvia Fullerton and Fulton Lavender. □



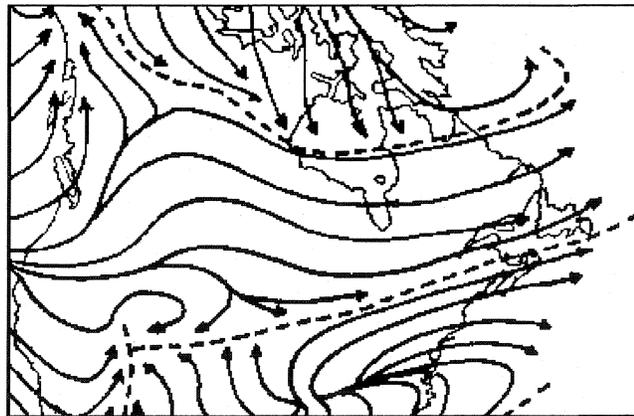
AUTUMN BIRD REPORTS

Weather and Birds: A Review of a Remarkable Season

By Ian McLaren and Eric Mills

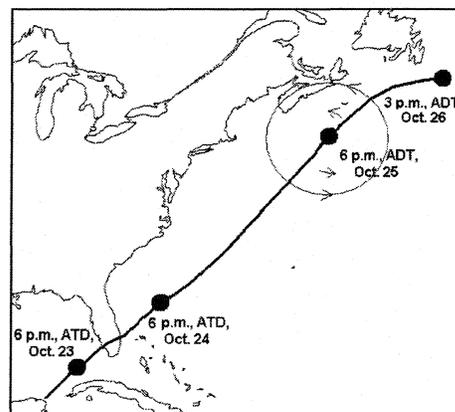
This has been the most remarkable birding season that either of us has experienced in almost 40 years of birding Nova Scotia. Of course, these days, there are many more birders and rarities are now quickly brought to our attention via the internet. Still, this season was exceptional. The usual influx of southern birds occurred in August-September, with such delights as Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers, Prothonotary and Cerulean Warblers, Blue Grosbeaks, but the real excitement began in October.

In the days following mid-October there was a general pileup of birds all over the province, rather than a localized fallout, but especially along the Atlantic Coast. Some were rarities, but notable were our regular passerines in numbers not usually seen at this time of year. Among them, numbers of Field Sparrows and Dickcissels suggested that these and many other birds had arrived from migratory routes further west. During October in North America, there is generally a switch from predominantly south-westerly airflow up the East Coast to a strong westerly airflow across the middle of the continent, which characteristically seems to converge on Nova Scotia, as shown by the map below.



This year, the pattern was particularly strong, as shown by the weather maps on the Environment Canada website.

The birding season would have been exciting enough, but then in late October Hurricane *Wilma* arrived (after inflicting great damage in the Caribbean and Florida), bringing an unprecedented influx of bird rarities. Birds caught in its periphery would have been much buffeted but possibly able to escape. Those caught up in or near the eye, which was unusually large in *Wilma*, could have traveled long distances in relative comfort, but would probably not have attempted to escape the eye until the system weakened considerably. Here is a summary of *Wilma's* path and the consequences for Nova Scotia.



From its position south of Jamaica on October 17 the storm moved through the eastern Caribbean Sea, slowly crossed the northern tip of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, and then crossed the southern Gulf of Mexico on the 22nd-23rd, gathering speed (radar observations show a large number of migrating birds headed south across the Gulf at that time). It crossed southern Florida on the 24th within a few hours, and then very rapidly headed northeast well off the east coast of North America. At dusk on Oct. 25, only some 36 hr after leaving Florida, the weakened *Wilma* was centered about 200 km SW of Sable Island, and by dawn on the 26th about 400 km E of Cape Breton. On the way it sent many birds, including cuckoos, swifts, and swallows, to Bermuda, presumably on powerful westerlies south of the eye, which passed some 450 km to the NE of that island. When it reached Nova Scotian waters *Wilma* became absorbed by a large, extratropical storm to the west. During the night and early morning of the 26th, easterlies to the north of the combined centre gusted up to 100 kph, and brought unprecedented numbers of vagrant and unseasonable seabirds, shorebirds, cuckoos, swifts, and swallows to our shores. The seabirds, shorebirds, and landbirds clearly had a Caribbean-Florida origin. It has been suggested by some that the shorebirds might have been migrating off the Carolinas, but they were also said to have been more common than usual at this time of year in Florida.

The large combined depression then moved eastwards across the Atlantic to about 1000 km N of the Azores on the 29th, and then tracked NE to the Western Approaches of Europe at month's end. During October, Corvo, the westernmost island of the Azores, hosted an exceptional number of North American landbirds before *Wilma*, but the storm's impact became obvious on Oct. 28 when over 30 Chimney Swifts were found by visiting birders on Corvo and other Azorean islands (complete account by P. Alfrey, 2005, *Birding World* 18(11), pp. 465-473). *Wilma*-related birds, including Chimney Swifts, Frigatebirds, Laughing and Franklin's Gulls, appeared in Britain, Ireland, and continental Western Europe beginning October 29. The overseas fallout was complicated by later rapidly moving depressions that may have brought more birds across the Atlantic, perhaps some that had been brought partway to Europe (to Newfoundland?) by the earlier storm (see M. Ahmad, 2005, *Birding World* 18(11), pp. 461-464).

Further analysis of this extraordinary event will have to await further information from Environment Canada and other sources about *Wilma*'s track and the storm's relation to other weather systems. But clearly, for birders here and overseas, this was a "Perfect Storm" and it will not soon be forgotten. Its impact on the storm-driven birds is another matter, and there is much evidence of major mortalities, some of which will be given in the seasonal accounts that follow. □

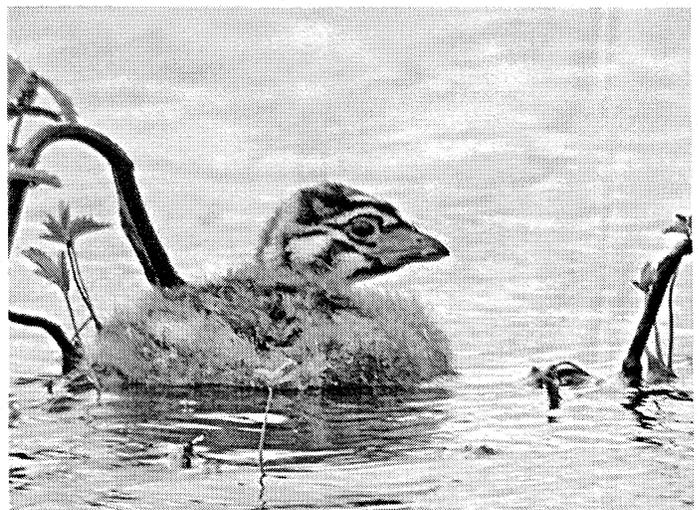
Loons Through Grebes

By Angus MacLean

RED-THROATED LOONS were well-reported. It's interesting to note the numbers passing off Baccaro, Oct. 29 and Nov. 6. If a daily seawatch was maintained there, it would give us a better idea of the population, which must be significant. One could make the same comment about COMMON LOON. CAM reports two pairs of PIED-BILLED GREBES nested at Schooner Pond this past summer with four young fledging. Curiously, seven adults were present. □

Red-throated Loon

Sept. 18	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	a few	DAC, AZV
Sept. 22	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	2	JOB
Oct. 13	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	1	JOB
Oct. 15	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	2	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 22	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	5-6	AAM, RBS, BLF, LDE
Oct. 22	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	4	Matt Baker
Oct. 22	Martinique Beach, <i>HRM</i>	4	BLM
Oct. 22	Story Hd., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM
Oct. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	5	BLM
Oct. 23	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Oct. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Oct. 25	Waterside PP, <i>Pict.</i>	25+	KJM
Oct. 28	Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	30	FLL, IAM, Mike Bentley
Oct. 29	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	7	RFL
Oct. 29	Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	100+	Jukka Jantunen
Oct. 30	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	5	PBG
Nov. 2	Blandford, <i>Lun.</i>	2	ELM
Nov. 6	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	50	MUN
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	23	LDE
Nov. 6	Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	2	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
Nov. 8	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	2	JOB
Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	8	PBG
Nov. 19	Waterside PP, <i>HRM</i>	12	KJM
Nov. 27	Monks Hd., <i>Ant.</i>	5	NSBS <i>fide</i> RFL
Nov. 27	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	2	RBS, AAM, LDE
Nov. 27	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	13	RBS, AAM, LDE



We have not hitherto published a photo of a PIED-BILLED GREBE chick in *Nova Scotia Birds*. This one of six chicks by two pairs at Schooner Pond, *CBRM*, nicely exhibited its rather bizarre plumage on Aug.14. [Photo Cathy Murrant]

Common Loon			Nov. 23	Albro L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	
Aug. 18	Brier I.	3	LAL, PAC, ADL	Nov. 26	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB
Sept. 22	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	7	JOB	Nov. 27	Williams Pt., <i>Ant</i> .	2	<i>vide</i> RFL
Sept. 22	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	2	JOB	Horned Grebe			
Oct. 10	Bateston, <i>Vic</i> .	6	BSK	Sept. 19	East R., <i>Lun</i> .	7	ELM
Oct. 13	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	3	JOB	Oct. 7	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna</i> .	5	JOB
Oct. 22	Minas Basin, <i>Kings</i>	~14	AAM, RBS, BLF, LDE	Oct. 24	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	2	SEM
Oct. 25	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	12	SEM	Oct. 27	Queensland Beach, <i>HRM</i>	4	BLM
Oct. 28	Seal I., <i>Yar</i> .	35	FLL, IAM, Mike Bentley	Oct. 29	Mahoneys Beach, <i>Ant</i> .	3	RFL
Nov. 6	Baccaro, <i>Shel</i> .	125	MUN	Oct. 29	Jimtown Beach, <i>Ant</i> .	2	RFL
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	16	LDE	Oct. 30	Tor Bay, <i>Guys</i> .	8	KJM
Nov. 6	Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys</i> .	5+	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens	Oct. 31	Hartlens Pt., <i>HRM</i>	3	FLL
Nov. 8	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	5	JOB	Nov. 1	South Shore, <i>Lun</i> .	50+	ELM
Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	5	JOB	Nov. 5	Tracadie, <i>Ant</i> .	5	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
Nov. 18	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	8	JOB	Nov. 18	Mahoneys Beach, <i>Ant</i> .	4	RFL
Nov. 21	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	10	JOB	Nov. 21	Big I., <i>Pict</i> .	5	KJM
Pied-billed Grebe			Nov. 27	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM	
Aug. 19	New Minas, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT	Nov. 27	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	2	RBS, AAM, LDE
Sept. 12	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Red-necked Grebe			
Sept. 12 - Nov. 9	Jollimore, <i>HRM</i>	1-3	PLC	Sept. 19	East R., <i>Lun</i> .	8+	ELM
Sept. 15	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	2	RHL	Oct. 20	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	1	JOB
Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM, A. Timmons	Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	10	KJM
Sept. 21	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU	Oct. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Sept. 28-Oct. 8	Maders Cove, <i>Lun</i> .	1	ELM	Oct. 25	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	5	SEM
Oct. 1	Florence, <i>CBRM</i>	3	DBM	Oct. 30	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	4	PBG
Oct. 1	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	3	DBM	Nov. 1	South Shore, <i>Lun</i> .	~20	ELM
Oct. 1	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM	Nov. 5	Cape Jack, <i>Ant</i> .	2	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
Oct. 3	Red Bridge Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	Nov. 5	Tracadie, <i>Ant</i> .	2	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
Oct. 7	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna</i> .	4	JOB	Nov. 6	Baccaro, <i>Shel</i> .	200	MUN
Oct. 13	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna</i> .	5	JON	Nov. 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM
Oct. 19	Broad Cove, <i>Lun</i> .	1	SJF	Nov. 16	Brier I.	2	CAH
Oct. 22	Canso, <i>Guys</i> .	3	TOK	Nov. 18	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	7	PBG
Oct. 23	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU	Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna</i> .	7	PBG
Oct. 27	Florence, <i>CBRM</i>	2	BSK	Nov. 27	Margaretsville, <i>Anna</i> .	2	RBS, AAM, LDE
Nov. 6	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna</i> .	1	RHL				

Tubenoses Through Cormorants

By Eric Mills

All other sightings pale by comparison with the fall-out from Hurricane Wilma in late October. Nonetheless, the tens of thousands of NORTHERN GANNETS recorded by TOK off Canso Oct. 22, a further 3000 Oct. 26, coinciding with the storm, and 8000-10,000 Nov. 14, are far beyond the ordinary. As he reported of the last, "An incredible sight to see all these birds entering the water perhaps 50+ / second and return to altitude and be able to go in again without breaking the motion of the turning wheel of Gannets feeding! The water was just a lather from all this action. One feeding frenzy lasted no less than 5 min. with this HUGE CLOUD of birds in a never-ending shower of diving birds. At times I know 100+ birds were entering the water in a second or two. In all my years of marine observation I've never seen such a display as I've seen yesterday! The shoal [Tinker Shoal] is ... only about 1-1/2 times the area of a football/soccer field!"

Hurricane Wilma's strays, reported upon at length in many of the following reports, represent the greatest fallout of storm-driven birds in Nova Scotia since Hurricane Gladys in 1968 (see the summary of its effects in the NSBS Newsletter 11 (1) for April 1969). CAM summarized the feelings of many observers when she said, in a summary report from Cape Breton, "our Hurricane Wilma experience will be the measuring device for all our future birding experiences and I think it will be many years before anything will come even close." Amen.

Although FRIGATEBIRD records from Nova Scotia go well back into the 19th century, our records increased significantly between August and the last Wilma-related record in mid-November. A lone male, not storm-related, was reported from the end of Digby Neck in early August. Then on the day after Wilma, Oct. 26, three, apparently with field marks of Magnificent Frigatebird (no details available), were in Pubnico Hbr., where there was another Nov. 7. A corpse on Sable I., found Oct. 29 was definitively identified as Magnificent. The final report from Nova Scotia was dramatic. CAM wrote, "the last new and exciting Wilma bird we would see flew over us almost two weeks after Wilma passed us We were driving through Centreville [CBRM] on the way to New Waterford [Nov. 12] when my husband spotted a bird flying right toward us, we thought loon or cormorant, no a gannet, maybe a heron, would explain the streamers hanging out the back? Then it was overhead and the two tail streamers came into view: it was happening so fast, a gannet with tail streamers? The whole event took seconds; we had sorted through the possible birds that it could be, and then it came to us - we were yelling a Magnificent Frigatebird. A few Magnificent Frigatebirds had been seen after the storm but after two weeks we were not expecting anything new. It was a fabulous sighting to end our Wilma experience." Again, a heartfelt "Amen."

Northern Fulmar								
Sept. 21 Off Halifax Hbr.	Several	<i>fide</i> DAC		Oct. 26	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	3000+	TOK	
Sept. 25 Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	a few"	MUN		Oct. 27	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	75	SEM	
Oct. 26 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	200+	TOK		Oct. 27	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	250	BLM	
Cory's Shearwater				Oct. 29	N side Sable I.	1000+	ZOL	
late Sept. Off Halifax Hbr.	"Occasional"	<i>fide</i> DAC		Oct. 30	Cabot Landing Beach, <i>Inv.</i>	2 imm.	FMC	
Oct. 25 Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	2	IAM, BLM		Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	16	LDE	
Greater Shearwater				Nov. 7	Morden, <i>Kings</i>	14+ flying SW	JOB	
Sept. 2 Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	10	BLM		Nov. 8	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	91+	JOB	
Sept. 3 Off Brier I.	ca. 250	SEM		Nov. 8	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	14	JOB	
Sept. 6 W of Brier I.	300	LAL, PAC, ADL		Nov. 13	W. Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	350	MUN	
Sept. 8 Northwest Ledge, Brier I.	300+	ELM		Nov. 14	Off N. Pt., Brier I.	ca. 50	ELM, Mike Bentley	
Sept. 21 Off Halifax Hbr.	Several	<i>fide</i> DAC		Nov. 14	Canso Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	8000-10,000	TOK	
Sept. 24 W tip Sable I.	50+	ZOL		Nov. 25	Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	30	BLM	
Sept. 25 Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	"A few thousand"	MUN		Double-crested Cormorant				
Oct. 1 Off Brier I.	"Lots"	CAH		Aug. 5	Sheffield Mills, <i>Kings</i>	2 imm.	JCT	
Nov. 14 Off N. Pt., Brier I.	30+	ELM, Mike Bentley		Aug. 12-Nov. 11	Sable I. ponds	6+	ZOL	
Sooty Shearwater				Sept. 3-20	Conrads Beach, <i>HRM</i>	23-26	DMW	
Aug. 18 E tip Sable I.	5+	ZOL		Sept. 4	Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	110	BLM	
Aug. 28 Off Brier I.	2	JUS		Sept. 6	Brier I.	30+	ELM	
Sept. 3 Off Brier I.	ca. 40	SEM		Sept. 30	Canning & Pt. Williams, <i>Kings</i>	2 imm.	JCT	
Sept. 6 W of Brier I.	30	LAL, PAC, ADL		Oct. 22	Brier I.	10	ELM	
Sept. 8 Northwest Ledge, Brier I.	ca. 30	ELM		Oct. 23	Peters I., Brier I.	30	ELM	
Sept. 21 Off Halifax Hbr.	Several	<i>fide</i> DAC		Oct. 24	W. Light, Brier I.	80 flying SW	ELM	
Sept. 25 Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	?	MUN		Oct. 26	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	ca. 1000	TOK	
Oct. 1 Off Brier I.	5	FLL, NSBS		Oct. 26	Antigonish sewage plant	12	RFL	
Oct. 26 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	75-100	TOK		Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	1	WMA	
Manx Shearwater				Oct. 30	Brier I.	"big flocks"	CAH	
Sept. 8 Northwest Ledge	3	ELM		Nov. 5	Porters L. & Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	20 (last date)	SEM	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel				Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	24	LDE	
Aug. 28 Off Brier I.	A few	JUS		Nov. 13-18	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2-3	ELM	
Sept. 3 Off Brier I.	ca. 100	SEM		Nov. 30	Hd. of Bedford Basin, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROG	
Sept. 6 W of Brier I.	25	LAL, PAC, ADL		Great Cormorant				
Oct. 1 Off Brier I.	1	LUB		Aug. 12-Nov. 11	Sable I. beaches	4 imm.	ZOL	
Leach's Storm-Petrel				Aug. 18	Pearl I., Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	50	BLM	
Oct. 7 Clam Hbr. PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	Dave Rockwood		Sept. 6	Grand Passage, Brier I.	5 ads.	ELM	
Oct. 26 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	3	TOK		Oct. 22	Brier I.	7	ELM	
Storm-Petrel sp.				Oct. 23	Peters I., Brier I.	10	ELM	
Oct. 12 Pomquet Beach, <i>Ant.</i>	ca. 100	MZG		Oct. 24	Peters I., Brier I.	30	ELM	
Oct. 21 Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	1	Matt Baker		Nov. 5	Brier I.	30+	ELM, IAM	
Oct. 24 Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	2	KJM		Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	5	LDE	
Oct. 24 Birch Cove Lakes, <i>HRM</i>	1 in woods	RMA		Nov. 13-18	Peters I., Brier I.	15-30	ELM	
Northern Gannet				(Magnificent) FRIGATEBIRD				
Sept. 6 W of Brier I.	10	LAL, PAC, ADL		Aug. 3	Sandy Cove, <i>Digby</i>	1	David Williams	
Oct. 17 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	6	RHL		Oct. 26	Pubnico Hbr., <i>Yar.</i>	3	RSD, <i>fide</i> PRG	
Oct. 19 Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	6	JOB		Oct. 26	Seal Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	1, prob. fem.	D. Randall	
W tip Sable I.	200+	ZOL		Oct. 29	Sable I.	1 dead	ZOL	
Oct. 22 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	18,000+	TOK		Nov. 7	Pubnico Hbr., <i>Yar.</i>	1	<i>fide</i> MUN	
Oct. 25 Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	260	BLM		Nov. 12	Centreville, <i>CBRM</i>	1	CAM, ALM	

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Herons Through Vultures

By Ulli Höger

In most parts of the world sufficient documentation of rare bird sightings in word and/or picture is mandatory before reports are even considered for official records and publications. A panel of experts decides if those verbal descriptions, sketches and/or photographs make the identification comprehensible and as such suitable for publication.

The discovery of an ibis by Pat McKay, FLL, and Liz and Shane Gidney Nov. 5 at Rainbow Haven tells the story of how tricky bird identification can be. Even with detailed documentation on hand, a conclusive result is not always possible and this ibis turned out to be one of those hard nuts to crack.

The initial report by Pat McKay *et al.* clearly described a red iris in the bird. This and other field marks led them to the conclusion that they were dealing with a **WHITE-FACED IBIS**. This would be the first record for this very close relative of the Glossy Ibis for Nova Scotia. In the following days as the word got out, other birders had a chance to observe the bird and many documented its presence in word and photos. Some raised concerns regarding the diagnostic field marks and therefore its identity. In particular, the true colour of the iris and the face markings was disputed. Unfortunately, all the field marks where assessment and interpretation needed to be used depend heavily on the light conditions. The colours seen in the photographs of the NS-Ibis also depended on lighting as well as exposure and adjustments made during the image processing. Finally, the

possibility of a hybrid was brought up by out of province experts familiar with both species. Despite all efforts and excellent documentation, a firm, final decision wasn't possible.

As editor and non-eyewitness I list the bird as **White-faced Ibis / White-faced x Glossy Ibis Hybrid** in NSBirds. This leaves it to each individual observer to critically review their own observation and to decide for themselves. How would a rarity committee elsewhere have dealt with such a sighting? The documentation was as good as it gets, but the interpretation was controversial. I believe that if identified at all, such a bird would have been officially recorded as "possible White-faced Ibis / White-faced x Glossy Ibis Hybrid".

However, in the future it would be nice if a rare bird committee would make such decisions for NS Birds, and not just one editor. After all, Nova Scotia is always good for avian surprises and given the boom in birding it gets less likely those visitors will go unnoticed. We should change with the times and catch up with international standards.

Otherwise we had a busy and at times stormy fall, resulting in sightings of the more uncommon herons and egrets. The decline in numbers of the more common ones as the season progressed was as expected, and their numbers will further dwindle as winter moves on and open freshwater and marshes become scarce. □

American Bittern

Sept. 1	Middle Dyke Rd., <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Sept. 8	Tarbot, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK
Sept. 13	Highland Village, <i>Col.</i>	1	Valerie Meredith
Oct. 7	St. Josephs L., <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Oct. 31	Lawrencetown Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Oct. 31	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Nov. 5	Yarmouth, <i>Yar.</i>	1	RHL, PAC
Nov. 12	Stonehurst, <i>Lun.</i>	1	NSN
Nov. 27	West Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN

Great Blue Heron

Aug. 15-Nov. 14	Sable I.	6	ZOL
Sept. 10	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	38	KJM
Oct. 24	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	4	KJM
Oct. 29	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	6	AAM
Nov. 3	Point Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	PLC
Nov. 9	Fisherms Reserve, <i>HRM</i>	several	Roy Hemming
Nov. 13	River John, <i>Pict.</i>	4	KJM
Nov. 13	Linden, <i>Cum.</i>	3	KJM
Nov. 13-27	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	3	RES
Nov. 15	Sunrise Valley, <i>CBRM.</i>	last sighting	FMC
Nov. 15-19	Brier I.	3	ELM, AHM
Nov. 19	Central Caribou, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Nov. 19	Wallace Bay, <i>Cum.</i>	15	KJM
Nov. 26	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	10	SEM
Nov. 26	Conrads Beach, <i>HRM</i>	2	RHL
Nov. 29	Falmouth, <i>Hants</i>	1	PKE
Nov. 30	Saxon Street Pond, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT

Great Egret

Oct. 23	E. Chezzetook, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Oct. 26	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1	B. MacDonald
Oct. 26	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC
Oct. 27	E. Dover, <i>HRM</i>	1	AAM
Oct. 28	Masons Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 29	Ragged Hbr., <i>Queens</i>	2	JAH
Oct. 29	Chapel Gully, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane
Oct. 30	Charlos Cove, <i>Guys.</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 31	Jeddore Oyster Ponds, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB
Nov. 1-4	CSI	1-2	MUN
Nov. 5	Evanston, <i>Rich.</i>	1	FWD
Nov. 6	Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	Karen Chiasson
Nov. 6	Blue Rocks, <i>Lun.</i>	1	BLM
Nov. 9-10	Musquodoboit Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	Kier Gigeroff
Nov. 10	Annapolis Royal, <i>Anna.</i>	1	Susan Jost
Nov. 15	Aylesford, <i>Kings</i>	1	Tony Chalk

Snowy Egret

Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	IAM
Oct. 28	Gabarus, <i>CBRM.</i>	2	Gloria Wilson, Joan Mills
Oct. 28	Bachmans Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 28	Harrihan Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 28	Port Felix, <i>Guys.</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 29-30	Chapel Gully, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane

Oct. 30	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 2	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 3-6	Conrads I., <i>Lun.</i>	3	JAH, DAW, HAT
Nov. 4	Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	RHL
Nov. 5	Evanston, <i>Rich.</i>	1	FWD
Nov. 5	Moser R., <i>HRM</i>	1	Joan Chapman
Nov. 5	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	BBU
Nov. 6	Seaforth, <i>HRM</i>	1	Karen Chiasson
Nov. 6	Jeddore Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	Adam Campell
Nov. 7	Pinkneys Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	1	PRG
Nov. 9	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	2	BSK <i>et al.</i>

Little Blue Heron

Aug. 6	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 16-17	Annapolis Royal, <i>Anna.</i>	1	Susan & Harry Jost
Oct. 29	Navy Cove, Dartmouth	imm.	DHU
Oct. 31	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	CSS
Nov. 6-7	Silver Sands Beach, <i>HRM</i>	imm.	DOU
Nov. 12	Silver Sands Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP

Cattle Egret

Oct.-Nov. 4	Dingwall, <i>Vic.</i>	1	Nancy MacEachern
Oct.	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	Barb Grant
Oct. 26	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Nov. 1-5	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	GED, BBU
Nov. 6	Yarmouth	1	MUN
Nov. 11	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	RHL
Nov. 13	Canso area, <i>Guys.</i>	3-5	Tom Crane
Nov. 18	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane
Nov. 19	Dingwall, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC

Green Heron

Aug. 19	Frog Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	FCG
Nov. 5-6	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	DAW, JAH

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Aug 1	CSI	1	MUN
Aug. 24	CSI	1	JAH
Sept. 5	Seal I.	2	FLL
Oct. 4-18	Pembroke, <i>Hants</i>	imm.	Donna Morrison

Glossy Ibis

Sept. 19	Maynard L., <i>HRM</i>	1	<i>vide</i> ELM
Oct. 28-31	Sable I., <i>HRM</i>	1	ZOL
Oct. 29	Chapel Gully, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane
Nov. 8	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL

White-faced Ibis / White-faced x Glossy Hybrid

Nov. 5-8	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, Pat McKay, Liz & Shane Gidney
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BLACK VULTURE

Sept. 12 - 15	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane
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Turkey Vulture

Aug. 3	Centreville, <i>Kings</i>	1	<i>vide</i> JCT
Aug. 7	Eatonville, <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS
Aug. 14-15	Advocate, <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS
Sept. 4	Halls Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Sept. 5	Cheticamp, <i>Inv.</i>	1	Ethan Huner
Sept. 6	Digby Neck	2	Wendy Laforce, ULH

Oct. 11	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2	KFS	Nov. 12	Brier I.	14	CAH
Oct. 19	Lower Eel Brook, <i>Yar.</i>	1	PRG	Nov. 15	Brier I.	8	ELM
Oct. 22	Morris L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Nov. 18	Brier I.	40	ELM
Oct. 24	Brier I.	50	ELM	Nov. 27	Yarmouth	1	MUN
Oct. 28	Louisbourg	1	SEM				
Nov. 11	Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	1	DOC				

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Geese, Swans and Ducks

By Angus MacLean

Photos suggested there were two different **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GEESE** at the Windsor sewage ponds but it is more likely the perceived colour of the bill was due to different light conditions. The eight **SNOW GEESE** near Berwick were all casualties of the hunting season. Although the large flocks of **CANADA GEESE** reported were impressive, several key wintering areas (e.g. Port Joli) were overlooked. I wonder when some of these flocks feed! The **TUNDRA SWANS** were only seen by a few before moving on.

As the fall progressed, **EURASIAN WIGEON** increased at Beacon St. Dam, *CBRM*, as there were three in early December. By the many reports of **NORTHERN SHOVELERS** it's obvious this species is making quick inroads into the province. The unusual number of **REDHEADS** was seemingly due to a weather disturbance other than Hurricane Wilma. At least three of the Cape Breton contingent continued into December. Surely there are more **RING-NECKED DUCKS** and **GREATER SCAUP** than the few reports indicate. For a change there were sizable flocks of **BLACK SCOTERS** noted. It was a good fall for **RUDDY DUCKS**, especially in the *HRM*. Notable was the group of eight found by STV Nov. 5. □

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE

Oct. 7-Nov. 9 Windsor Sewage Ponds 1 var. obs.

Snow Goose

Nov. 11 Windsor Sewage Ponds 2 DAC
 Nov. 13 Rainbow Haven, *HRM* 1 CSS, FLL
 Nov. 14 Knoydart, *Pict.* 1 KJM, GMU
 Mid-Nov. Berwick, Kings 8 *fide* JCT

CACKLING GOOSE

Nov. 19-27 Goose Flats, *Yar.* 1 MUN

Canada Goose

Sept. 3 Brier I. 13 SEM
 Sept. 20 Truro 500 Win Kettleston
 Sept. 30 Harris Pond, Kings 163 JCT
 Oct. 18 Windsor 300+ PKE
 Oct. 28 Martinique, *HRM* 200+ LUB
 Nov. 5 Pomquet, *Ant.* ~400 RFL
 Nov. 9 Rainbow Haven, *HRM* 63 Kier Gigeroff
 Nov. 11 Lanark, *Ant.* ~200 RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
 Nov. 14 Silver L., Kings ~400 JCT
 Nov. 16 Rainbow Haven, *HRM* 490+ JAH, Dorothy Poole
 Nov. 23 Bissett L., *HRM* ~600 RHL
 Nov. 26 W Lawrencetown Marsh ~1200 SEM
 Nov. 30 Harris Pond, Kings ~400 JCT

Brant

Nov. 14 Conrads Beach, *HRM* 2 FLL, CSS
 Nov. 18 The Hawk, *CSI* 2 MUN
 Nov. 27 Daniels Hd., *CSI* 2 MUN

MUTE SWAN

Oct. 18 - Nov. 27 Goose Flats, *Yar.* 2 juvs. var. obs.

TUNDRA SWAN

Nov. 21 West Pubnico, *Yar.* 4 MUN
 Nov. 22 Amiraaults Hill, *Yar.* 4 JON
 Nov. 23 Port Clyde, *Shel.* 2 SAH
 Nov. 27 Melbourne Sanctuary, *Yar.* 4 RSD

Swan (sp.)

Nov. 2 Fullers Bridge, *Rich. (?)* 1 WMA

Wood Duck

Aug. 5 Milnes L., *HRM* 3 BLM
 Aug. 9 Maitland, *Lun.* 1 JAH
 Aug. 15 Dartmouth 3 ULH, Wendy LaForce
 Aug. 18 Pleasant R., *Lun.* 8 JAH
 Sept. 3 Seal I. 1 BLM
 Sept. 9 Second Peninsula, *Lun.* 1 JAH, DAW
 Sept. 16 Lilydale L., *Lun.* 2 males JAH
 Sept. 20 Kejimikujik NP 1 fem. JAH
 Sept. 22 DU Pond, Margaretsville 2 JOB

Sept. 30 Harris Pond, Kings 5 JCT
 Oct. 1 Florence, *CBRM* 4 DBM
 Oct. 1 Sydney Mines, *CBRM1* 8 DBM
 Oct. 3 Pleasant R., *Queens* 4 JAH, DAW
 Oct. 7 French Basin Trail, *Anna.* 6+ JOB
 Oct. 13 French Basin Trail, *Anna.* 6 JON
 Oct. 28 Antigonish Landing 3 RFL
 Oct. 28-29 Antigonish Sewage Ponds 3 RFL

Gadwall

Sept. 18 Sullivans Pond, *HRM* 1 male BBU
 Oct. 1 Sydney Mines, *CBRM* 3 DBM
 Oct. 11 Sullivans Pond, *HRM* 2 Kier Gigeroff
 Oct. 13 French Basin Trail, *Anna.* 4 JON
 Oct. 31 Red Bridge Pond, *HRM* 1 pair SMB
 Nov. 9 Rainbow Haven, *HRM* 1 Kier Gigeroff
 Nov. 11 Windsor Sewage Ponds 1 fem. ELM
 Nov. 14 Canard Pond, Kings 2 JCT
 Nov. 23 French Basin Trail, *Anna.* 2 pairs ELM, IAM
 Nov. 27 Antigonish Landing 1 NSBS

Eurasian Wigeon

Sept. 10 Beacon St. Dam, *CBRM* 1 pair CAM, ALM
 Sept. 10-24 Beacon St. Dam, *CBRM* 1 CAM, ALM, NSBS



Consensus was that this **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** Oct. 4 at the Windsor Sewage Ponds was of the (expected) Greenland subspecies *flavirostris*. [Photo Patrick Kelly]

Sept. 29	West Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1 male	VJH	Sept. 30	Habitant R., Kings	1 fem.	JCT
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	2 males	DBM, CAM, ALM	Sept. 30	Canard Pond., Kings	12	JCT
Oct. 22-23	W Lawrencetown Marsh	1	BLM, DOU	Oct. 19	Canard Pond, Kings	8+	RBS
Oct. 29 - Nov. 16	W Lawrencetown Marsh	3	var. obs.	Oct. 25	Waterside PP, Pict.	1	KJM
Nov. 20-30	Clarks Hbr., CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 25	Louisbourg	2 imm.	SEM
Nov. 27	Tufts Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS	Nov. 4-30	Canard Pond, Kings	9-17	JCT, RBS, AAM
Nov. 30	Albro L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	Nov. 7	Antigonish Landing	1	RFL
American Wigeon				Nov. 14	Saxton St. Pond, Kings	2	JCT
Sept. 26	Daniels Hd., CSI	25	MUN	Nov. 23	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	1	RHL
Sept. 30	Canard Pond., Kings	7	JCT	Nov. 30	Canning, Kings	3	JCT
Sept. 30	Port Williams, Kings	3	JCT	Green-winged Teal			
Oct. 1	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	~65	DBM	Sept. 12	W Lawrencetown Marsh	30	BLM
Oct. 19	Canard Pond, Kings	20+	RBS	Sept. 19	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	210	SEM
Oct. 22	W Lawrencetown Marsh	150	BLM	Sept. 21	Conrads Island Beach, Lun.	22	JAH, DAW
Oct. 29-31	W Lawrencetown Marsh	~50	AAM, RBS, BLF, LDE, RHL	Sept. 23-30	Canard Pond., Kings	10+	JCT
Nov. 4-30	Canard Pond, Kings	20+	JCT, AAM	Oct. 1	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	64	SEM
Nov. 6	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN	Oct. 7	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	~24	JOB
American Black Duck				Oct. 14	Windsor Sewage Ponds	11	ELM
Aug. 1	New Minas Ponds, Kings	75	JCT	Oct. 14	Conrads Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	33	DMW
Aug. 5	Canard Pond, Kings	15	JCT	Oct. 19	Canard Pond, Kings	50+	RBS
Sept. 30	Harris Pond, Kings	16	JCT	Oct. 19	Goose Flats, <i>Yar.</i>	16	PRG
Oct. 14	Windsor	40	ELM, JCT	Oct. 23	Yarmouth	~30	MUN
Oct. 24	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	100+	SEM	Oct. 26	Canard Pond, Kings	4	AAM, RBS, BLF, LDE
Nov. 4	Antigonish Landing	lots	RFL	Oct. 28	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	6	RFL
Nov. 9	New Minas Ponds, Kings	7	AAM	Oct. 29	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	21	RFL
Mallard				Oct. 29	Antigonish Sewage Ponds	3	RFL
Aug. 5	Port Williams, Kings	54	JCT	Nov. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds	9	PKE
Sept. 30	Habitant R., Kings	25	JCT	Nov. 4-8	Canard Pond, Kings	20-36	JCT
Sept. 30	Port Williams, Kings	9	JCT	Nov. 7	Yarmouth	6	PRG
Oct. 7	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	21	JOB	Nov. 9	Canard Pond, Kings	45	AAM
Nov. 6	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	6	RHL	Nov. 9	Saxon St. Pond, Kings	10	AAM
Nov. 9	New Minas Ponds, Kings	7	AAM	Nov. 9	Windsor Sewage Ponds	~5	LDE
Nov. 9	Canard Pond, Kings	~20	AAM	Nov. 12	Rushtons PP, <i>Cum.</i>	95	KJM, RFL, TOK
Nov. 18-30	Port Williams, Kings	~20	JCT	Nov. 14	Saxton St. Pond, Kings	100	JCT
Nov. 30	Canning, Kings	24	JCT	Nov. 14	Canard Pond, Kings	10	JCT
Nov. 30	Port Williams, Kings	18	JCT	Nov. 16	West Lawrencetown	3	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Blue-winged Teal				REDHEAD			
Sept. 7	Clyde R., <i>Shel.</i>	4	SAH	Sept. 29-Oct. 3	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	3-8	CAM, ALM
Sept. 12	W Lawrencetown Marsh	5	BLM	Oct. 5-early Nov.	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	3-4	CAM, ALM
Sept. 23-30	Canard Pond, Kings	12+	JCT	Oct. 19	Canard Pond, Kings	2 males	RBS
Sept. 26	Daniels Hd., CSI	75	MUN	Oct. 22	W Lawrencetown Marsh	4	BLM
Sept. 30	Habitant R., Kings	3	JCT	Oct. 28	Seal I.	4	FLL, IAM, Mike Bentley
Sept. 30	Canard Pond., Kings	12+	JCT	Oct. 29	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	12	SMB, RMA
Oct. 7	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	5	JOB	Nov. 4	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	17	BLM
Oct. 24	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	1 pair	SEM	Nov. 4	Grand Desert, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Nov. 1	Smelly Cove, <i>HRM</i>	3	RHL	Nov. 12	Centreville, <i>CBRM</i>	9	CAM, ALM
Nov. 5-18	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1-2	ELM	Nov. 15	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	4	CAM, ALM
Nov. 9	Windsor Sewage Ponds	2	LDE	Nov. 12	Centreville, <i>CBRM</i>	13	CAM, ALM
Northern Shoveler				Ring-necked Duck			
Sept. 24	Canard Pond, Kings	1 male	JCT	Early Sept.	Jollimore, <i>HRM</i>	4	PLC
Sept. 30	Canard Pond., Kings	5	JCT	Sept. 16	Harris Pond, Kings	1	JCT
Oct. 1	Florence, <i>CBRM</i>	4	DBM	Sept. 16	Canard Pond, Kings	1	JCT
Oct. 13	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	10	JON	Sept. 21	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU
Oct. 19	Canard Pond, Kings	1 pair	RBS	Sept. 30	Habitant R., Kings	4	JCT
Oct. 26	Crescent Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	1 fem.	ELM	Oct. 1	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	~70	DBM
Oct. 28-Nov. 27	Antigonish Sewage Ponds	1-7	RFL <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	3	ELM
Oct. 29	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1 imm.	RFL	Nov. 1	Kingsbury Pond, <i>Lun.</i>	20	ELM
Oct. 30	Stewiacke, <i>Col.</i>	3	HAB	Nov. 13	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 fem.	ELM
Nov. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds	4 fems.	PKE	Greater Scaup			
Nov. 6	Williams Pt, <i>Ant.</i>	2	KJM	Oct. 3	Digby Neck, Digby	59	JAH, DAW
Nov. 6	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	10	RHL	Oct. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	3	SEM
Nov. 9	Canard Pond, Kings	2	AAM	Lesser Scaup			
Nov. 12	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	8	Bruce Stevens	Oct. 3	Digby Neck, Digby	1	JAH, DAW
Nov. 12-30	Centreville, <i>CBRM</i>	7	CAM, ALM	Oct. 4	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	2	CAM, ALM
Nov. 12-30	Coxheath, <i>CBRM</i>	1	CAM, ALM	Nov. 1	Cleveland Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1 fem.	ELM
Nov. 14	Canard Pond, Kings	4	JCT	Nov. 5	Pond Cove, Brier I.	3	ELM, IAM
Nov. 23	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	11	ELM, IAM	Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	LDE
Nov. 27	Antigonish Sewage Ponds	5	NSBS	Nov. 11	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 male	ELM
Nov. 30	Saxon St. Pond, Kings	3	JCT	Nov. 17	Centreville, <i>CBRM</i>	2	CAM, ALM
Nov. 30	Canard Pond, Kings	7	JCT	Nov. 23	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	3	CAM, ALM
Northern Pintail				Nov. 14-24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2	ELM
Sept. 18	Canard Pond, Kings	4	RBS, Luke de Ciccio	Nov. 27	Tufts Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS
Sept. 24	Canard Pond, Kings	6	JCT	Common Eider			
Sept. 26	Daniels Hd., CSI	7	MUN	Aug. 12	Wolfville	48	JCT

Sept. 3	Brier I.	250	SEM	Nov. 6	Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	4	RFL <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 22	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	130	JOB	Nov. 18	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	40+	PBG
Sept. 22	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	62	JOB	Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	15-21	JOB, RBS, AAM, LDE
Oct. 25	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	60	KJM	Bufflehead			
Oct. 25	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	630	BLM	Oct. 22-Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM, SEM
Oct. 30	Whitehead, <i>Guys.</i>	~200	KJM	Oct. 23	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Oct. 30	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	14	Darroch Whitaker	Oct. 30	New Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	15	KJM
Oct. 30	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	200	PBG	Nov. 1	Smelly Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1 pair	RHL
Nov. 5	Cape Jack, <i>Ant.</i>	~50	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens	Nov. 3	Kingsbury, <i>Lun.</i>	8	JAH, DAW
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	600+	LDE	Nov. 5	Lawrencetown L., <i>HRM</i>	9	SEM
Nov. 8	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	119	JOB	Nov. 22	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	2	RFL
Nov. 11	Canso Causeway	~50	Dead on Causeway! RFL	Nov. 24	Reserve Mines, <i>CBRM</i>	45	DBM
Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	111	JOB	Nov. 30	Melbourne Sanctuary, <i>Yar.</i>	12	PRG
Nov. 18	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	63	JOB	Common Goldeneye			
Nov. 27	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	~20	RBS, AAM, LDE	Oct. 24	Cheticamp, <i>Inv.</i>	1	Karen Chiasson
Nov. 27	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	40+	RBS, AAM, LDE	Oct. 24	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	22	SEM
Nov. 27	Hampton, <i>Anna.</i>	~20	RBS, AAM, LDE	Nov. 9	New Minas Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	3	AAM
Harlequin Duck				Nov. 18	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	20	RFL
Oct. 13	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	2	JOB	Nov. 24	Mahoneys Beach, <i>Ant.</i>	8	RFL
Oct. 30	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	4	PBG	Barrow's Goldeneye			
Oct. 31	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	Nov. 9	New Minas Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	1 male	AAM
Nov. 4	Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	1	FLL	Nov. 14-30	Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	1 male	var. obs.
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	LDE	Nov. 19	Powell Pt. PP, <i>Pict.</i>	1 male	KJM
Nov. 8	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	9	JOB	Hooded Merganser			
Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	5	PBG	Oct. 12	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	40	JAH, JUP
Nov. 21	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	8	JOB	Oct. 14	Head of Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	18	BLM
Nov. 23	Crystal Crescent PP	2	HAT	Oct. 25	Weirs Gut, <i>Pict.</i>	80	KJM
Nov. 25	Wagners Beach, <i>HRM</i>	25	BLM	Oct. 30	New Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	4	KJM
Nov. 26	Gullivers Cove, <i>Digby</i>	25	Bill Caudle	Nov. 6	Cape St. Marys, <i>Digby</i>	3 pair	RHL
Nov. 27	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	4	RBS, AAM, LDE	Nov. 7	Yarmouth	10	PRG
Nov. 28	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	11	JOB	Nov. 11	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	35	ELM
Surf Scoter				Nov. 11	Canso Causeway	10	RFL
Sept. 22	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	92	JOB	Nov. 12	Conrads I., <i>Lun.</i>	6	PLC
Oct. 20	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	44	JOB	Nov. 12	Linden, <i>Cum.</i>	12	KJM, TOK, RFL
Oct. 28	Jimtown Beach, <i>Ant.</i>	12	RFL	Nov. 14	Silver L., <i>Kings</i>	13	JCT
Oct. 29	Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	15	BLM	Nov. 14	Saxton St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	5	JCT
Nov. 6	Little Liscomb Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	21	RFL <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 16	West Lawrencetown	23	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Nov. 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	3	SEM	Nov. 19	Haliburton Gut, <i>HRM</i>	~200	KJM
Nov. 8-27	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	12-51	JOB, RBS, AAM, LDE	Nov. 21	Tatamagouche, <i>Col.</i>	75	KJM
Nov. 18	Margaretsville, <i>Anna.</i>	8	JOB	Nov. 21	Wallace Bay, <i>Cum.</i>	60+	KJM
Nov. 27	Parkers Cove, <i>Anna.</i>	17	RBS, AAM, LDE	Common Merganser			
White-winged Scoter				Sept. 18	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	8	BBU
Sept. 22	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	8	JOB	Oct. 3	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	15	HEK
Oct. 9	Pictou Causeway	~15	Alexander MacDonald	Oct. 54	Conrads Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	52	DMW
Oct. 20	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	27	JOB	Oct. 24	Cheticamp, <i>Inv.</i>	24+	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 22	Minas Basin, <i>Kings</i>	14	AAM, RBS, BLF, LDE	Oct. 25	WatersidePP, <i>Pict.</i>	150	KJM
Oct. 24	Cheticamp, <i>Inv.</i>	12+	Karen Chiasson	Oct. 25	Weirs Gut, <i>Pict.</i>	40	KJM
Oct. 25	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	9	SEM	Oct. 28	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	30	RFL
Oct. 30	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	11	PBG	Oct. 29	Antigonish Landing	20	RFL
Oct. 31	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	4	BLF, AAM, ASM	Oct. 30	New Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	100+	KJM
Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	16	LDE	Nov. 2	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	100	RFL
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	4	LDE	Nov. 6	Chance Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	~100	KJM
Nov. 8-27	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	5-42	JOB, PBG, RBS, AAM, LDE	Nov. 11	Salt Marsh Trail, <i>HRM</i>	80	SEM
Nov. 27	Parkers Cove, <i>Anna.</i>	8	RBS, AAM, LDE	Nov. 12	Antigonish Landing	180	KJM
Black Scoter				Nov. 16	West Lawrencetown	81	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Oct. 15	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	14	BLM	Nov. 22	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	20	NSBS <i>fide</i> RFL
Oct. 18	Jimtown Beach, <i>Ant.</i>	3	RFL	Red-breasted Merganser			
Oct. 22	Martinique Beach, <i>HRM</i>	4	BLM	Oct. 24	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	10	SEM
Oct. 22	Miseners Hd., <i>HRM</i>	25	BLM	Oct. 25	WatersidePP, <i>Pict.</i>	800	KJM
Oct. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	30	BLM	Oct. 25	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	27	SEM
Oct. 25	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	42	BLM	Nov. 6	Chance Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	1500	KJM
Oct. 29	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	25	BLM	Nov. 6	Sherbrooke, <i>Guys.</i>	10+	RFL, MZG, Bruce Stevens
Nov. 4	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Nov. 19	Waterside PP, <i>HRM</i>	12	KJM
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	12	LDE	Ruddy Duck			
Nov. 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	8	SEM	Oct. 17	APBS	1	BLM
Nov. 18	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	7-11	JOB, RBS, AAM, LDE	Oct. 22-Nov. 19	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU, BLM, TEP, SMB, RMA
Long-tailed Duck				Oct. 22-31	Beacon St. Dam, <i>CBRM</i>	2	CAM, ALM
Oct. 25	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	5	KJM	Oct. 24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 imm.	ELM
Oct. 25	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	22	KJM	Nov. 4	W Lawrencetown Marsh	1	BLM
Oct. 25	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	1 pair	SEM	Nov. 5	Camp Geddie, <i>Ant. (?)</i>	8	STV
Nov. 1	South Shore, <i>Lun.</i>	many	ELM	Nov. 23-30	Albro L., <i>HRM</i>	5	BBU, BLM
Nov. 6	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	5	LDE				

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Diurnal Raptors through Cranes

By Ulli Höger

As usual, fall was characterized by a lot of raptor migration activity. Reports were received from hawk-watch hotspots like Brier I. (accipiters and buteos) and from shorebird roosting sites like the Grand Pré area (falcons).

The first ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS were sighted in November, while the last OSPREYS decided to leave the province and head south about the same time. At their wintering sites in the Annapolis Valley, the number of BALD EAGLES started to increase during this reporting period, and a further increase can be predicted as soon as ponds and lakes ice over. Recently however, the handout of chickens seems to have decreased along the classic eagle watch route for a number of reasons, not necessarily a bad thing, so fewer eagles may be seen during the winter in this area.

There were several documented sightings of COOPER'S HAWKS from a number of locations, but presumably all these were migrating birds. The only reported GOLDEN EAGLE sighting came without any details to support it.

SANDHILL CRANES were seen in a number of spots and some individuals stuck around for extended periods of time. The one on Wyman Road in Yarmouth was seen off and on throughout most of autumn. ☐

Osprey

Still abundant in early fall, less common by the end of September.

Aug. 2	Lunenburg Nest	3 chicks	JAH
Sept. 20	Crystal Crescent Beach, HRM.	2	ANM
Sept. 26	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Oct. 1-2	Brier I.	3	NSBS, FLL
Oct. 26	Canso, Guys.	2	Tom Crane
Nov. 5	Dartmouth	1	ULH

Bald Eagle

Abundant in entire province, RBS reported a significant increase in numbers from the Kentville area Oct. 23-27.

Northern Harrier

Common in suitable habitat all season.

All season	CSI	5-6	MUN, et al.
August	Airport, HRM.	1 male	DHH
Aug. 18-Nov. 13	Sable I.	5	ZOL
Aug. 26	Brier I.	1	JAH
Aug. 26	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	HAT
Sept. 2	Belleisle Marsh, Anna.	1	SHA
Sept. 13	Smileys Cove, HRM	1	DOU
Oct. 3	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1	JAH
Oct. 7	Wolfville, Kings	1	JWW
Oct. 24	Cheticamp, Inv.	1	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 27	Wolfville, Kings	1	JET
Oct. 28	Seal I. Yar.	6	FLL, et al.
Nov. 1	Rainbow Haven, HRM	1	LOC

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Common, large numbers during migration at hotspots like Brier I. and CSI.

Aug. 27	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 4	Seal I., Yar.	4	BLM, et al.
Sept. 5	Halifax	1	ANM
Sept. 5	Brier I.	30	FLL, et al.
Sept. 13	Seaforth, HRM	1	DOU
Sept. 13	Brier I.	many	DAP
Sept. 26	Brier I.	many	JAH
Oct. 1-2	B Brier I.	150+	NSBS, FLL
Oct. 12	Brier I.	10	JUS
Oct. 26	Canso, Guys.	3	Tom Crane
Oct. 28-29	Seal I., Yar.	16	IAM
Nov. 13	CSI	1	MUN

Cooper's Hawk

Sightings seem to become more frequent over the years.

Sept. 3	Seal I., Yar.	1	HAT, IAM, BLM
Oct. 2	Brier I.	1	FLL, et al.
Oct. 28-29	Seal I., Yar.	1	IAM
Oct. 30	Dartmouth	1	CLS, et al.
Nov. 7	Gaspereau Valley, Kings	1	Darroch Whitaker

Northern Goshawk

Aug. 27	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 13	Seaforth, HRM.	1	DOU

Sept. 26	Brier I.	1	JAH
Oct. 20	Liscomb, Guys.	1	KJM
Oct. 27	CSI	1	ELM
Oct. 30	Crystal Crescent Beach, HRM	1	HAT
Nov. 13	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 16	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 16	Ogdens Pond, Ant.	1	RFL

Broad-winged Hawk

Aug. 21	Brier I.	1	RBS
Aug. 21	Annapolis Royal	1	RBS
Sept. 13	Brier I.	90+	DAP
Sept. 25	Digby Neck	206	JAH, NSN, Dorothy Poole
Sept. 26	Digby	200	JAH
Oct. 1-2	Brier I.	100	NSBS, FLL
Oct. 26	Canso, Guys.	1	Tom Crane
Oct. 30	Rainbow Haven, HRM.	4	LOC
Nov. 13	CSI.	1	MUN

Red-tailed Hawk

Aug. 18	Evangeline Beach, Kings	2	JWW
Sept. 12	Lincolntonville, Guys.	1	Tom Crane
Oct. 24	Lake Ainslie, Inv.	1	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 28	Grand Pré, Kings	3	LDE
Oct. 29	Brier I., Digby	2	DAP
Nov. 19	Granton Mt., Pict.	4	KJM
Nov. 6-29	Hortonville, Kings	1 albino	JWW

Rough-legged Hawk

Nov. 11	Devil I., HRM	1	IAM
Nov. 13	Trafalgar, Guys.	1	HAB, JEB
Nov. 13	Tatamagouch, Col.	1	KJM
Nov. 14	Big I., Guys.	1	KJM
Nov. 26	Upper Stewiak, Col.	1	HAT
Nov. 30	Melbourne, Yar.	1	PRG

Golden Eagle

Undocumented report.

Sept. 3	Tusket Dam, Yar.	2	Gary Gaudet, Mike Hanf
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American Kestrel

Sept. 4	Seal I., Yar.	10	IAM, et al.
Sept. 5	CSI	3	MUN
Sept. 10	CSI	abundant	MUN
Sept. 10	Prospect High Hd., HRM	several	JWW
Sept. 11	Baccar, Shel.	3	JAH
Sept. 12	Brier I.	abundant	DAP
Sept. 12	Lincolntonville, Guys.	several	Tom Crane
Sept. 24-Oct. 19	Sable I.	2	ZOL
Oct. 1-2	Brier I.	50+	NSBS, FLL
Oct. 10	Yarmouth, Yar.	1	MUN
Oct. 16	Brier I.	several	RBS
Oct. 28	Seal I., Yar.	8	IAM, et al.
Oct. 12	Brier I.	45+	CAH
Nov. 7	Pembroke, Hants	1	PRG

Nov. 13	Mitchell Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAB, JEB	Sept. 10	Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	1	JWW
Nov. 13	CSI	1	MUN	Sept. 11	Fox I., <i>Guys.</i>	1	Tom Crane
Nov. 27	Windsor, <i>Hants</i>	1	PKE	Sept. 13	Seaforth, <i>HRM</i>	3	DOU
Merlin							
Aug. 4	New Minas, <i>Kings</i>	6	<i>vide</i> JWW	Sept. 19	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM
Aug. 21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 24	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 24	Conrads Island Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	Sept. 25	Brier I.	1	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Aug. 25	Wolfville, <i>Kings</i>	6	JWW	Sept. 28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM
Aug. 26	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT	Oct. 2	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 5	Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	3	IAM, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 2	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 5	Pembroke, <i>Hants</i>	6	Donna Morrison	Oct. 1-3	Brier I.	2	NSBS, FLL
Sept. 5-10	CSI	2-8	MUN	Oct. 11	CSI	3	MUN
Sept. 11	Lilydale, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Oct. 20	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	2	Tom Crane
Sept. 11	Blanche Peninsula, <i>Shel.</i>	1	JAH, Dorothy Poole	Oct. 29	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Sept. 12	Lilydale, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Nov. 1	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 12	CSI	2	JAH	Ruffed Grouse			
Sept. 13	Sable I.	1	ZOL	All season	Mt. Denson, <i>Kings</i>	1	JWW
Sept. 14	Brier I.	abundant	DAP	Aug. 10	Shelter Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	JWW
Oct. 1-2	Brier I.	10	NSBS, FLL	Oct. 24	Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	2	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 12	Brier I.	6	JUS	Nov. 20	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	3	RES
Oct. 28-29	Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	1	IAM, <i>et al.</i>	Spruce Grouse			
Oct. 28-29	Martinique, <i>HRM</i>	2	LUB, <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 12	Taylor Hd., <i>HRM.</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 3	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Sept. 19	Liscomb, <i>Guys.</i>	1	KJM
Nov. 13	Point Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	Oct. 30	Whitehead, <i>Guys.</i>	1	KJM
Nov. 14	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Northern Bobwhite [exotic release]			
Nov. 25	Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	1	RBS	Aug. 10	Upper Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	1	Dorothy Cameron
Gyrfalcon							
Aug. 29	Dartmouth	1	BBU	American Coot			
Oct. 11	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 23-30	Glasgow Pt., <i>Rich.</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 29	Brier I.	1	CAH	Nov. 13	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	BBU
Nov. 19	CSI	1	MUN	SANDHILL CRANE			
Oct. 2	CSI	1	MUN	Aug. 19-Nov. 13	Wyman Road, <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN, JOS
Peregrine Falcon							
Aug. 16	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	1	JWW	Sept. 2-16	Belleisle Marsh, <i>Anna.</i>	1	SHH
Aug. 17	CSI	3	JON	Sept. 17-24	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	1	GFO, HAF
Aug. 17-Nov. 13	Sable I.	Up to 4	ZOL	Sept. 30	Woodville, <i>Hants</i>	1	David Killam
Aug. 27	CSI	3	MUN	Oct. 12-14	Brier I.	1	CAH
Sept. 3-4	Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	3-4	FLL, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 22	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1	<i>vide</i> RFL
				Oct. 28	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DHY

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Shorebirds

By Susann Myers

This was an extraordinary fall season for shorebirds in Nova Scotia. First came the fall migration of August to October, with few rarities but much of interest in the ebb and flow of large flocks. Then late October brought Hurricane Wilma, and in her wake rarities in unprecedented numbers were dropped along the Atlantic coast and, to a lesser extent, the North shore of the province, with smaller numbers reported from Nfld., southern NB, and PEI. In NS the storm-driven shorebirds included Black-necked Stilts, American Avocets and Long-billed Dowitchers, and very likely also Killdeer, Stilt Sandpipers and Short-billed Dowitchers. Their point of origin is uncertain, although Florida and the Outer Banks of North Carolina are the most likely. Finally, both mild November weather and good observer turnout in "Wilma's" wake contributed to an unusually large number of reports of lingering shorebirds at the end of the season.

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS were present in average numbers and showed no major concentrations. Instead, at least three smaller peaks were apparent, in early August, mid-August to early September and finally mid-October. November stragglers were reported in larger than usual numbers. AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVERS were widely scattered and reported in the usual small numbers, with no major fallouts of passing birds. SEMIPALMATED PLOVER migration peaked as usual in mid-August, with good concentrations at Cape Sable, a major staging area, throughout the season. Evangeline Beach had a peak of 5,000, an exceptionally high count compared to the 300-800 there in recent years. PIPING PLOVERS departed early, with the last juveniles of the season reported Sept. 2, two weeks earlier than average. KILLDEER were widespread in small numbers, with no large gatherings noted. The 27 newly reported immediately following "Wilma" were at widespread locations along the Atlantic coast, from Baccaro to Cape North, and on Sable I. Both their sudden appearance and their concentration along the Atlantic coast suggest that many of these were storm-driven birds. At least four remained to the end of the period.

The report of breeding failure of CSI's AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHERS in the last issue was incorrect. MUN and others later reported the welcome news that, of the two pairs nesting on CSI this year, one pair successfully raised three young and the other pair one. Three to five BLACK-NECKED STILTS were found around the province after "Wilma's" passage. All were photographed and two were enjoyed by numerous observers. Those that could be distinguished were all adult males and only

some dates overlapped, making an exact tally impossible. It is unlikely that the Stilts seen at Pondville Beach and Antigonish Landing were the same individual, as both were observed Nov. 19. A similar bounty of Black-necked Stilts occurred in 1999, when five were found at the Windsor Causeway Sept. 17, shortly after Hurricane Floyd had passed offshore, but a widespread fallout like that of 2005 is unprecedented for Stilts, as it is for Avocets. Single **AMERICAN AVOCETS** have been seen almost annually in recent years, bringing the total to about 18 by fall, 2004. After "Wilma's" passage, an amazing six to ten were found scattered along the Atlantic coast of the province. One was seen on BPI Oct. 26 by TMF, who flushed two there the next morning which then flew off towards the mainland. These may well be among the birds reported later from the SW mainland. Similarly, one found at Louisbourg Oct. 26 was seen flying off to the NE at dusk by HOS, and was likely the same bird discovered the following day at Morien Bar, where there were two at the end of the period (DBM). The majority of Avocets were concentrated in the SW of the province, with few overlapping dates and few details provided, so most are difficult to separate. All but one of those distinguished were males in basic plumage, suggesting that a gathering of late migrants was caught up by "Wilma".

Numbers of **GREATER YELLOWLEGS** peaked on schedule from mid-August to early September. Reports were numerous and widespread, but numbers were below average, except that more November stragglers than usual were noted, with at least two still present at the end of the period. **LESSER YELLOWLEGS** migrate earlier, and this year's numbers peaked in late July, although dwindling August flocks on the Eastern Shore were still substantial. Stragglers were seen in typically small numbers into early November. **SOLITARY SANDPIPERS** are uncommon migrants here, and always a treat for those who spot them. They came through on schedule, mainly from mid-August to early September, and in average numbers (total 21).

Adult **WILLET** migration peaked in late July and remaining adults and juveniles were seen in usual numbers through the fall. The only major fall concentration reported was at Morien Bar, *CBRM*, which has been nominated as an Important Bird Area because of its importance to breeding and migrating Eastern Willets. The sole member of the western subspecies noted was at Seal I., Sept. 3. **SPOTTED SANDPIPERS** were well-reported from widespread locations, with the usual lingerers into October. Although this species does not congregate into large migratory flocks, it does gather at favourite coastal areas in small groups, such as the gathering noted at Seal I. in early September. An **UPLAND SANDPIPER** was spotted by ZOL in vegetation on Sable I., Sept. 25. This rare transient, which is almost annual both spring and fall, generally appears on offshore islands or grassy headlands.

WHIMBREL were noted in respectable numbers in their favoured locations on the mainland and offshore islands. Unfortunately, no reports were received from Cape Breton, where these elegant shorebirds are often numerous. **HUDSONIAN GODWITS** appeared in lower than average numbers, possibly due to fine weather, but with a good concentration at their favoured location of CSI. November stragglers such as the one found at Cooks Beach Nov. 5 were formerly considered very rare, but are now becoming routine, having been reported in six of the last nine years. The **MARbled GODWIT**, reported with good details, that lingered for two weeks in November at Ogdens Pond was exceptionally late. These rare transients occur every second year on average, almost always in August-September. **RUDDY TURNSTONES** were seen in low numbers and only one individual was reported in early September, when juveniles move through our area, suggesting a poor breeding season.

The *rufa* subspecies of **RED KNOT**, which breeds in the Canadian high Arctic and migrates through NS from late July to mid-September, is rated 'Highly Imperiled' by the U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, as of August 2004. Too few NS reports were received to indicate the success of the 2005 breeding season for this decreasing population. Knots which were reported after



Numbers of the **AMERICAN AVOCETS** brought by "Wilma", like this one on Nov. 3 at Conrad I., *Lun.*, stayed to be ticked by most birders who wanted to do so. [Photo Hans Toom]

September are very likely part of the population that overwinters in Central and North America, mainly in Florida, and is believed to belong to the *roselaari* subspecies. By contrast **SANDERLINGS**, which have also shown a significant population decline and are designated a species of High Concern, were widespread and present in good numbers this fall. Numbers were particularly high at CSI, where the mid-September peak of 5,000 equaled the record high peak there of 2003. Good numbers were still being seen into October and November.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPERS made a good showing, with Minas Basin birds concentrated at Evangeline Beach. Following the trend of recent years, peak counts were in mid-to late-August, later than in previous years. Three of the season's four **WESTERN SANDPIPERS** were seen in November, later than most records, likely owing something to both mild fall weather and strong observer turnout after "Wilma's" passage. **LEAST SANDPIPERS** are generally

difficult to count in the salt marshes and wet pastures where they prefer to roost on migration. They were found in average numbers this fall, with the exception of one large concentration at Evangeline Beach, a favoured location. The last two were seen in early November, late for this species. Late migrants, WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPERS appeared in average numbers in late August and were still numerous in mid-October at CSI and Cherry Hill. The usual stragglers persisted into November. BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS, uncommon migrants on the coast, were reported in above-average numbers. While most moved through in the usual period of August-September, stragglers were present into November, well past the previous late record of Oct. 25.

PECTORAL SANDPIPERS were widespread but reported in rather low numbers except for the CSI peak of 63, Oct. 3. As with many species, a few more lingered into November than is common. PURPLE SANDPIPERS were reported on schedule and in typically low numbers for the fall season. DUNLIN arrived in average numbers in late September and peaked on schedule in late October/early November. STILT SANDPIPERS were present in their usual low numbers in August to early September (total of nine), but the 36 found Oct. 26 to Nov. 11 were both unusually late and an unprecedented seasonal total, strongly suggesting that these were brought north by "Wilma". They were reported in large numbers in Florida prior to "Wilma".

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were found in NS in unusually large numbers, August-September. The seasonal total was 32, compared to an average of about 10 to 14. The first were record-early by about a week and the lingerer that remained in November was rare, as the latest are rarely seen after September. SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS were seen in average numbers and on schedule, except for those reported from three locations after Oct. 26. Short-billeds are early migrants, rarely seen after September, suggesting that those seen in late October-early November this season were storm-driven. LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS are rare in NS, with an average of one to three sightings every fall. The single report in mid-October, from CSI, was therefore a normal seasonal total. Immediately after "Wilma's" passage however, Long-billeds began to be reported from coastal areas around the province, with the greatest number along the Atlantic coast. A total of 122 to 140 was found between Oct. 26 and Nov. 27, delighting many observers with close looks and diagnostic calls. Their sudden appearance, distribution and unprecedented numbers all indicate that these were storm-driven birds, brought north by "Wilma".

WILSON'S SNIPE were found in average numbers (20 total). The four that lingered into November were not unusual, as stragglers are regular until January. Typically few reports of AMERICAN WOODCOCK were received.

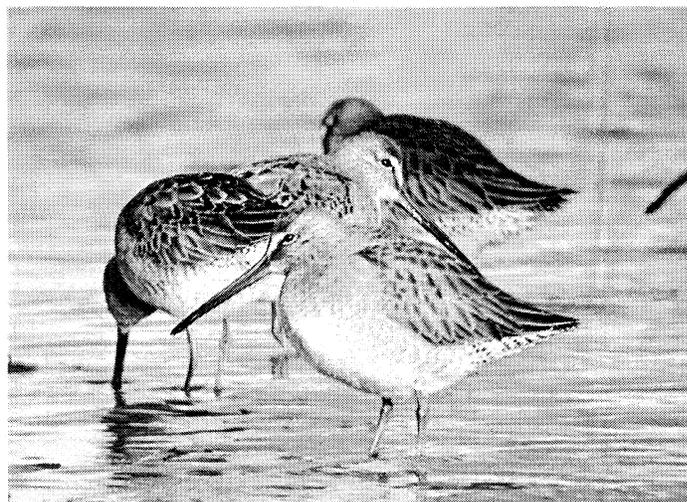
This was also an average season for WILSON'S PHALAROPE, with three to four delighting observers, all between mid-August and mid-September, and most from CSI. The proportion of RED-NECKED and RED PHALAROPES off Brier I. shifted once again, with an overwhelming majority of Red Phalaropes noted this fall. Good numbers of Red Phalaropes were reported in early September, with a huge concentration of 50,000 Sept. 8. □

Black-bellied Plover

Aug. 1-Nov. 13	Sable I.	55+	ZOL
Aug. 1 & 2	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	120; 150	JCT, JWW
Aug. 4, 12 & 22	Cape Sable, CSI	126, 160+, 180	BJS, SIS
Aug. 12	Starrs Pt., <i>Kings</i>	60+	JCT
Aug. 20 & 22	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	60; 130	JCT, JWW
Aug. 20 & Nov. 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	60, 15	SEM
Aug. 21 & Oct. 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	229, 117	SEM
Sept. 2 & Oct. 12	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	43	SJF
Sept. 4	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	150±	AAM, RBS, BLF
Sept. 16	CSI	125	MUN
Oct. 3 & Nov. 1	Cape Sable, CSI	57, 42+	BJS, SIS
Oct. 14 & 30	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	200; 75	ELM, PKE
Oct. 22	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	69	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Oct. 22-29	9 locations, widespread	78 total	var. obs.
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	50	FLL, DAM
Nov. 3-18	7 locations, widespread	25 total	var. obs.
Nov. 4 & 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	40	BLM <i>et al.</i> , J. Loch
Nov. 11	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	47	SEM
Nov. 11 & 13	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	3, 1	BSK
Nov. 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	5	SJF

American Golden-Plover

Aug. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	12	JCT
Aug. 7	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2	LIT
Aug. 25-Oct. 11	9 locations, widespread	10 total	var. obs.
Sept. 4, 7 & 30	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	some	AAM <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 4, 10 & 15	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	3; 2 ads.; 1 juv.	AAM, FLL <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 24	Sydney Airport, <i>CBRM</i>	8	DBM <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 26	The Hawk, CSI	7	MUN
Oct. 23	West Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	4	B. Snow
Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	FLL, IAM, M. Bentley
Nov. 9	Captains Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	1	JOK



Dowitchers can present an i.d. challenge, but large numbers of LONG-BILLED that appeared and stayed after "Wilma" gave much opportunity for learning. These ones, in mostly Basic-plumage, were at the Glace Bay Sanctuary, *CBRM*, Oct. 30. They show the characteristically subdued barring on the flanks, and darkish gray, relatively spotless breast. A couple still retain dark-centred, narrowly rufous-fringed Juvenal scapulars, without the internal markings of Short-billed. [Photo Cathy Murrant]

Semipalmated Plover

Aug. 1, 14 & 21 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	245, 1017, 118	SJF	
Aug. 4, 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	1400, 3600, 1600	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 6 & 21 Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	210, 445	SEM	
Aug. 7 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	366	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Aug. 10, Sept. 3 Pond Cove, Brier I.	250, 100	LIT, SEM	
Aug. 12 & 20 Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	5,000+; 2500	JCT, FLL	
Aug. 13 & 20, Sept. 13 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	300, 443, 163	SEM	
Aug. 18 mouth of Lawrencetown R., <i>HRM</i>	270	RHL	
Sept. 6, Oct. 3 Cape Sable, CSI	1300, 425	BJS, SIS	
Sept. 12 Eastern Passage, <i>HRM</i>	75	BLM	
Sept. 26 Seal I.	14	TMF	
Oct. 1 Sable I.	35+	ZOL	
Oct. 7 BPI	15	TMF	
Oct. 10-30 10 locations, widespread	37 total	var. obs.	
Nov. 1 Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	12	JCT	
Nov. 1 & 7 Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	3, 1	DJC	
Nov. 9 Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB, K. Gigeroff	
Nov. 13 Cabot Landing, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC	
Nov. 19 Pinkneys Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	2	MUN	

Piping Plover

Aug. 5 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	7 juvs.	SJF	
Aug. 15 Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	ad.	DJC	
Aug. 19-Sept. 2 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	3 juvs.	SJF	
Aug. 24 Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	2 ads., 2 juvs.	JOA	
Aug. 29 Martinique, <i>HRM</i>	2 juvs.	SEM	

Killdeer

Aug. 1 Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	3	JCT	
Aug. 10 & 15 Pond Cove, Brier I.	3, 2	LIT, JUS	
Aug. 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	1, 3	BJS, SIS	
Sept. 17 Daniel Head, CSI	4	MUN	
Sept. 20-Oct. 10	4 locations, widespread	ones	var. obs.
Oct. 19 & 27 BPI	2, 1	TMF	
Oct. 22 Sable I.	1	ZOL	
Oct. 26-30 11 locations, Atlantic coast	19 total	var. obs.	
Oct. 26-Nov. 14 Sable I.	9+	ZOL	
Nov. 1-18 5 locations, widespread	7 total	var. obs.	
Nov. 2-28 Crystal Crescent, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT	
Nov. 5 Pond Cove, Brier I.	5	ELM, IAM	
Nov. 27 Port Joli, <i>Queens</i>	1	AND	
Nov. 30 Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	2	<i>fide</i> SEM	

American Oystercatcher

Aug. 4 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	4 ads., 1 juv.	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 12 & 27 Cape Light, CSI	5 ads., 3 juvs.	MUN, BJS, SIS	
Sept. 11-16 CSI	4	MUN, JON	

BLACK-NECKED STILT

Oct. 28 Seal I.	1 ad. male (photo)	FLL, IAM, M. Bentley	
Nov. 3-27 Antigonish Landing	1 ad. male (photo)	B. Stevens <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 3-6 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1 ad. male (photo)	JAH, DAW, HAT <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 6 Port Joli, <i>Queens</i>	1 (photo)	AND, L. Dean <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 19-20 Pondville Beach, <i>Rich.</i>	1 (photo)	V. Keerd <i>et al.</i>	

AMERICAN AVOCET

Oct. 26 & 27 BPI	1 ad., 2 ads.	TMF	
Oct. 26 Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	1 male, basic	SEM, HOS, B. O'Shea	
Oct. 27 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	1 male, basic (photo)	BES, GEC, CAM, ALM	
Oct. 29 Mavillette Marsh, <i>Digby</i>	1	MUN	
Nov. 5-6 Pinkneys Pt. area, <i>Yar.</i>	2 (photo)	R. Smith, MUN <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 3 & 11 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	juv. (details)	JAH, DAW, ELM	
Nov. 3, 6 & 12 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1 male, basic (photo)	HAT <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 19 Daniels Hd., CSI	3	MUN	
Nov. 20 Pondville Beach, <i>Rich.</i>	1, basic (photo)	V. Keerd, GED, SDI	

Yellowlegs species

Aug. 7 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	17	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Aug. 20, Sept. 16 Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	40, 16	JCT	
Oct. 1, Nov. 1 Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	28, 1	JCT	

Greater Yellowlegs

Aug. 1 Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	3	JCT	
Aug. 1 & 14 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	3, 15	SJF	
Aug. 4, 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	19, 33, 21	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 7 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	112	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Aug. 10 Pond Cove, Brier I.	34	LIT	
Aug. 20, Sept. 13 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	51; under 35	SEM, LUB	
Aug. 21, Sept. 30 Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	125, 49	SEM	

August-September 14 locations, widespread	1 to 15 each	var. obs.	
Sept. 3 Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	27	JWW	
Sept. 17, Oct. 9 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	53, 16	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Sept. 19 Silversands Beach, <i>HRM</i>	18	RHL	
Oct. 2, 11 & 27 BPI	24, 27, 12	TMF	
Oct. 2, Nov. 1 Conrad Beach, <i>HRM</i>	15, 2	DMW	
Oct. 12 & 30, Nov. 11 Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	73, 21, 10	SEM	
Oct. 22-30 12 locations, widespread	32 total	var. obs.	
Oct. 29 New Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	15	KJM	
Oct. 29-end of period Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1 - 5	RFL <i>et al.</i>	
Nov. 1-18 7 locations, widespread	13 total	var. obs.	
Nov. 1 & 30 CSI	12, 1	JON, SAN, MUN	
Nov. 5 & 13 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	11, 5	SEM	
Nov. 27 West Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN	

Lesser Yellowlegs

Aug. 1 Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	14	JCT	
Aug. 4, 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	9, 6, 2	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 6 & 21, Sept. 18 Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	84, 28, 4	SEM	
Aug. 7, Sept. 17 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	20+, 12	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Aug. 10, Sept. 9 Pond Cove, Brier I.	9; 6 arrived	LIT, ELM, AHM	
Aug. 13 & 26, Sept. 19 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	150, 118, 3	SEM	
Aug. 15 Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	60	KJM	
Aug. 15, Sept. 3 Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	13+; 10	JCT, JWW	
Aug. 21, Sept. 10 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	20, 10 juvs.	FLL, RIH <i>et al.</i>	
Sept. 28 & Oct. 14 BPI	6	TMF	
Oct. 9 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	3	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Oct. 14 Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	ELM	
Oct. 24 Cheticamp, <i>Inv.</i>	2	K. Chiasson	
Oct. 27 Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	3	FLL, M. Bentley	
Oct. 29 New Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM	
Oct. 29, Nov. 1 CSI	4, 3	BLM, JON, SAN	
Nov. 3 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JAH, DAW	
Nov. 3 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	

Solitary Sandpiper

Aug. 3 Gaspereau R., <i>Kings</i>	1	BLF	
Aug. 10 & 23 Pond Cove, Brier I.	3, 4	LIT	
Aug. 12 Russell L., Dartmouth	1	Don Forbes	
Aug. 13 Blandford, <i>Lun.</i>	1	FLL, BIB, EIB	
Aug. 13 Homeville, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BSK	
Aug. 14 Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD	
Aug. 14 Trafalgar area, <i>Guys.</i>	1	KJM	
Aug. 17, 20 & 24 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1, 2, 3	JAH, DAW	
Aug. 18 The Hawk, CSI	1	MUN	
Aug. 19 Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	
Sept. 2, 21; Oct. 12 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	3, 2, 1	JAH, DAW, JUP	
Sept. 3 Seal I.	1	BLM	
Sept. 9 near Cape North, <i>Vic.</i>	4	FMC	
Sept. 15 CSI	1	JON	
Oct. 15 Eel L., <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN	

Willet

Aug. 1, 14 & 21 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	10, 8 (3juvs.), 1	SJF	
Aug. 4, 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	46, 30+, 3	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 6 & 21 Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	26 ads.; 25, most juvs.	SEM	
Aug. 7 Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	110	M. Cameron-MacMillan	
Aug. 15 Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	14	KJM	
Aug. 16 & 24 BPI	7, 17	TMF	
Aug. 16 & Sept. 11 Conrad Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	7, 1	DMW	
Aug. 20 & 26 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	33, 10	SEM	
Aug. 21, Sept. 10 & 15 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	10, 6 & 1 juvs.	FLL <i>et al.</i>	
Sept. 3 Seal I.	1	Western FLL	
Sept. 5 & 18 BPI	6, 5	TMF	
Sept. 10 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM	
Sept. 18 Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF	
Oct. 2 CSI	1	JON	

Spotted Sandpiper

Aug. 1 Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	2	JCT	
Aug. 5 Daniel Head, CSI	6	MUN	
Aug. 7 & 23 Pond Cove, Brier I.	1	LIT	
Aug. 10 2 locations, <i>Victoria</i>	ones	BSK	
Aug. 12 & 25 Cape Sable, CSI	1	BJS, SIS	
Aug. 14 Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	2	KJM	
Aug. 17, Sept. 8 & 19 BPI	10, 5, 5	TMF	
Aug. 21 & Sept. 10 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1, 3	FLL <i>et al.</i>	
Aug. 29-Sept. 2 Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	2	RES	

Sept. 2-29	6 locations, widespread	ones	var. obs.
Sept. 3	Brier I.	2	SEM
Sept. 1, 3 & 4, Oct. 4	Seal I.	15, 10, 1	var. obs.
Oct. 1, 11 & 21	BPI	3, 3, 2	TMF
Oct. 14	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	JCT
Oct. 23	Seaforth, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Upland Sandpiper			
Sept. 25	Steeple dune, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Whimbrel			
July 8-Sept. 25	Sable I.	20 or more	ZOL
Aug. 3 & 28	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	50±, 28	TOK
Aug. 4 & 25	Cape Sable, CSI	50+, 49	BJS, SIS
Aug. 9	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	4	JAH
Aug. 12	Sable I.	12	ZOL
Aug. 14	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	7	KJM
Aug. 21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	7	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	6	LIT
August & September	3 locations, widespread	singles	var. obs.
Sept. 6	Cape Sable, CSI	4	BJS, SIS
Sept. 11 & 14	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	11, 6	TOK
Sept. 18	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	10	DAC, ABM, GDE
Nov. 4-5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1, injured	BLM <i>et al.</i>
Hudsonian Godwit			
Aug. 5-7	The Hawk, CSI	19	MUN
Aug. 6, Sept. 30	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	13, 2	SEM
Aug. 7, Sept. 17	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	3, 1	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Aug. 12	Cape Sable, CSI	31	BJS, SIS
Sept. 3	Grand Pré dykes, <i>Kings</i>	2	JWW
Sept. 9-10	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Oct. 14 & 22	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	ELM, RBS <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	3	SEM
Nov. 5	Cooks Beach, <i>Yar.</i>	1	R. Smith
MARbled GODWIT			
Nov. 14-30	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	1	KJM, GMU, RLF
Ruddy Turnstone			
July 24-Nov. 14	Sable I.	25 or more	ZOL
Aug. 1	CSI	14	MUN
Aug. 2, 4 & 6	Pond Cove, Brier I.	21, 11, 6	LIT, JUS
Aug. 4, 25; Sept. 6	Cape Sable, CSI	48, 18, 7	BJS, SIS
Aug. 6, 21; Sept. 30	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	9, 6, 2	SEM
Aug. 7	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	3	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Aug. 14	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	23	KJM
Aug. 17 & 27	BPI	40, 50	TMF
Aug. 17, Sept. 4	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	4, 1	BSK
Aug. 20	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	25+	DOU
Aug. 26	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	12	BLM
Oct. 10	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	2	DJC
Oct. 16	CSI	some	MUN
Oct. 17 & 27	BPI	4, 3	TMF
Oct. 22	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	5	DOU
Oct. 29	Beach Meadows, <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH, D. Poole
Nov. 11	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	2	BSK
Red Knot			
Aug. 2; Sept. 4	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	2	JWW, AAM <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 15	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Aug. 16, Sept. 10	Sable I.	1, 2	ZOL
Aug. 17 & 29	Daniel Head, CSI	34, 8	MUN
Aug. 21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	4 juvs.	FLL, RIH
Aug. 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	6 juvs.	SEM
Aug. 21 & 28	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1, 3	SJF, ELM - NSBS
Sept. 17	Daniel Head, CSI	14	MUN
Sept. 17, Oct. 9	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	6, 2	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Oct. 3	Cape Sable, CSI	1	BJS, SIS
Oct. 12	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 14	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	7	ELM
Oct. 22	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	12	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	5	FLL, DAM
Nov. 5 & 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Nov. 18 & 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	2, 1	SJF
Sanderling			
Aug. 1, 21; Sept. 18	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	7, 90, 144	SJF
Aug. 10 & 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	75, 60	LIT
Aug. 12, Sept. 6	Cape Sable, CSI	800±, 900±	BJS, SIS

Aug. 15	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1, banded	KJM
Aug. 24 & 27	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	numerous	JOA
Aug. 29; Oct. 29	Martinique, <i>HRM</i>	89; 35	SEM, ROH, LHA
Aug. 23	Sand Hills Beach PP, <i>Shel.</i>	20+	JOA
Sept. 3	Conrad Beach, <i>HRM</i>	10	DMW
Sept. 4	Seal I.	73	var. obs.
Sept. 9-Nov. 13	Sable I.	500+, in groups	20-250 ZOL
Sept. 15; Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	40; 50	RHL, FLL, DAM
Sept. 16	CSI	5000	MUN
Sept. 30; Oct. 12	Cole Harbour Trail, <i>HRM</i>	56, 82	SEM
Oct. 3, Nov. 1	Cape Sable, CSI	2520±, 750±	BJS, SIS
Oct. 24	Waterside Beach PP, <i>Pict.</i>	80	KJM
Oct. 27	Crescent Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	62	JSC, JAH
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	15	WMA
Nov. 2 & 12	Crystal Crescent PP, <i>HRM</i>	2, 9	HAT
Nov. 4	Conrad Beach, <i>HRM</i>	32	BLM, SMB <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 13	Linden & Northport, <i>Cum.</i>	27, 40	KJM, TOK, RFL
Nov. 26	CSI	35	BJS, SIS
Nov. 28	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	3	DJC
September-November	Sable I.	500+	ZOL
peep species			
Aug. 1	Penney Beach, <i>Kings</i>	4-5000	JCT
Aug. 1	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	8-9000	JCT
Aug. 12	Starr's Pt. mudflats, <i>Kings</i>	5000±	JCT
Aug. 20	Avonport-Penney Beaches, <i>Kings</i>	2500±	JCT
Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM
Nov. 11	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
Aug. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	35	JCT
Aug. 1 & 14	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	135, 250	SJF
Aug. 4, 12 & 25	Cape Sable, CSI	3900, 5400, 2100	BJS, SIS
Aug. 6 & 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	300, 270	SEM
Aug. 10; Sept. 3	Pond Cove, Brier I.	210; 200	LIT, SEM
Aug. 12 & 20	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	15,000±; 37,000	JCT, FLL <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 15	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	300+	KJM
Aug. 21 & 28	BPI	150, 74	TMF
Aug. 21, Sept. 10	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	100, 80	FLL, RIH <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 26, Sept. 10	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	296, 127	SEM
Sept. 2 & 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	224, 19	SJF
Sept. 6, Oct. 3	Cape Sable, CSI	2850, 590	BJS, SIS
Sept. 17	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	88	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Sept. 30	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	25	SEM
Oct. 1	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	54	SEM
Oct. 17-Nov. 1	7 locations, widespread	12 total	var. obs.
Nov. 9	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	K. Gigeroff
WESTERN SANDPIPER			
Oct. 3	CSI	1	BJS, SIS
Nov. 5	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 ad., basic	ELM, IAM



The first of several **BLACK-NECKED STILTS** appearing after "Wilma" was this ad. male Oct. 28 on Seal I. Note also the **LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER** immediately to its left, and at extreme left a **STILT SANDPIPER** in full Basic (winter) plumage. [Photo Michael Bentley]

Nov. 7	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Nov. 1 & 3	CSI	8	JON, SAN, MUN
Nov. 9-11	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1 (photo)	BES, GEC, CAM, ALM	Nov. 4	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM, SMB, V. Scott
Least Sandpiper				Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	6	SEM
Aug. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	JCT	Nov. 6	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM
Aug. 1 & 14	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	32, 86	SJF	Nov. 13	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV, J. O'Brien
Aug. 4, 12 & 25	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	175, 200+, 237+	BJS, SIS	Purple Sandpiper			
Aug. 10	Pond Cove, Brier I.	20	LIT	Oct. 22	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Aug. 14	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	37	KJM	Oct. 27	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Aug. 15	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	70	KJM	Nov. 23	Chance Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Aug. 17 & 21, Sept. 7	BPI	100, 60, 22	TMF	Nov. 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Aug. 20	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	5000	FLL, M. & A. Almon	Dunlin			
Aug. 20, Sept. 10	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	122, 5	SEM	Aug. 7 & 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	5, 14	LIT
Aug. 21, Sept. 18	Cole Harbour Trail, <i>HRM</i>	58, 41	SEM	Aug. 12	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	2	JCT
Aug. 21, Sept. 10	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	50, 10	FLL, RIH <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 25	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	6	BJS, SIS
Aug. 25; Sept. 6	Pond Cove, Brier I.	125+; 70	LAL; ELM	Aug. 28	BPI	12	TMF
Oct. 3	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	17	BJS, SIS	Sept. 4	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	AAM, RBS, BLF
Oct. 27	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Sept. 15, Oct. 12	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	2, 19	SJF
Oct. 29	Beach Meadows, <i>Queens</i>	3	JAH, D. Poole	Sept. 16	CSI	200	MUN
Nov. 3	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	Sept. 30, Oct. 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	91, 254	SEM
Nov. 8	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF	Oct.	Sable I.	groups of 1-15	ZOL
White-rumped Sandpiper				Oct. 3, Nov. 1	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	500+, 750+	BJS, SIS
Aug. 1, Sept. 2, Oct. 12	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	2, 18, 38	SJF	Oct. 14 & 22	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	120, 50+	ELM; RBS <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 4 & 25, Sept. 6	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	24, 11, 5	BJS, SIS	Oct. 22	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	105	M. Cameron-MacMillan
Aug. 6 & 21, Sept. 30	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	6, 64, 8	SEM	Nov. 13	Sable I.	23	ZOL
Aug. 10 & 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	47, 17	LIT	Nov. 19	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1	JOK
Aug. 12	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	20+	JCT	Nov. 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	2	SJF
Aug. 13, Sept. 10	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	20+, 21	SEM	Nov. 26	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	22	SEM
Aug. 20	Evangeline Beach, <i>Kings</i>	250	FLL	Nov. 27	Melbourne, <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN
August-September	4 locations, widespread	30 total	var. obs.	Stilt Sandpiper			
Sept. 17	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	58	M. Cameron-MacMillan	Aug. 18, Sept. 6	CSI	4	JON, MUN, BJS, SIS
Oct. 16	The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	250	MUN	Aug. 20	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	juv.	SEM
Oct. 22	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2	RBS <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 5	Seal I.	juv.	FLL, HAT
Oct. 23	Grand Desert, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU	Sept. 6	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2	ELM
Oct. 24	Waterside Beach PP, <i>Pict.</i>	8	KJM	Sept. 12	West Lawrencetown marsh, <i>HRM</i>	juv.	BLM
Oct. 27	Crescent Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	4	JAH	Oct. 26 & 27	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1 & 2, basic	ELM
Oct. 29	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	7	D. Whitaker	Oct. 27	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	2 ads.	FLL, M. Bentley
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	6	WMA	Oct. 27-Nov. 4	Dublin Shore, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
Oct. 29	CSI	25	BLM	Oct. 27-28; Nov. 3	The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	6, 8	JON, MUN
Nov. 5	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 ad., basic	ELM, IAM	Oct. 28	Seal I.	1 (photo)	LL, IAM, M. Bentley
Nov. 11	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	3 juvs.	ELM	Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	6	WMA
Nov. 11	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK	Nov. 3-4	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	5	JAH, DAW
Nov. 13	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF	Nov. 4-26	Conrad's I., Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1, basic	ELM
Baird's Sandpiper				Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	3	SEM
Aug. 6 & 18	CSI	1	MUN	Nov. 5 & 12	Melbourne Rd., <i>Yar.</i>	2	R. Smith; MUN
Aug. 7	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD	Nov. 6	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Aug. 10 & 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	9, 2	LIT	Nov. 7	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	2	JOK, LHA, ROH
Aug. 19-21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 11	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	2 juvs.	SEM
Aug. 19 & 28	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	2	SJF; ELM, NSBS	Nov. 27	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Aug. 26	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	juv.	SEM	Buff-breasted Sandpiper			
Aug. 26 & Sept. 3	Conrad Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM; DMW	Aug. 10 & 23	Pond Cove, Brier I.	3-5, 8	LIT
Aug. 29	Martinique, <i>HRM</i>	2 juvs.	SEM	Aug. 18 & 25	Brier I.	1, 3	LAL, PAC, ADL
Sept. 2	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	Aug. 19, 21; Aug. 28	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	3	SJF; ELM, NSBS
Sept. 10	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 ad.	FLL <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 26	Conrad Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 5	Pennant Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 (photo)	HAT	Aug. 27	CSI	3	MUN
Nov. 5	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1 ad., basic	ELM, IAM	Aug. 27	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	1	JOA
Nov. 9	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Sept. 3 & 6-7	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1	SEM; ELM
Nov. ?	Jersey Cove Beach, <i>Vic.</i>	juv. - check	BSK	Sept. 3	near Cape Light, <i>CSI</i>	8	JON (<i>fide</i> MUN)
Pectoral Sandpiper				Sept. 9-10	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2 arrivals	ELM, AHM
August-September	7 locations, widespread	singles	var. obs.	Sept. 21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
Aug.	Sable I.	8±	ZOL	Sept. 25	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC, DBM
Aug. 2 & 10	Pond Cove, Brier I.	8, 3	LIT	Oct. 31 & Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS, CDS; SEM
Aug. 5	CSI	6	MUN	dowitcher species			
Aug. 12 & 25, Sept. 6	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	2, 5, 1	BJS, SIS	Aug. 2	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	100	JWW
Sept. 18 & 30, Oct. 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	19, 9, 3	SEM	Short-billed Dowitcher			
Sept. 24	Sydney airport, <i>CBRM</i>	20	DBM, NSBS	Aug.	Sable I.	groups of 2-10	ZOL
Oct. 1-3	3 locations, widespread	6 total	var. obs.	Aug. 1	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	47	JCT
Oct. 3	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	63	BJS, SIS	Aug. 1, 13 & 26	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	840, 290+, 70	SEM
Oct. 9 & 22	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	2	M. Cameron-MacMillan	Aug. 1, 19; Sept. 2	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	11, 20, 30	SJF
Oct. 12	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	9	SJF	Aug. 4 & 25	Cape Sable, <i>CSI</i>	3600, 1080	BJS, SIS
Oct. 14	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	6	ELM	Aug. 6 & 21	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	1030, 227	SEM
Oct. 21	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Aug. 10, 15 & 24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	175, 77 & 140	LIT, JUS, LAL
Oct. 29	New Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	6	KJM	August-mid-September	7 locations, widespread	less than 30	var. obs.
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	9	FLL, DAM	Sept. 6 & 16	CSI	197, 200	BJS, SIS; MUN
				Sept. 9	Sable I.	6	ZOL

Sept. 17, Oct. 9	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	49, 2	M. Cameron-MacMillan	Wilson's Snipe			
Sept. 30	Cole Hbr. Trail, <i>HRM</i>	2 juv.	SEM	Aug. 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 9	BPI	3	TMF	Sept. 6	BPI	1	TMF
Oct. 27	Daniel Head, CSI	some	ELM	Sept. 28	Seal I.	2	TMF
Nov. 3 & 4	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JAH, DAW	Oct. 3	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Nov. 6	Cape St. Marys, <i>Digby</i>	3	RHL	Oct. 3, 17 & 27	BPI	1, 8, 4	TMF
LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER				Oct. 16 & Nov. 6	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2, 1	FLL <i>et al.</i> ; AGH
Oct. 12	The Hawk, CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 27	Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 26-27	Dublin Shore, <i>Lun.</i>	1 juv.	ELM	Nov. 8	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Oct. 27	Lower Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROH	Nov. 9	Liverpool Golf Course, <i>Lun.</i>	2	J. Loch
Oct. 28	Beach Meadows, <i>Lun.</i>	1	D. Poole (<i>vide</i> JAH)	Nov. 16	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1 (photo)	HAT
Oct. 27, 28 & 29	CSI	3, 4, 11	ELM, MUN; JON; BLM	American Woodcock			
Oct. 28	Seal I.	8 (photo)	IAM, FLL, M. Bentley	Aug. 17	Brier I.	1	LAL
Oct. 29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	4	TOK, KJM	Sept. 3	Seal I.	1	HAT
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	6	WMA	Wilson's Phalarope			
Oct. 30	Mavillette Beach, <i>Digby</i>	2	MUN	Aug. 19	The Hawk, CSI	2	MUN
Oct. 31; Nov. 12	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	6, 3	FLL, DAM; TEP	Sept. 6-16	The Hawk, CSI	1	MUN, JON
Oct. 31	Glace Bay Bird Sanctuary, <i>CBRM</i>	1, + 4 dow. sp.	BES, GEC	Sept. 10	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1 ad., basic	SEM
Nov. 4-30	Conrads I., Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	6, then 5	ELM	Red-necked Phalarope			
Nov. 5 & 17-18	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2, 1 basic	ELM, IAM, AHM	Sept. 3 & 6	off Brier I.	300	SEM; LAL, PAC, ADL
Nov. 7	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	5, + 15 dow. sp.	AAM	Sept. 8	off Brier I.	500	ELM
Nov. 7, 13 & 19	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	8, 11, 22	JOK, ROH, LHA <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 13	West Ponds, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Nov. 7, 12 & 17	Melbourne Rd., <i>Yar.</i>	13; 9, 12	PRG; MUN	Oct. 1	off Brier I.	5	FLL, NSBS
Nov. 8, 13 & 26	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	7, 8, 2	SJF	Red Phalarope			
Nov. 13 Tufts Cove, <i>HRM</i>		1	DAC, AZV, J. O'Brien	Sept. 3	off Brier I.	3000	SEM
Nov. 13-14	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	4 (photo)	JOK; KJM, GMU	Sept. 6	off Brier I.	1000	LAL, PAC, ADL
Nov. 23	Annapolis Royal, <i>Anna.</i>	6	ELM, IAM	Sept. 8	off Brier I.	50,000	ELM
Nov. 27	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	20	RFL, NSBS	Oct. 1	off Brier I.	250	FLL, NSBS

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Skuas through Alcids

By Eric Mills

ZOL reported, without comment, the nesting this summer of a pair of LAUGHING GULLS near the west ponds on Sable Island. This species nested once on the Province's Eastern Shore (see Robie Tufts' account in *The Birds of Nova Scotia*) but was extirpated or left after about 1941. It was rediscovered nesting, but on Sable I., in 2001 (see S. Taylor, I. McLaren & K. Dillon, 2001. *Birding Journal* 11 (2): 58-60 on this and other aspects of the species status in the Maritimes and New England). Certainly the number of spring records documented below suggests that the status of this attractive gull is changing in Nova Scotia.

Another nesting record is also of exceptional interest. During a field trip to Pearl I., *Lun.*, July 17, BLM found at least five nests of BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKES, apparently the southernmost in the Province and only a little north of the southernmost in Canada, on The Wolves, near Grand Manan, NB.

A lone adult SABINE'S GULL resting on the sea off Hirtles Beach, *Lun.*, July 31 was carefully described by PMA.

Evidence is incomplete at the moment, but it appears that tern colonies in several areas had a bad season, including those (with a few ROSEATES and many COMMONS) in Mahone Bay, which failed completely for reasons unknown. Elsewhere, BLF commented that a Common at a lake in inland Kings June 11-13 was the first he had seen there in forty years of visits. TOK noted the scarcity of Roseate Terns in the Canso area this summer. From West Pubnico, Ted d'Eon reports that there were 68 Roseate Tern nests among the 445 tern nests on North Brother, and nineteen Roseate chicks were banded. A hybrid Roseate/Common chick was photographed, but not banded.

A small tern seen fleetingly at Canso June 21-22 appears to have been a LEAST TERN, and another was found and photographed at The Guzzle, CSI, July 24.

Twelve THICK-BILLED MURRES reported from Bedford Basin July 3, where they were seen at very close range from a sailboat, would be unusual in any Nova Scotian area in summer. The group declined throughout July and none were seen after the end of the month. □

Laughing Gull

May 30-July 31	W ponds, Sable I.	2 ad., nesting	ZOL
June 1-30	W ponds, Sable I.	1 imm.	ZOL
June 2	Off Brier I.	1	Shelley Barnaby
June 10	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1 - 2 nd yr	DJC
June 17	Grassy I., Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1 imm.	TOK
June 19	Daniels Hd., CSI	1 - 1 st summer	MUN
June 19	West Hd., CSI	1	MUN
June 21	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1 ad.	DJC
July 3	The Hawk, CSI	1 ad.	MUN

Black-headed Gull

June 6-July 23	W ponds, Sable I.	1 imm.	ZOL
Bonaparte's Gull			
July 5	Conrads Beach, <i>HRM.</i>	1 imm.	FLL
July 10	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	2 ads.	KJM
July 22	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	4 in alt.	SJF
July 24	Lawrencetown R., <i>HRM</i>	6	DOU
Ring-billed Gull			
July 4	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	2 ads.	DJC
July 19	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1 ad.	DJC

Iceland Gull

June 5 New Waterford, *CBRM* 1 imm. DBM
 June 5 W ponds, Sable I. 1 imm. ZOL

Glaucous Gull

April - mid-July W Spit, Sable I. 1 imm. ZOL
 June 2 Arisaig, *Ant.* 1 - 1st summer JOK

Black-legged Kittiwake

July 17 Pearl I., *Lun.* 5-6 pairs, nests BLM
 July 29 Off Brier I. 1 ad. ELM

SABINE'S GULL

July 31 Hirtles Beach, *Lun.* 1 ad. PMA

Caspian Tern

June 3 Daniels Hd., CSI 1 *fide* MUN
 June 5 Pt. Michaud, *Rich.* 1 WMA
 June 18 APBS ? CIC
 July 5 Pictou, *Pict.* 2 *fide* KJM
 July 16/24 Lawrencetown R., *HRM* 1 DOU

Roseate Tern

June 19 The Hawk, CSI "A few" MUN
 July 18 Canso Hbr., *Guys.* 1 TOK

Common Tern

June-July Conrads marsh, *HRM* 1-4 DMW
 June 2 Off Brier I. ? Shelley Barnaby
 June 11-13 Black River L., *Kings* 1 BLF
 June 17 Conrads Beach, *HRM* 1 pair RHL
 June 22 Drain L., *HRM* 1 JCT
 July 6 Canso Hbr., *Guys.* 38 nesting TOK
 July 10 Big I., *Pict.* 2 KJM

July 20 Sandy Bottom L., *Anna.* 1 MCR
 July 21 Canso Hbr., *Guys.* 6-7 remaining TOK
 July 25-30 Brier I. A few ads., no juv. ELM

Arctic Tern

July 21 NE of Canso, *Guys.* "A few" nesting TOK
 July 23 Conrads marsh, *HRM* 2 DMW
 July 28 Peters I., Brier I. 1 ad. ELM

LEAST TERN

June 21-22 Canso, *Guys.* 1 ad.? TOK
 July 24 The Guzzle, CSI 1 JON, MUN

Black Tern

June 18 APBS ? CIC
 July 8-29 W ponds, Sable I. 1 ZOL

Common Murre

June 1 Daniels Head, CSI 1 MUN
 June 2 Off Brier I. ? Shelley Barnaby

Thick-billed Murre

July 3 Bedford Basin, *HRM* 12 GDE

Razorbill

June 1 Off Brier I. 2 Shelley Barnaby
 ca. July 15 Pearl I., *Lun.* 4-5 Meaghan Jankowski

Black Guillemot

June 23 Delaps Cove, *Anna.* 2 JAH

Atlantic Puffin

June 2 Off Brier I. ? Shelley Barnaby
 ca. July 14 Mud I., *Yar.* 75+ nesting *fide* MUN
 July 17 Pearl I., *Lun.* 75+ BLM

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Nowhere was "Wilma" more dramatic than on Sable I., where large numbers of southern or unseasonable gulls and terns appeared soon after its passage. These were predominantly Common Terns, but if you look closely you can see Forster's Terns and Laughing Gulls. [Photo Zoe Lucas]

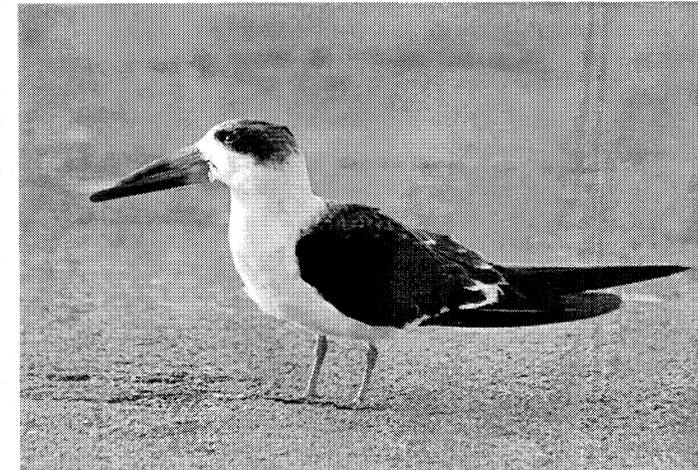
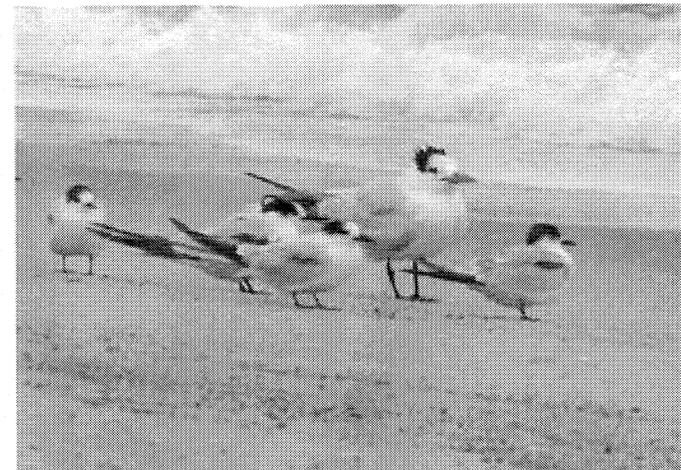


The only GULL-BILLED TERN identified and beautifully photographed among many "Wilma" seabirds was at Port Morien, Oct. 30. [Photo Cathy Murrant]



After "Wilma," CASPIAN TERNS appeared in good numbers along coastal *CBRM*, where this one was photographed Oct. 30. [Photo Cathy Murrant]

LAUGHING GULLS were the most common seabirds in “Wilma”, with a few FRANKLIN’S GULLS sprinkled among them. The trio (A) at Hartlen Pt., HRM, Nov. 6, consisted of two smaller-bodied, smaller-billed, and more hooded Franklin’s compared with their companion Laughing Gull [Photo Blake Maybank]. Some displaced Laughing Gulls, like this one (B) Nov. 5 in Halifax, sat around awaiting handouts, as they do on Florida beaches in winter [Photo Ann Morrison]. Two flight shots (C&D) taken at Eastern Passage, HRM, Oct. 27, show the banded, rather than all-black, tail, and broader white wing margin of the Franklin’s Gull [Photos Bernard Burke].



Not many ROYAL TERNs were delivered by “Wilma”, and this one on Sable I. Oct. 29 was apparently the only one photographed. [Photo Zoe Lucas]

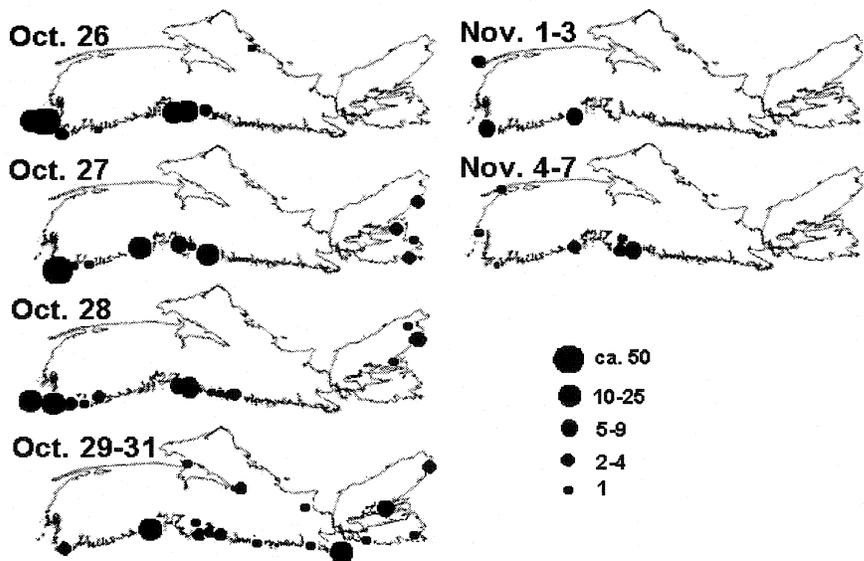
A “Wilma” prize for birders was the biggest Hurricane delivery of BLACK SKIMMERS since “Gladys” in Oct. 1968. This one obliged observers for days at the docks of Shearwater military base, Dartmouth, and was beautifully photographed there Nov. 1. [Photo Cindy Creighton]

Doves Through Woodpeckers

By Ian McLaren

Mostly ignored was the ubiquitous ROCK PIGEON. A banded RINGED TURTLE DOVE on Seal I. early to mid-August (Andrew Penny *et al.*) was clearly an escapee from a cage or aviary. We've come to expect WHITE-WINGED DOVES at TOK's Canso feeders, but **three** were unprecedented. The lingering Canso individual Nov. 19 was bedraggled from an apparent encounter with a predator but seemed in fair condition. The late arrival at Portuguese Cove, HRM (HAT), brings our historical provincial total to 35. MOURNING DOVES were in expected numbers, and there were no unusual reports.

Most of the few BLACK-BILLED CUCKOOS sightings were not detailed. YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOOS, following the early one on CSI, began appearing as expected in October. Then came Hurricane Wilma's totally unprecedented incursion. Most of our "reverse migrants" in fall have probably begun by following cold fronts off SE USA, intending to ride anticyclonic airflow to the south that normally impels them to Central or S. America. However, those "overshooting" the front may get caught up the warm sector beyond, and instead get carried in strong SW flow to Atlantic Canada, and occasionally beyond to Europe. In mid-October, a posting on an international bird chat group reported a large arrival of Yellow-billed Cuckoos on Curacao, off Venezuela. The exhausted birds weighed only about **half** as much as they would have in N. America! Thus birds attempting to cross the Caribbean at this season are expected to arrive here in very poor condition. We have detailed the general features and consequences of "Wilma" in the introductory section of this issue. Total tallies in NS, probably including resightings, were of the order of 350 (see tabulation), but there must have been at least many more hundreds in the province. Because of the many reports, they are summarized in map form below. Some counts at this scale reflect combined reports by several observers within the areas covered by the dots. Also, some liberties have been taken. For example, 12 live and 21 dead (all apparently hawk-killed) birds around the perimeter of Seal I. Oct. 28 (IAM *et al.*) are assumed to have arrived with the large numbers (50+) found on BPI Oct. 26.



The mapped distributions of sightings in time and space are informative. Early sightings were almost all along the South Shore and in HRM. This pattern suggests that most of these night-migrants left the hurricane's eye during evening of Oct. 26, which would have flung them ashore in the more southerly parts of the province (see "Wilma" track in the introduction to the season). By later October, more appeared in the NE of the province (and were not seen before Oct. 29 on Sable I.). Did these birds depart the eye next night, and perhaps arrive in part from the Gulf region S. Newfoundland? By early November, the dwindled numbers appeared largely along the coasts of the mainland. With numbers of moribund and dead birds reported in NS, and presumably many more lost at sea. "Wilma" might have had a serious impact on this possibly threatened species (a highly significant trend of -1.73 per year from the combined NA BBSs). Large numbers more sensibly dropped off at Bermuda, where they seem to be surviving quite well. Interestingly, none reached the Azores and Europe, although many swifts did (see below). The many observers contributing data for the above maps (and the ones below for swifts) included the following: the ABO, AGH, ANH, BBU, BES, BLM, CAH, CAM, CIC, CSS, DAC, DAM, DBM, DOU, ELM, FLL, GEC, GED, IAM, JAH, JON, JOW, JSC, Jukka Jantunen, KJM, Kjer Grigeroff, MUN, PLC, RFL, TEP, ZOL.

Tantalizing indeed was a possible MANGROVE CUCKOO as reported by SEM:

"Del Hancock ... at Pt. Michaud [Rich.] saw a cuckoo on [Oct. 29] that resembled a Yellow-billed Cuckoo (one of which she saw the same day), except that it had a strong facial mask 'covering its eyes like a bandit's mask' and a pinkish belly. Weldon

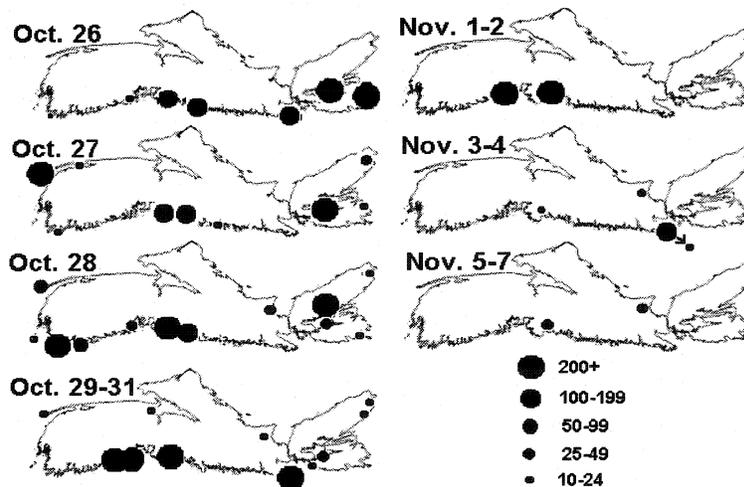
[McPhail, on the same day] saw ... what was probably the same cuckoo in l'Ardoise [5-6 km distant] as it flew across the road within 15 ft. of his truck. He noted a definite black mask and large white tail spots."

It is true that the ad. Yellow-billed Cuckoo can appear somewhat masked, but the first description certainly seems convincing, and the occurrence after "Wilma" may add plausibility. There are two earlier sight reports from NS (one in June 1957, the other in fall 1963, listed in Evelyn Richardson's 1965 *Living Island*, Ryerson, Toronto), and another near Rimouski, QC, October 1991. However, without a specimen or photograph these earlier sightings have not been included on provincial or Canadian lists.

A belated July report of a GREAT HORNED OWL fledging comes from Ingonish, CBHNP (C. Johnston); they were otherwise little reported. The SNOWY OWL at the Cape, CSI, Nov. 13 "looked like a new one" (MUN), but was presumably the newly moulted one that had summered there. One wonders if the bird appearing Sept. 23 in *Victoria* had also summered regionally. Although BARRED OWLS don't usually "screech" like Horned or Long-eared, Jeannie Shermerhorn observed and heard one doing so Nov. 12.

Following late-July gatherings (last issue), COMMON NIGHTHAWKS did not peak until after mid-August. Was the late one on CSI a hurricane victim? The three post-"Wilma" goatsuckers at Hunts Pt., *Queens*, reported to but not seen by JAH, were thought not to have been nighthawks. Photos or specimens might have been interesting.

During August, numerous CHIMNEY SWIFTS were in New Glasgow and at a newly discovered roost in *Digby*, but paltry numbers were in Wolfville, where they were not using the traditional chimney. Few fall migrants were reported, but "Wilma" brought masses. At this time of year, the swifts cross the Gulf of Mexico, and clearly they were caught up in huge numbers. The total reported in NS must have been in excess of 2,000. (For this estimate and for the maps below, reports of "hundreds" were taken as 300, of "many" as 50-99, "100+" as 100-199, and attempts were made to eliminate repeats. Reports of fewer than 10 are not mapped.)

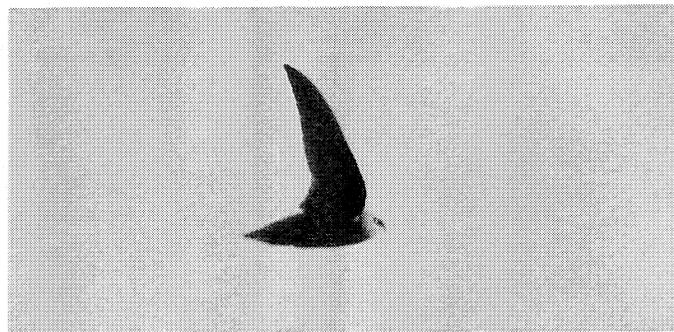


Contrary to the patterns of distribution for the cuckoos, the largest swift concentrations appeared first in CB, Canso and *HRM*, and later mostly in *HRM* and along the South Shore, and reached well-watched Brier I. only the day after "Wilma's" passage. These swifts are day-migrants, and the pattern suggests that they may have delayed departure from the eye of the hurricane until early Oct. 26, when they would have been flung ashore northeast of the major cuckoo landfalls. During the night of Oct. 26-27, hundreds roosted on a house and a nearby tree near Red Is., on L. Bras D'Or, *Rich.* (see the extraordinary photo by Janice Fennell of some still present next day). The subsequent build-up along the mainland coast suggests that some immediately headed SW, hopefully with some success. Later, most seen by day were foraging or in transient flocks. Large chimney roosts were: about 300 in Baddeck Oct. 28 (Dan Banks), 400 that day at Blanche, *Shel.*, 300 of which were asphyxiated at night; 400 at a church in Dartmouth Oct. 28-Nov. 2 (when the furnace was turned on, also with possibly fatal results); and 100+ at the Liverpool courthouse Oct. 30-Nov. 2. They seemed harder than the cuckoos, as indicated by flocks to at least late November, and by the numbers that reached the Azores and Europe. The western Vaux's Swift winters in Central America, including Yucatan, and some tuned up after the hurricane on Bermuda. Some looked for them here, without success; most flocks were too active for easy study.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS arrived in numbers at some gardens in mid-August, mostly fem.-plumaged as usual. The tabulations of those reported as last seen reflect the usual September departures. Some of the exceptionally late ones, especially those appearing in *Victoria* after the hurricane, might have borne closer scrutiny.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKERS were more regular in past autumns. They are decreasing in their normal range, and possibly being replaced (displaced?) by RED-BELLIED WOODPECKERS. Although apparently only one pair of the latter was tracked through summer (Jollimore, Halifax, with no successful nest – FCG), they appeared in some of the usual places in November. Were they summering or breeding locally? As usual, nothing can be made of reports of our resident woodpeckers; the CBCs will give us a fix on numbers. Most migrant YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKERS were recorded just prior to “Wilma” in late October, a “flock” of 12+ at Yarmouth Light Oct. 22 (MUN) being particularly unusual. Worth noting was a DOWNY sipping at a hummingbird feeder at Bear R., *Ann.*, during August (*fide* JET). NORTHERN FLICKERS were clearly on the move in September, but numbers were still on Seal I. after “Wilma.”²

White-winged Dove				Nov. 1	Hunts Pt., <i>Queens</i>	3	<i>fide</i> JAH
Oct. 19-25-Nov. 3	Canso	2 at feeder	TOK	Common Nighthawk			
Nov. 2-30+	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1 at feeder	HAT	June 15	Sable I.	1 late migrant	ZOL
Nov. 13-30+	Canso	1 diff. at feeder	TOK	Aug. 6	Bear R., <i>Digby</i>	12	JET
Mourning Dove				Aug. 12	Kingston	1 chased by swifts	JOB
August-November	Widely	usual feeder incr.	var. obs.	Aug. 14	Spryfield, Halifax	5	FLL
Oct. 28	Seal I.	14 migrants	Michael Bentley, FLL, IAM	Aug. 14	Kentville	ca. 20	RBS
Black-billed Cuckoo				Aug. 23	Canning area, <i>Kings</i>	30	Glenys Gibson
Sept. 3	Seal I.	1	var. obs.	Aug. 26	Lr. Eel Brook, <i>Yar.</i>	3	PRG
Oct. 10	CSI	1	MUN	Aug. 26	Kingston area	14	JOB
Oct. 28-29	CSI	2	MUN <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 27	Greenwich, <i>Kings</i>	12-15	PLC
Oct. 29	<i>Lunenburg</i>	1	NSN	Sept. 3	Halifax	12	ANM
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	1	GED	Oct. 26	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 30	Glace Bay	1	AAM, BES, CAM, GEC	Chimney Swift			
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Aug. 1-17	House chimney, Kingston	up to 14	JOB
Sept. 12	CSI	1	JON, MUN	Aug. 6	Church, St. Bernard, <i>Digby</i>	215-225	JET, G. Proulx, S. Zinn
Sept. 28	Seal I.	2	ABO	Aug. 10-22	Wolfville	0 to 2	JET, JWW
Oct. 1	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM	Aug. 17	New Glasgow	200	KJM
Oct. 3	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	Aug. 27	Wolfville	20	<i>fide</i> JWW
Oct. 5	Seal I.	1	ABO	Sept. 24	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	10	NSBS
Oct. 9	Granton, <i>Pict.</i>	1 injured	<i>fide</i> HAB	Oct. 1	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM
Oct. 9	Sporting Mt., <i>Rich.</i>	1	GED	Oct. 26	Widely, see map above	400+	var. obs.
Oct. 10	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 27	Widely, see map above	500+	var. obs.
Oct. 14-18	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	FLL, TEP, IAM	Oct. 28	Widely, see map above	1000+	var. obs.
Oct. 22	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2	CIC, CLS, FLL	Oct. 29-31	Widely, see map above	750+	var. obs.
Oct. 22	Baddeck Inlet, <i>Vic.</i>	1	Jack MacKillip	Nov. 1-7	Widely, see map above	950+	var. obs.
Oct. 23	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	CSS, FLL	Nov. 11	Harlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	var. obs.
Oct. 26	BPI	ca. 50	ABO	Nov. 11	Sable I.	3	ZOL
Oct. 26	widely, see map above	ca. 85	var. obs.	Nov. 11	Canso Causeway	4	RFL
Oct. 27	<i>HRM</i> , see map above	ca. 35	var. obs.	Nov. 12	New Glasgow	4	KJM
Oct. 27	CSI, see map above	45+	MUN <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 13	Herring Cove, <i>HRM</i>	30-40	DAC <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 27	<i>Lunenburg</i> , see map above	16	JAH, var. obs.	Nov. 13	Lockeport	2	<i>fide</i> DJC
Oct. 28-Nov. 7	widely, see map above	ca. 110	var. obs.	Nov. 17	Cooks Cove, <i>Guys.</i>	10	RFL
Oct. 29	Sable I.	11	ZOL	Nov. 24	New Glasgow	4	NSBS
Nov. 10	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	“Some”	Sheldon Lambert	Nov. 23	Point Pleasant Pk., Halifax	10	Phyllis Bryson
Nov. 11	Dartmouth 1	Kier Gigeroff		Nov. 24	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	12	HAT
Nov. 13	Seafoam, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM	Nov. 27	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	45	DAC, FLL <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 13	Deep Brook, <i>Ann.</i>	1 recently dead	<i>fide</i> SHH	Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
Nov. 17	W. Berlin, <i>Lun.</i>	1 recently dead	JAH	August	widely	1's, 2's	var. obs.
Nov. 17	Brier I.	1	ELM	Sept. 3-4	Seal I.	3-4 migrants	var. obs.
Great Horned Owl				Sept. 7	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	latest	RFL, MZG
Aug. 9	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1 (1 st in 3 years)	ALD	Sept. 8	Wolfville Ridge	latest	JCT
Nov. 18	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Sept. 14	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	latest	SLH
October-November	Brier I.	2	var. obs.	Sept. 19	Three-Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	latest	SEM
Snowy Owl				Sept. 20	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	latest	KHM
August-November	CSI	1	MUN, var. obs.	Oct. 21-23	Lockeport	fem.	DJC
Sept. 23-Nov.	River Bennett, <i>Vic.</i>	1	G. MacInnis, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 26	Baddeck, <i>Vic.</i>	1	Jack Stevens
ca. Nov. 28	“Rafuse Dyke”, <i>Kings</i>	1	Robbie Harrison				
Nov. 29	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	HAB, JEB				
Northern Hawk Owl							
Nov. 4	Spanish Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	1	MZG, Vera Goring				
Barred Owl							
July-November	widely, especially CB	1-2	var. obs.				
Long-eared Owl							
Sept. 7-10	Brier I.	2 calling	ELM, AHM				
Sept. 30	Brier I.	3 calling	FLL, JAH				
mid-October, November	N. River Bridge, <i>Vic.</i>	heard regularly	D. Laffen				
Oct. 22	Big Baddeck, <i>Vic.</i>	1	Dan Banks				
Short-eared Owl							
Through season	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1-2	ALD, <i>et al.</i>				
Sept. 8	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1 dead	ALD				
Sept. 23	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	3	HAT				
Northern Saw-whet Owl							
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Brier I.	15	FLL, JAH, <i>et al.</i>				
Goatsucker sp?							



This CHIMNEY SWIFT, lingering a month after “Wilma”, was in hyperactive flight over Portuguese Cove in late November. [Photo Hans Toom]

Nov. 8	Baddeck, <i>Vic.</i>	1	Norma Zeigler	Oct. 21	Portuguese Cove area, <i>HRM</i>	3	IAM
Nov. 8	Big Hbr., <i>Vic.</i>	1	<i>fide</i> Dan Banks	Oct. 22	ditto and Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	6	CIC, CLS, FLL
Belted Kingfisher				Oct. 22	Yarmouth Light	12+ migrants	MUN
August-November	widely	1's, 2's	sev. reports	Oct. 22	CSI	3	JAH
Red-headed Woodpecker				Oct. 22-24	Brier I.	4 (2 ads.)	ELM
Oct. 4	BPI	1	ABO	Oct. 29	North Mt., <i>Kings</i>	1	CSM
Nov. 14	Granville Centre, <i>Ann.</i>	ad.	Harold Moran	Downy Woodpecker			
Red-bellied Woodpecker				July 23	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1 young	KFS
August-November	Jollimore, Halifax	pair	FCG	August-November	widely resident	1-3	sev. reports
Nov. 5	S. end Halifax	1	D. Hamilton	Oct. 17	Brier I. (unusual)	2	ELM
Nov. 7-30	Mahone Bay	1	JOA	Hairy Woodpecker			
Nov. 12-13	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	1	Ken MacAuley	August-November	widely resident	1's, 2's	var. obs.
Nov. 13	Kentville	1	RBS	Black-backed Woodpecker			
Nov. 14	Pt. Pleas. Pk., Halifax	male	ANM	July (date?)	Old Margaree Rd., <i>Vic.</i>	young fledged.	<i>fide</i> BSK
Nov. 16-30	Whites Lake, <i>HRM</i>	imm. fem.	BLM	Aug. 29	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	3	KJM
Nov. 20-30	Birch Cove, Dartmouth	fem.	var. obs.	Nov. 9	Whites Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	1	John Loch
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				Northern Flicker			
Aug. 15	S. Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK	August-November	widely	1's, 2's	sev. reports
Oct. 1-2	Brier I.	2	FLL, NSBS	Sept. 5	Seal I.	2	var. obs.
Oct. 3	Brier I.	8	FLL, NSBS	Sept. 6	Brier I.	20	ELM
Oct. 4	New Salem, <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Sept. 18	Apple R.-Joggins, <i>Cum.</i>	30+	KFS
Oct. 9	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Oct. 3	Brier I.	50+	DAM, FLL
Oct. 9	Jollimore, Halifax	juv.	PLC	Oct. 28	Seal I.	34	IAM <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 7-11	Dartmouth	6	Kier Gigeroff	Pileated Woodpecker			
Oct. 17	CSI	1	MUN	June-July	Widely	1's, 2's	6 reports
Oct. 18	Little Flat I., CSI	6	MUN			□□□	

Flycatchers through Thrushes

By Hans Toom

The participants of the NSBS field trip to Hartlen Pt., *HRM*, Sept. 10 were treated to a rare sighting of an ACADIAN FLYCATCHER. This species has appeared historically on Brier and Seal Is. so a sighting this far north and observed by so many people was special. *Empidonax* flycatchers can be difficult to separate especially at a distance in the fall when the diagnostic song is usually not given but fortunately this bird was photographed and verified. Well done!

We enjoyed at least three visits of SAY'S PHOEBE this fall, the first one at Three Fathom Hbr., Sept. 10 (SEM), the second sighting at Cole Hbr. by Gail MacFarlane and an extended visit at CSI from Oct. 24 which was observed and photographed by many.

A sighting of a VERMILION FLYCATCHER, Nov. 26 was relayed to GED who indicated that an adult male was well described by several observers. An adult male is very distinctive and can only be confused with a Scarlet Tanager. It was first reported in St. Georges Channel near Dundee, *Rich.* by two observers then by Rosemary Burns in her yard at the Bras D'or Resort and then to Bernie Thornycroft's yard.

The three rare flycatchers described above belie the fact that some of our more common flycatchers such as GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER were not reported and only a single report of an EASTERN KINGBIRD was received.

The highlight late this summer at Brier I. was the first record of a SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER for the island, found by LIT Aug. 7, to the delight of Brier I. birders. Unfortunately it stayed only one day, a disappointment to those that looked for this southern vagrant the following day.

This was a stellar year for fall vireos with many species found all over the province and some in good numbers. A WHITE-EYED VIREO was spotted at Hartlen Pt., *HRM*, Sept. 27 (CLS). A YELLOW-THROATED VIREO appeared at Petite-Rivière, *Lun.*, Sept. 21 (CSS) and one at CSI, Oct. 17 (MUN, JON). A sighting of groups of 15-40 RED-EYED VIREO at Fauxburg, *Lun.*, Sept. 9 (JAH) must have been a delight to see.

During fall migration is when we can observe many of our more common migrants moving in large and sometimes spectacular groups. For example, at Stewiacke, *Col.*, Oct. 17, 250 BLUE JAYS massed (BLM). Sometimes these groups can be seen just sitting, such as when swallows weigh down power lines into deep arches. On some of these occasions it is often possible to see four, sometimes six species of swallows sitting side by side, a great opportunity to learn to separate the species. Aug. 19 on CSI over 1000 TREE SWALLOWS were observed. A Caribbean race CAVE SWALLOW was spotted at Bayswater BEACH PP, *Lun.*, Oct. 27 (BLM), a fallout from Hurricane Wilma. A Mexican race CAVE SWALLOW was found and photographed at Canso Islands Heritage Pk., Nov. 10 (TOK). Tom Kavanagh may have the first Nova Scotia photographic record of the Mexican race. Congratulations!

A special treat for the Pearl I. birders Aug. 18 was a RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH that circled the boat and appeared to have intentions of landing for a time. The migration of Red-breasted Nuthatches is another late summer treat; over 100 were spotted at West Baccaro, *Shel.*, Aug. 25.

An immature and tailless EASTERN BLUEBIRD was spotted Aug. 2 (FLL), at Spryfield, HRM near MacIntosh Run suggesting that a nearby nest site may have been missed by HRM birders; another new location to investigate next year.

A TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE appeared in Canso Town Nov. 26 (TOK, Terri Kavanagh) after TOK had completed leading a NSBS field trip that same day. Fortunately Terri was at home to record the event in her backyard. Another one appeared on Seal I., Oct. 28 (IAM, FLL, Mike Bentley). □



This CAVE SWALLOW at Canso Nov. 10 was the most far-flung of a substantial late-autumn flight to the Great Lakes region and US East Coast (one in New Brunswick). Such excursions, annual in recent years, are largely of the subspecies *pelodoma* impelled northeast by strong airflows from Mexico and the US Southwest. The pale rump and collar of this bird indicate that origin. There is one previous autumn sight record of this subspecies in NS. Previous spring specimen records have been of the Caribbean subspecies *cavicola*. The earlier "Wilma" birds were all presumably of that subspecies or the more widespread Florida-Caribbean *fulva*. [Photo Tom Kavanagh]

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Aug. 1	Methals Rd., Kings	2	BLF
Aug. 19	Big I. County	1	DOU
Sept. 4	Brier I.	1	LAL
Oct. 18	CSI	1	MUN

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Aug. 16	Shubie Pk., HRM	1	RHL
Sept. 20	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	FLL, PLC, JEH
Oct. 23	Sober I., HRM	1	KJM
Oct. 27	Terrence Bay, HRM	1	FLL, DAM

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

Aug. 7	Williams L., HRM	1 night migrant	FLL
Sept. 2	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	FLL, TEP
Sept. 3	Seal I.	1	BLM
Sept. 5	Seal I.	3	FLL
Oct. 16	CSI	2	MUN

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER

Sept. 10	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	FLL, et al.
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Alder Flycatcher

Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	FLL
Sept. 10	Brier I.	1	ELM

Least Flycatcher

Aug. 1	Oakfield PP, HRM	4	BLM
Sept. 5	Seal I.	35	FLL, et al.
Sept. 5	Seal I.	15	BLM
Sept. 5	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	1	JAH, DAW
Sept. 6	Brier I.	1	ELM
Sept. 10	Brier I.	1	ELM
Oct. 19	Green Bay, Lun.	1	JAH
Oct. 20	Green Bay, Lun.	1	JAH

Eastern Phoebe

Sept. 25	Brier I.	1	JAH, NSN, Dorothy Poole
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Oct. 1-3	Brier I.	3-4 per day	FLL, et al.
Oct. 17	Brier I.	3	ELM
Oct. 17	Lockeport, Shel.	1	DJC
Oct. 17	CSI	11	MUN, JON
Oct. 18	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	1	HAT
Oct. 19	Brier I.	numerous	CAH
Oct. 19	CSI	24	MUN
Oct. 20	Sambro, HRM	1	FLL, CSS
Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, HRM.	1	FLL, CSS
Oct. 20	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	several	HAT
Oct. 20	Sober I., HRM	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 20	Mitchell Bay, HRM	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 22	Portuguese Cove, HRM.	1	FLL, CLS, CIC
Oct. 22	Duncans Cove, HRM.	1	FLL, CLS, CIC
Oct. 22	CSI	4	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	BLM
Oct. 23	Harrigan Cove, HRM	1	KJM
Oct. 23	Brier I.	1	ELM

SAY'S PHOEBE

Sept. 10	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	1 imm.	SEM
Oct. 23-30	CSI	1	JON, MUN, et al.
Oct. 24	Cole Hbr., HRM	1	Gail MacFarlane

Western Kingbird

Oct. 19	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 22	Kenny Rd., CSI	1	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Oct. 22-23	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 5	Sanford Brook, Yar.	1	FLL, CLS, DHU, JHU
Nov. 7-25	Upper Stewiacke, Col.	1	Connie Redden, et al.
Nov. 13	Baccaro Pt.,	1	MUN
Nov. 18	Upper Stewiacke, Col.	1	SMB, RSM

Eastern Kingbird

Oct. 18	Whitehall, Pict.	1	MAB
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SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER

Aug. 6	Brier I.	1	LIT
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Northern Shrike

Oct. 21	Apple R., Cum.	1	KFS
Oct. 30	Glasgow Pt., Rich.	1	KJM
Nov. 15	Apple R., Cum.	1	KFS
Nov. 25	Oak Pk. Shel.	1	ELM
Nov. 26	Wolfville Ridge, Kings	1	GWT

White-eyed Vireo

Sept. 27	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	CLS
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Blue-headed Vireo

Aug. 16	Shubie Pk. HRM	1	RHL
Sept. 4	Brier I.	1	LAL
Sept. 5	Palmeter Woods, Kings	2	AAM
Sept. 10	Brier I.	1	ELM
Sept. 10	Fairmont, Ant.	1	RFL
Oct. 16	CSI	6	MUN
Oct. 16-19	BPI	35/day (46 banded)	ABO
Oct. 18	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	1	HAT
Oct. 18	CSI	50	MUN
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt., HRM	5	FLL, CSS
Oct. 23	Sober I., HRM	1	KJM
Nov. 7	Antigonish Landing, Ant.	1	JOK, LHA, ROH
Nov. 30	Chocolate L., HRM	1	FLL

Yellow-throated Vireo

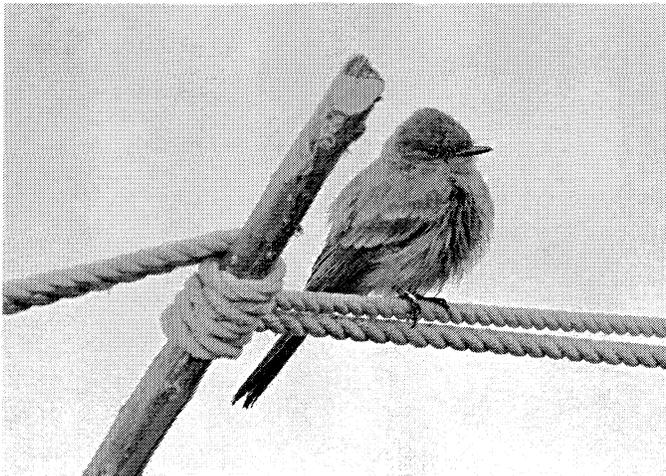
Sept. 21	Petite Rivière	1	CSS
Oct. 17	CSI	1	MUN, JON

Warbling Vireo

Aug. 20	Big I., Pict.	1	DOU
Sept. 18	BPI	1	TMF(ABO)
Sept. 19	Harling Rd., HRM,	1	KJM
Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	DBM
Sept. 24	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1 eastern race	FLL, et al.
Sept. 24	Hartlen Pt. HRM	1	FLL, PLC, et al.

Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	RBS, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 29	West Berlin, <i>Queens</i>	27	JAH, Dorothy Poole
Oct. 9	Hartlen Pt. <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Oct. 29	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	20	ELM
Oct. 18	CSI	4	MUN, JON	Nov. 3	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
Nov. 18	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	western race FLL	Nov. 3	Conrads Island Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
Nov. 20	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	western race IAM, ELM, <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 5	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	6	HAT
Nov. 24	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	western race LUB	Nov. 6-7	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	2-4	TEP
Philadelphia Vireo							
Aug. 15	Doctors Brook, Ant.	1	JOK	Nov. 11	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.</i>	2	KJM
Sept. 3	Brier I.	1	SEM	Nov. 12	Brier I.	few flocks	CAH
Sept. 4	Brier I.	1	LAL	Nov. 13	APBS.	4	JAH, PEH
Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	FLL	Nov. 14	Big I., Pic.	5	KJM, GMU
Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	BLM, <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 17	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM.</i>	2	TEP
Sept. 19	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Nov. 18	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT
Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM	Nov. 22	Canso Town	6	TOK
Sept. 21	Petite Rivière, <i>Lun.</i>	1	CSS	Nov. 23-25	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	1-2	HAT
Sept. 24	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV	Nov. 24	Yarmouth Bar, <i>Yar.</i>	1	ELM, IAM
Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt. <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Nov. 26	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	3	TEP
Oct. 1	Seal I.	1	FLL	Nov. 27	Hartlen Forces Golf Course, <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM
Oct. 22	Sober I, <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM	Nov. 28	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT
Red-eyed Vireo							
Aug. 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	DOU	Nov. 30	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT
Sept. 4	Brier I.	8	LAL	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			
Sept. 5	Palmeter Woods, <i>Kings</i>	a few	AAM	Oct. 20	Canso Town	1	TOK
Sept. 9	Fauxburg T., <i>Lun.</i>	15-40	JAH	Oct. 26	Kingsburg, <i>Lun.</i>	1	ELM
Sept. 10	Brier I.	1	ELM	Oct. 26	Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	10	RBS, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 26	Bancroft Pt.,	1	BRD
Oct. 2	Brier I.	5	FLL, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 26	Kingsburg, <i>Lun.</i>	1	ELM
Oct. 3	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Oct. 27	Bayswater Beach P.P., <i>Lun.</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	4	FLL, CSS	Oct. 27	Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV, DAM
Oct. 23	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	2	KJM	Oct. 28	Masons Pt., <i>Inv.</i>	3	HAB, JEB
Oct. 29	Ragged Hbr., <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH	Oct. 28	Port Dufferin, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAB, JEB
Gray Jay							
Sept. 25	Digby Neck	3	JAH, NSN, Dorothy Poole	Oct. 29	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	ELM, DAC
Oct-Nov	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2-4 at feeder	KFS	Oct. 31	McCormicks Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Oct. 16	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	5	FLL, Liz and Shane Gidney	Bank Swallow			
Oct. 20	Several places, <i>Guys.</i>	8	RFL	Aug. 25	New Minas Sewage Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	100	JCT
Oct. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM	Oct. 26	Bancroft Pt.,	1	BRD
Nov. 6	Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	3	RFL	Oct. 26	Cow Bay Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	John Loch
Blue Jay							
Oct. 9	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	15 at feeder	KFS	Oct. 27	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 17	Stewiacke, <i>Col.</i>	250	BLM	Oct. 28	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	12	HAT
Horned Lark							
Sept. 18	Cherry Hill Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	18	SJF	Barn Swallow			
Oct. 22	Waterside PP., <i>Pict.</i>	16	KJM	Oct. 21	Lockeports Crescent Beach, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DJC
Oct. 24	Brier I.	40	ELM	Oct. 23	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, <i>fide</i> Glen Rhodenizer
Oct. 25	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	3	KJM	Oct. 26	LaHave R., <i>Lun.</i>	50+	ELM
Oct. 30	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	20+	Darroch Whitaker	Oct. 26	Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	75	FLL, DAM	Oct. 26	Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	5	SEM
Nov. 3	Cherry Hill Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	6-8	JAH, DAW	Oct. 26	Bancroft Pt.,	5	BRD
Nov. 13-18	Brier I.	4-6+	ELM	Oct. 26	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JAH
Nov. 23-30	Lockports Crescent Beach, <i>Shel.</i>	5	DJC	Oct. 26	Eastern Shore, <i>HRM</i>	14	IAM
Nov. 24	Brier I.	25	ELM, IAM	Oct. 26	Cow Bay Rd., <i>HRM</i>	12	John Loch
Purple Martin							
Oct. 10	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2	LDE	Oct. 26	Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	5	SEM
Oct. 26	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	2	Glen Rhodenizer	Oct. 27	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	34	JAH, JSC
Tree Swallow							
Oct. 21	Canso Town	2	TOK	Oct. 27	Baccaro Pt, <i>Shel.</i>	3	ELM
Oct. 26	Kingsburg, <i>Lun.</i>	6	ELM	Oct. 27	Bayswater Beach P.P., <i>Lun.</i>	20	BLM
Oct. 26	Louisbourg	20	SEM	Oct. 27	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2	LDE
Oct. 26	Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	6	BLM	Oct. 27	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	4	HAT
Oct. 26	Bancroft Pt.,	5	BRD	Oct. 28	Martinique Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	25+	LUB
Oct. 26	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JAH	Oct. 28	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	36	JAH
Oct. 26	Upper Branch, <i>Lun.</i>	5	JAH	Oct. 28	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 26	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JSC	Oct. 28	Lockeports Crescent Beach, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DJC
Oct. 26	Eastern Shore, <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM	Oct. 29	Ragged Hbr., <i>Queens</i>	25	JAH
Oct. 26	Ketch Harbour Rd., <i>HRM</i>	20	HAT	Oct. 29	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	15	ELM
Oct. 26	Herring Cove, <i>HRM</i>	50	HAT	Oct. 30	Cabot Landing Beach, <i>Vic.</i>	9+	FMC
Oct. 26	Canso Town	6	TOK	Nov. 3	Conrads Island Beach, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH, DAW
Oct. 27	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JAH, JSC	Nov. 3	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JAH, DAW
Oct. 27	Bayswater Beach PP, <i>Lun.</i>	7	BLM	Nov. 4	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM
Oct. 27	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JSC	Nov. 4	Conrads Beach, <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Oct. 27	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	6	HAT	Nov. 4	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2	KFS
Oct. 28	Martinique Beach PP	45-50	LUB	Nov. 6	Bartletts Beach, <i>Digby</i>	25	RHL
Oct. 28	Rainbow Haven PP	1	BLM	Nov. 11	Upper Cunard, <i>Kings</i>	3	Barry Sabean
				Nov. 12	Wallace, <i>Cum.</i>	1	RFL
				Nov. 13	Wallace, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, TOK, RFL
				Nov. 14	Big I., Pic.	2	KJM, GMU
				Nov. 23	Pugwash, <i>Cum.</i>	2	Dorothy Thomson
				Nov. 23	Digby Ferry Terminal, <i>Digby</i>	1	ELM, IAM
				Nov. 24	Dominion Beach, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM
				Nov. 24	Yarmouth Bar, <i>Yar.</i>	1	ELM, IAM

Nov. 27 Hartlen Forces Golf Course, <i>HRM</i>	5	IAM	Sept. 26 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	1 at residence	JCT
Nov. 28 Taylor Head PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	Jim Cameron	Oct. 14 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	FLL
Cliff Swallow			Oct. 14 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Sept. 23 Port Williams Sewage Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT	Nov. 20 Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1 in yard	RFL
Oct. 26 Louisbourg, <i>CBRM</i>	1	SEM	Nov. 21 Little Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	2	KJM, GMU
Oct. 26 Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	House Wren		
Oct. 26 Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	60	JSC	Oct. 4 Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 26 Cow Bay Rd., <i>HRM</i>	5	John Loch	Oct. 16-19 BPI	10	ABO
Oct. 27 Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JSC	Oct. 20 Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1 western race	FLL, CSS
Oct. 27 Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	20	HAT	Oct. 28 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM, <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 5 Arisaig, <i>Pict.</i>	2	STV, Amber Vines	Winter Wren		
CAVE SWALLOW			Aug. 19 Hammonds Plains, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROG
Oct. 26 Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JSC	Sept. 20 Jakes Landing, Keji NP	1	JAH
Oct. 26 Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JSC	Oct. 2 Eatonville, <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Oct. 26 Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV, DAM	Nov. 6 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH
Oct. 27 Bayswater Beach PP., <i>Lun.</i>	1	Caribbean Race	Sedge Wren		
Nov. 10 Canso Islands, <i>Ant.</i>	1	Mexican Race	Sept. 5 Seal I.	1 heard	FLL, BLM, <i>et al.</i>
Black-capped Chickadee			Nov. 16 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 heard	FLL, ABM
Oct. 20 Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	350	TOK	Marsh Wren		
Nov. 14 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	30 at feeder	JCT	Oct. 17 BPI	2	ABO
Boreal Chickadee			Nov. 26 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Oct. 29 Conrads Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1	RHL	Dec 1 Megs Cove, Cape John, <i>Pict.</i>	2	FLL, CLS, CIC
Nov. 6 Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	7	RFL	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
Red-breasted Nuthatch			Aug. 22 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	flocks migrating	JCT
Aug. 18 Pearl I. trip, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 20 Canso Town	6	TOK
Aug. 18-19 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3 at feeder	KFS	Oct. 22 Mines Rd., <i>HRM</i>	12	BLM
Aug. 25 West Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	100+	JON	Nov. 6 Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	2	RFL
Aug. 25 Brier I.	150+	LAL, PAC, ADL	Ruby-crowned Kinglet		
Sept. 2 Brier I.	50+	LAL, PAC, ADL	Sept. 25 Digby Neck	9	JAH, NSN, Dorothy Poole
Sept. 6 Brier I.	10+	ELM	Sept. 27 St. Anns, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK
Nov. 1 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1 at feeder	KFS	Oct. 3 North Sydney, <i>CBRM</i>	1	Wendy Russell
White-breasted Nuthatch			Oct. 16 Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Aug-Sep Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1-2	SLH	Oct. 21 Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Aug-Sep Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT	Oct. 23 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Sept. 15 Oakland, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Nov. 19 Woodlawn, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Oct. 1 Brier I.	2	FLL, <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 19 Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Oct. 3 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
Oct. 17 Brier I.	1	ELM	Sept. 25 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Oct. 20-22 Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	Oct. 2 Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 30 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT	Oct. 23 Canso Town	1	TOK
Nov. 10-18 Canso Town	1-at feeder	TOK	Nov. 4 Louisburg	4	FLL
Nov. 15-18 Brier I.	1	ELM	Nov. 21 Little Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, GMU
Nov. 21 Maders Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JEM	Nov. 27 Pomquet, <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS <i>fide</i> RFL
Nov. 28 Canso Town	1	NSBS <i>fide</i> TOK	Eastern Bluebird		
Brown Creeper			Aug. 2 Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Aug. 22 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	2 at residence	JCT	Oct. 24 Hilltop Cemetery, Brier I.	1	ELM
Aug. 29 Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	1 at residence	JCT	Nov. 5 Brier I.	3 males	ELM, IAM
Sept. 5 Second Peninsula Cemetery, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	Nov. 12 Brier I.	5	CAH
Sept. 5 Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW	Nov. 13-18 Brier I.	1 male	ELM
Sept. 14 Jeddore Oyster Ponds, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB	TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE		
Sept. 15 Oakland, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Oct. 28 Seal I.	1	IAM, FLL, Mike Bentley
			Nov. 28 Canso Town.	1	TOK
			Gray-cheeked Thrush		
			Oct. 1 Brier I.	1	FLL, DAM
			Swainson's Thrush		
			Oct. 30 Chapel Gully, Canso Town	1	KJM
			Hermit Thrush		
			Aug. 4 Sandy Bottom L., <i>Anna.</i>	2 males	MCR
			Aug. 16 Shubie Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	RHL
			Sept. 30 Virginia, <i>Anna.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
			Oct. 15 Sandy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, Shane and Liz Gidney
			Oct. 22 Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
			Nov. 14 Craythorne P., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, CSS
			American Robin		
			Oct. 17 Cape d'Or, <i>Cum.</i>	200	BLM
			Oct. 23 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	50+	KFS
			Oct. 24 Brier I.	50	ELM
			Oct. 28 Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	flock	RFL
			Oct. 29 Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	50	RFL
			Nov. 6 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	30+	KFS



This SAY'S PHOEBE photographed Oct. 24 on CSI appears, from its dark upperparts and deep-orange underparts, to be of the NW subspecies *yukonensis*. [Photo Hans Toom]

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Mimics through Warblers

By Ken McKenna



The tiny "forest" on Cape Sable is a well-known migrant and vagrant trap, as shown by these two glowing examples found Aug. 27 - a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (L) [Photo Garvin Swim] and a PRAIRIE WARBLER [Photo Hans Toom].

The storms of the past fall probably had less effect on this group of birds than some others, but a few species did seem to have a bit of a reverse migration. Most notable was the GRAY CATBIRD, which in the average year is hard to find after the first week of October. Beginning in mid-October, catbirds popped-up in numbers greater than I can remember with more than 35 reports of about 150 birds. On CSI, catbirds started to build-up Oct. 16, but there was a major fallout on Oct. 18; the vast majority of these birds were all along the Atlantic coast of the mainland with a few venturing inland in November. A number of these birds will likely linger into the New Year. The other mimic thrushes were in average numbers.

A few AMERICAN PIPITS arrived a day ahead of Tuft's average date. There was very little overlap of BOHEMIAN and CEDAR WAXWING sightings. By the first week of November, cedars sightings had tapered off seemingly making room for bohemians which arrived the following week. The sole exception was a report from Barrington of a flock believed to be bohemians Sept.1. The observer, RMC, was some distance away but felt certain of identification.

Thirty-three species of warbler were noted for this autumn with a handful of regular rarities. A number of early waves of warbler migration were noted: Aug. 23 in the Wolfville area (JCT); Sept. 3-5 from Brier I. (LAL); Sept. 9 at both Hartlen Pt. (IAM, AGH) and Lunenburg (JAH); Sept. 18 at CSI (MUN) and Hartlen Pt. (TEP); and Oct. 18-22 on CSI (MUN), Brier I. (CAH), and HRM (HAT, FLL). These early waves were mostly mixed with MAGNOLIA, REDSTARTS and BLACK-THROATED GREEN in early September, BLACKPOLLS Sept. 18 and YELLOW-RUMPED and PALM WARBLERS in mid-October. A final fallout Nov.10 near Barrington Passage had hundreds of warblers with swallows (MUN).

There were only single reports of BLUE-WINGED and GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS, always great warblers to see as they are rare to this area. A number of our regular nesting warblers that are not reported that often, TENNESSEE and CAPE MAY WARBLERS, continue to be low in numbers. On the other hand, reports on fall visitations of ORANGE-CROWNED, PINE and PRAIRIE WARBLERS are increasing each year. It will be interesting to see if Pine Warblers can be found breeding in NS in the upcoming Breeding Bird Atlas work commencing in 2006. A NASHVILLE WARBLER seen by RBS at Birch Cove Pk. in Dartmouth was photographed and examined closely revealing "a gray as against an olive back extending back from the nape and whitish as against yellowish on the part of the belly above the thighs", probably good enough to classify it as a western *ridgwayi*.

Once again there were a couple of reports of YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER in mid-September and these rare sightings were joined by sightings of PROTHONOTARY, WORM-EATING, and HOODED WARBLERS in the same period of Sept. 18-20, all four species from the south-eastern states. Several of the Prothonotary Warblers were photographed and HAT gives the following description of the Worm-eating Warbler at Hartlen Pt., Sept. 19 - "I got a clear two second look from four meters as it thumped a grub against a branch. It then resumed skulking about in the tall grasses at the edge of the bog. This clean, short-tailed, buffy bird has a slight wash of yellow over the chest, a strip through the eye and one down the centre of the head. This eloquent warbler is deserving of an intelligent name." There was an October Prothonotary on BPI.

October 18, the migration of eastern PALM WARBLER was supplemented with increasing numbers of western Palms which continued into the rest of the month. In some years a good number of BLACKPOLL WARBLERS are reported, but my impression is that the numbers were down this year in the migrant traps hopefully indicating these birds were able to take off from Atlantic headlands to successfully make the long crossing to South America. A report for a single CERULEAN WARBLER seen at Whites L., HRM, Sept. 28, was submitted by BLM.

Once again the first YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT was banded on BPI, maybe indicating that early birds may be undetected in leafed out shrubbery and become more easily observed as leaf cover drops. Recruits are likely added into October. □

Gray Catbird			Oct. 17	CSI	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN	
Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	Anthony Timmons	Oct. 18	Little Flat I., Shel.	1	MUN
Sept. 20	CSI	2	MUN	Oct. 19	Cheboque Pt., Yar.	1	Rachel Smith
Oct. 18	Whites L., HRM	1	BLM	Oct. 22	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt.	2	IAM	Oct. 23	L'Ardoise, Rich.	1	H. Pottie, <i>fide</i> GED
Oct. 18	Crystal Crescent Beach, HRM	1	HAT	Oct. 28	Ragged Hbr., Lun.	1	NSN <i>fide</i> JAH
Oct. 18	Little Flat I., Shel.	25	MUN	Nov. 27	West Pubnico, Yar.	1	MUN
Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt.	2	IAM	European Starling			
Oct. 19	CSI	10	MUN	Nov. 8	Hartlen Pt.	5000	FLL, JON <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 19	Green Bay, Lun.	1	JAH	American Pipit			
Oct. 19	Sober I., HRM	1	HAB, JEB	Sept. 10	Big I., Pict.	2	KJM
Oct. 20	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	several	HAT	Sept. 11	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	1	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, HRM	10	IAM <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 15	Hartlen Pt.	1	HAT, FLL
Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, HRM	2	IAM <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 21	Oxners Beach, Lun.	2	JAH, DAW
Oct. 22	Martinique Beach, HRM	3	BLM	Oct. 1	Brier I.	25	NSBS <i>fide</i> FLL
Oct. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	2	BLM., SEM	Oct. 18	Sambro area, HRM	3 flocks	HAT
Oct. 22	Sandy Cove, HRM	30	FLL, CLS, CIC	Oct. 19	Cheboque Pt., Yar.	several	Rachel Smith
Oct. 22	Sober I., HRM	12	KJM	Oct. 22	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	1	HAT
Oct. 22	Mitchell Bay, HRM	1	KJM	Oct. 27	Hartlen Pt.	a few	DAM
Oct. 23	L'Ardoise, Rich.	2	H. Pottie <i>fide</i> GED	Oct. 28	Waterside PP, Pict.	12	GMU
Oct. 24	Jeddore, HRM	1-2	LUB	Oct. 28	Seal I.	80	IAM, FLL
Oct. 28	Halifax Centre	1	Heather Drope	Oct. 30	Crystal Crescent Beach, HRM	20+	HAT, Laura Toom
Oct. 28-29	Dartmouth	1 yard	PMC	Nov. 3	Conrads I. Beach, Lun.	45	JAH, DAW
Oct. 28- Nov. 27	Lockeport, Shel.	2	DJC	Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	25	SEM
Nov. 6	Eastern Passage, HRM	2	AGH	Nov. 5	Brier I.	10	ELM, IAM
Nov. 6	Hartlen Pt.	2	AGH	Nov. 16	Beaverbank, HRM	1	CLS
Nov. 7	Crystal Crescent Beach, HRM	1	HAT	Bohemian Waxwing			
Nov. 7	Caledonia, Guys.	1	Thelma Fogerty <i>fide</i> KJM	Sept. 1	Barrington, Shel.	12	RMC
Nov. 9	Jollimore, HRM	1	PLC	Nov. 13	East Lake Ainslie, Inv.	15	Karen Chiasson
Nov. 9, 11	Greenwood, Pict.	1	Karen & Lincoln MacLeod	Nov. 13	Chebucto, HRM	9	DAC <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 11	Jollimore, HRM	2	ANM	Nov. 14	Port Greville, Cum.	1	JCZ
Nov. 13	Duncans Cove, HRM	6	DAC <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 14	Big Hbr., Vic.	50	<i>fide</i> Dan Banks
Nov. 19	Woodlawn area, HRM	1	TEP	Nov. 14	Merigomish, Pict.	50	KJM, GMU
Nov. 21	Black Harbour Trail, Lun.	1	JAH, DAW	Nov. 14	Arisaig, Ant.	30+	KJM, GMU
Nov. 24	Kingston, Kings	2	JOB	Nov. 27	Sandy Cove, HRM	5-6	DAC
Nov. 26	Wilmot, Anna.	1	Pat MacDonald <i>fide</i> PBG	Cedar Waxwing			
Nov. 26	Dartmouth	3	TEP	Aug-mid. Oct.	widely		
Nov. 26-30	Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT	Oct. 20	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, HRM	flock chased by Merlin	HAT
Nov. 27	West Pubnico, Yar.	1	MUN	Oct. 22	CSI	2	JAH
Northern Mockingbird				Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, HRM	12	IAM <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 16	BPI	1	ABO	Oct. 23	CSI	25	MUN
Sept. 19	Pictou	1 singing	Elwin Hemphill	Oct. 28	Seal I.	60	IAM, FLL
Oct. 19	Cheboque Pt., Yar.	1	Rachel Smith	Nov. 8	Apple R., Cum.	5	KFS
Oct. 21	Canso, Guys.	1	TOK	BLUE-WINGED WARBLER			
Oct. 22	Duncans Cove area, HRM	1	RBS <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 11	Hammonds Plains, HRM	1 no details	ROG
Oct. 26	Halifax	1	ANM	GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER			
Oct. 27	Ketch Hbr., HRM	1	AAM, BLF, DAC <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 1	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	ALM, CAM
Oct. 27	Sambro, HRM	1	AZV, DAC, DAM	Tennessee Warbler			
Oct. 28	Wolfe I., Lun.	1 deceased	<i>fide</i> JAH	Aug 30	Hammonds Plains HRM	1	ROG
Oct. 30	Charlos Cove, Guys.	1	KJM	Sept. 2	Second Peninsula Cemetery, Lun.	1	JAH, DAW
Nov. 5	Halifax (south end)	1	AGH	Sept. 9	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	1	JAH
Nov. 6	Eastern Passage, HRM	1	AGH	Orange-crowned Warbler			
Nov. 6-29	Lockeport, Shel.	1	DJC	Oct. 22	Canso, Guys.	1	TOK
Nov. 14	Broad Cove, Lun.	1	SJF	Oct. 22	Duncans Cove, HRM	3 taiga	FLL, CLS
Nov. 27	Yarmouth	1	MUN	Nov. 1	Spryfield, HRM	2 taiga	FLL
Nov. 27-29	Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT	Nov. 4	Louisbourg	6 taiga	FLL
Nov. 29	Halifax	1 yard	DAM	Nov. 6	Barrington Passage	1	MUN
Nov. 30	Bedford, HRM	1	ROG	Nov. 7	Dartmouth	1	DAC <i>fide</i> DOU
Brown Thrasher				Nov. 11	Cow Bay	1	IAM
Sept. 23	Cape Sable "forest"	1	MUN	Nov. 11	Lockeport, Cum.	1	DJC
Sept. 30	BPI	1	ABO	Nov. 13	Halifax (south end)	2	DAC <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 7-10	Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT	Nov. 14	Broad Cove, Lun.	1	SJF
Oct. 16	BPI	1	ABO	Nov. 19	Birch Cove, HRM	1	TEP

Nov. 19	Woodlawn, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Nov. 5	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM
Nov. 20	Sullivans Pd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, Mike Almon	Nov. 13?	Hartlen Pt.	1	TEP
Nov. 21	Black Harbour Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	"celata"? JAH, DAW	Blackburnian Warbler			
Nov. 26	Valleyford Ave., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Aug. 3	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	3	BLM
Nov. 27	Duncans Cove	1	DAC	Sept. 2	Fauxburg trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Nov. 27	Westville, <i>Pict.</i>	1	STV	Oct. 2	Brier I.	1	FLL
Nashville Warbler							
Sept. 2	Brier I.	3	LAL	Sept. 18	Hartlen Pt.	1	white lored TEP
Sept. 11	South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK	Oct. 17	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 18	Frog Pond, <i>HRM</i>	2	PLC	Pine Warbler			
Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	4	eastern FLL, CSS	Sept. 11	South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	1	BSK
Nov. 6	Eastern Passage, <i>HRM</i>	1	tail wager AGH	Sept. 21	Petite Rivière, <i>Lun.</i>	1	CSS
Nov. 13	West Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN	Sept. 24	Crystal Crescent Beach PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 18	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Sept. 25	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 20	Birch Cove, <i>HRM</i>		eastern IAM	Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt.	imm.	DHU, SHU
Nov. 21	Conrose Pk., <i>HRM</i>		eastern FLL	Sept. 28	Waegwoltic Ave., <i>HRM</i>	imm. or fem.	PLC
Nov. 26	Birch Cove Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	<i>ridgwayi</i> * RBS	Sept. 30	Pt. Pleasant P., <i>HRM</i>	1	dull AGH
Nov. 26	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	NSBS <i>fide</i> TOK	Oct. 1	Brier I.	1	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Northern Parula							
August–September widely							
Sept. 6	Second Peninsula Cemetery, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JAH, DAW	Oct. 3	Virginia Rd., <i>Anna.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM	Oct. 16	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 22	Snows Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM	Oct. 16	BPI	2	ABO
Yellow Warbler							
Sept. 12	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Oct. 20	CSI	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN
Oct. 3	Brier I.	1	FLL, DAM	Oct. 22	Daniels Hd., CSI	2	MUN
Oct. 28	Antigonish Landing	1	JOK, RFL	Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	IAM, FLL
Chestnut-sided Warbler							
Sept. 4	Brier I.	3	LAL	Nov. 1	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	bright AGH
Sept. 9	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JAH	Nov. 5	Shearwater, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROW
Oct. 19	Cheboque Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	1	Rachel Smith	Nov. 5	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1-2	AGH
Nov. 22	Canso, <i>Guys</i>	1	<i>fide</i> TOK	Nov. 6	Eastern Passage, <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH
Magnolia Warbler							
Sept. 2	Brier I.	30+	LAL	Nov. 13	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	bright BBU
Sept. 4	Brier I.	50+	LAL	Nov. 15	Beaverbank, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS
Nov. 9	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	2	Kier Gigeroff	Nov. 15	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	5	TOK
Cape May Warbler							
Sept. 18	CSI	1	<i>fide</i> MUN	Nov. 15	Fox I. Main, <i>Guys.</i>	1	STB <i>fide</i> TOK
Sept. 21	Petite Rivière	1	CSS	Nov. 18	Fairview Cemetery, <i>HRM</i>	5	bright DAC
Sept. 22	Hartlen Pt.	1	HAT	Nov. 26	Halifax	imm. fem.	Dominic Cormier
Sept. 23	CSI	2	MUN	Nov. 26	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	6	NSBS <i>fide</i> TOK
Oct. 22	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	imm. male	FLL, CLS <i>et al.</i>	Nov. 27	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	2	SJF
Nov. 27	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1*	BBU	Nov. 27	Beaverbank, <i>HRM</i>	3	CLS
Black-throated Blue Warbler							
Sept. 2	Brier I.	4	LAL	Nov. 29	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	dull AGH
Sept. 19	CSI	1	MUN	Prairie Warbler			
Oct. 2	Bear R., <i>Digby</i>	male	JAH, DAW	Aug. 24	CSI	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN
Oct. 3	Lewis L. PP, <i>HRM</i>	male	JAH	Aug. 25	BPI	2	ABO
Oct. 16	CSI	2	male CSI	Aug. 26	Hartlen Pt.	1	imm. BLM <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt.	Fem.	IAM	Aug. 27	Cape Light "forest"	2	MUN, HAT <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt.	1	FLL, CSS	Aug. 28	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 21	CSI	1	JAH, Dorothy Poole	Aug. 29	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 22	CSI	1	MUN	Aug. 2?	Port Greville, <i>Cum.</i>	1	JCZ
Oct. 29	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	male	AGH	Sept. 3	Cape Light "forest"	3	MUN <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 14	Halifax	fem.	DAM	Sept. 3	Seal I.	1	BLM <i>et al.</i>
Yellow-rumped Warbler							
Sept. 5	Palmer Woods, <i>Kings</i>	1	singing AAM	Sept. 3	Wilsons Rd., <i>Yar.</i>	1	CST <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	53	JAH, DAW	Sept. 4-5	Seal I.	4-5	BLM <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 30	Mabou Highlands, <i>Inv.</i>	8-10	David Johnson	Sept. 5	Palmer Woods, <i>Kings</i>	1	AAM
Oct. 3	Brier I.	2000	FLL, DAM	Sept. 5	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt.	30	IAM	Sept. 7	Caribou I. <i>Pict.</i>	fem.	Ethan Huner
Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	10	"myrtles" IAM <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 8	Hartlen Pt.	1	HAT
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	9	KJM	Sept. 9	Hartlen Pt.	1	imm., 1 ad. DOU, ANM
Oct. 22	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	35-40	TOK	Sept. 15	Hartlen Pt.	2	HAT, FLL
Oct. 27	Martinique Beach, <i>HRM</i>	30	VJH	Sept. 15	Oakland, <i>Lun.</i>	Fem.	JAH
Nov. 4	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	lots	HAT	Sept. 18	Long L. near Glen Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 12	Conrads I. <i>Lun.</i>	small flock	PLC <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 18	Hartlen Pt.	1	DAC
Nov. 22	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT	Sept. 19	Hartling Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM
Black-throated Green Warbler							
Sept. 4	Brier I.	20+	LAL	Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	Anthony Timmons, DBM
Sept. 5	Maitland, <i>Lun.</i>	7	JAH, DAW	Sept. 24	Chebucto area, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV
Sept. 11	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	12	Ruth Smith	Sept. 24	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	2	BES, NSBS
Oct. 14	Halifax	1	yard ANM	Sept. 25	East River Trail, Chester	3	CJF
Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt.	1	IAM	Sept. 29	Crystal Crescent Beach PP	1	HAT
				Oct. 1	Schooner Pd., <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM
				Oct. 16	BPI	1	ABO
				Oct. 18	BPI	1	ABO
				Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	imm. fem.	FLL, CSS
				Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	FLL, IAM
				Nov. 13	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	JOK
				Nov. 20	Halifax	1	basic, 1 fem.? BEM, IAM
				Palm Warbler			
				Sept. 25	Bear R., <i>Digby</i>	10	JAH, DAW

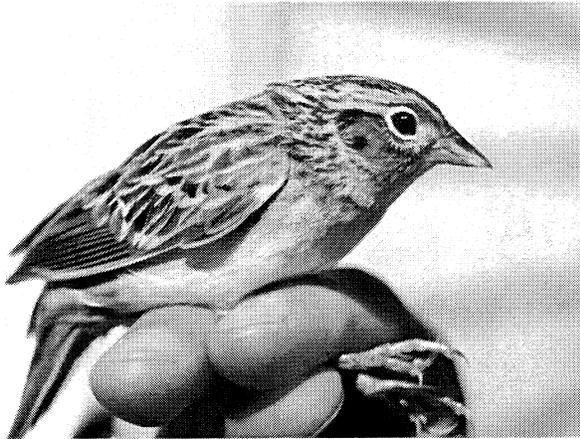
Sept. 28	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	5	LUB	Mourning Warbler		
Sept. 30	BPI	1 western	ABO	Aug. 8	CSI	1 migrant
Oct. 1	Schooner Pd., <i>CBRM</i>	a few	DBM	Sept. 5	CSI	1
Oct. 3	Brier I.	500	FLL, DAM	Sept. 5	Seal I.	1
Oct. 10	BPI	1 western	ABO	Sept. 12	CSI	1
Oct. 16	CSI	1	MUN	Common Yellowthroat		
Oct. 16-19	BPI	40-50 western	ABO	Sept. 9	Hartlen Pt.	15
Oct. 18	Cheboque Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	several	Rachel Smith	Oct. 19	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1
Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	15-10 western	FLL, CSS	Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	2
Oct. 22	Story Head, <i>HRM</i>	1 western	BLM	Oct. 22	CSI	1
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	2-1 western	KJM	Oct. 30	Seal Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	1
Nov. 13	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2 western	TEP	Nov. 6	Hartlen Pt.	1
Nov. 14	Broad Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2 western	SJF	Nov. 25	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1
Nov. 18	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1 eastern	HAT	HOODED WARBLER		
Nov. 29	Pt. Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	1 eastern & 1 western	AGH	Aug. 26	BPI	1
Bay-breasted Warbler				Sept. 18	CSI	male
Sept. 2	Brier I.	5	LAL	Sept. 19	Sober I. <i>HRM</i>	male, & 1 st fall fem.
Sept. 15	Hartlen Pt.	4	HAT, FLL	Wilson's Warbler		
Sept. 16	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD	Sept. 3	Seal I.	1
Sept. 18	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	fall male	LUB, Kier Gigeroff	Sept. 5	CSI	3
Oct. 16	CSI	1	MUN	Sept. 8	Halifax	2 bathing
Blackpoll Warbler				Sept. 18	Hartlen Pt.	1
Sept. 15	Hartlen Pt.	25	FLL, HAT	Sept. 20	Hartlen Pt.	1 fem. western?
Sept. 18	Chebuco area, <i>HRM</i>	hundreds	DAC, AZV	Sept. 22	Hartlen Pt.	1
Sept. 18	CSI	most common	MUN	Oct. 2	Brier I.	1
Sept. 18	Frog Pond, <i>HRM</i>	6+	PLC	Oct. 20	Duncan Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1
Oct. 1	Brier I.	50	NSBS <i>fide</i> FLL	Nov. 8	Findlay Pk., <i>HRM</i>	imm. fem. western
Oct. 2	Hartlen Pt.	6	JCZ	Nov. 14	Findlay Pk., <i>HRM</i>	ad. western
Oct. 10	CSI	2	MUN, CST	Nov. 12	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	1
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt.	1	FLL, CSS	Nov. 13-18	Findlay Park, <i>HRM</i>	2
Oct. 21	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	Nov. 27	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	male
Oct. 22	Pt. Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	2	RBS <i>et al.</i>	Canada Warbler		
Oct. 27	Point Pleasant Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH	Aug. 13	Whites L. <i>HRM</i>	1
Oct. 28	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	PMC, Judy O'Brien	Aug. 19	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1
Oct. 28	Seal I.	10	IAM, FLL	Sept. 5	Seal I.	1
Nov. 4	Crystal Crescent Beach, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT	Sept. 18	Hartlen Pt.	1
Nov. 4	Louisburg, <i>CBRM</i>	1	FLL	Sept. 21	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1
Nov. 6	Barrington	1	MUN	Yellow-breasted Chat		
CERULEAN WARBLER				Aug. 22	BPI	1 banded
Sept. 28	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	ad. fem.	BLM	Sept. 3	Cape light "forest"	1
Black-and-White Warbler				Sept. 3	BPI	1
Aug.-Sept.		widely		Sept. 22	BPI	1
Oct. 16	CSI	1	MUN	Sept. 28	Hartlen Pt.	1
American Redstart				Oct. 1	Schooner Pd., <i>CBRM</i>	1
August-September		widely		Oct. 2	CSI	1
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1 fem.	KJM	Oct. 2	Hartlen Pt.	1
Oct. 28	Antigonish Landing	1 imm.	RFL, JOK	Oct. 3-11, Nov. 10	Halifax	1
PROTHONOTARY WARBLER				Oct. 10	CSI	1
Sept. 3	Cape Light "forest"	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN	Oct. 12	Brier I.	several (fallout)
Sept. 18	CSI	male	MUN	Oct. 12	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1
Sept. 18	BPI	1 fem.	Banded TMF (ABO)	Oct. 18	BPI	1
Sept. 20	BPI	1 banded	ABO	Oct. 19	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1 (lifer for JEB)
Sept. 20	Hartlen Pt.	1*	BBU	Oct. 20	Head of Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1
WORM-EATING WARBLER				Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1
Sept. 19	Hartlen Pt.	1	HAT	Nov. 6	Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	1
Sept. 20	BPI	1 banded	ABO	Nov. 10	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1
Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt.	1	DHU, JHU	Nov. 19	Woodlawn, <i>HRM</i>	1
Ovenbird				Nov. 26	Canso, <i>HRM</i>	1
Aug. 13	Simms Settlement, <i>Lun.</i>	2 night migrants	FLL	Nov. 27	Tufts Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1
Oct. 17	CSI	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN	Nov. 27	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1
Nov. 21	Findlay Pk., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU	Nov. 27	West Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	1
Northern Waterthrush						
Sept. 2	Brier I.	7	LAL			
Sept. 5	CSI	1	MUN			
Sept. 13	Hartlen Pt.	1	DOU			
Oct. 10	Hartlen Pt.	1	TEP			

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Tanagers Through House Sparrows

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This GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was banded Oct. 1 on BPI. [Photo Trina Fitzgerald].

The regular fall migration of sparrows and arrival of winter finches was spiced up with numerous vagrants from the west and south. The third week of October brought large numbers of Dickcissels, Clay-colored Sparrows and White-crowned Sparrows. Baltimore Orioles were found in large numbers a month earlier. So even before hurricanes swept up and deposited rare birds on our shores, it had been a good fall for birders.

There were more tanagers than average this fall. A total of four SUMMER TANAGERS, twice the average, were found between Oct. 19 and 26, in HRM and on CSI. A couple of SCARLET TANAGERS the third week of September on CSI and HRM (MUN, DAC, AZV) were just the prelude to a wave in the last ten days of October, including six on CSI Oct. 19 (MUN) and one on Sable I. (ZOL). The only report from Cape Breton was in North Shore, Vic. Nov. 3 (Fenella Nicholson) and the latest lingered for a week from Nov. 8 in Kingston (Marion Kennedy, PBG). A fem. or first fall male WESTERN Tanager was on Sable I. Sept. 25 (ZOL).

About 14 EASTERN TOWHEES this fall were three times the recent average of four. Both the earliest and latest were noted from CBI., with one in very early October at Schooner Pond and in November, males were at both Sand L. and Louisbourg. Most were found in mid-October along the Atlantic coast, from Canso around to Brier I. Away from the east coast was one in Plymouth, *Pict.* in late October (KJM). Some will undoubtedly linger into the winter.

AMERICAN TREE SPARROWS arrived a couple of weeks later than average, towards the end of October in Antigonish and Seal I. (RFL, FLL *et al.*). By mid-November, especially Nov. 13, small flocks were noted from Apple R. to Broad Cove, *Lun.* to Brier I. and APBS.

Two significant movements of CHIPPING SPARROWS, in early September and early October, were dwarfed by a major movement in mid-October. Starting Oct. 16 with more than 300 on CSI., the next few days saw flocks from Sober I., HRM through Yarmouth to Brier I. More than 50 still lingered on Brier Oct. 17 and 40 a week later. Smaller numbers lingered elsewhere including three Oct. 26 in Louisbourg and two in St. Anns, *Vic.*, late in November. In the fall CLAY-COLORED SPARROWS wander east and show up at migrant traps and feeders. This fall they were both early and in exceptional numbers. A very early vagrant was on Seal I. Sept. 3 (BLM). In the few days starting Sept. 19 there were four reports from CSI., HRM and Schooner Pond, CBRM (MUN, HAT, Anita Pouliot, Anthony Timmons). These represent a fairly typical quota of reports for the autumn. It was just the start this year. About 20 more individuals were noted, mostly along the Atlantic coast with concentrations of at least two at Schooner Pond, CBRM in early October (ALM, CAM), three on CSI Oct. 17 (MUN), six at Canso Oct. 19 (TOK) and five Nov. 4 in Louisbourg (FLL). In the fall distinguishing between the more expected Chipping and the Clay-colored can be tricky. In late October SMB carefully described one in Dartmouth, noting the pale lores, gray nape and brown rump. This is important because young Chipping Sparrows lack the reddish cap.

In mid-October there was also an influx of FIELD SPARROWS, especially on the southern Islands. CSI, Brier and Seal saw more than 20 in total. Elsewhere there was a remarkable concentration, nine at Duncans Cove, HRM Oct. 22 (FLL, CLS, CIC) and some in Canso. Away from the mainland Atlantic coast there was only one, at Schooner Pond, CBRM Oct. 30 (DBM). At least two VESPER SPARROWS also arrived in mid-October. Earlier there were a couple at Lower Rose Bay, *Lun.* (JAH) and one lingered until late October at Baccaro (CSS).

Another vagrant from the west, LARK SPARROW, arrived earlier than most of the other sparrows, as they often do, and typically almost half were on CBI. The earliest were two that stayed for 10 days at Sunrise Valley, *Vic.* from Sept. 9 (FMC). In mid-September there up to three on CSI (MUN, JON), one at Schooner Pond, CBRM – lingered until early October- (ALM, CAM), one on Sable I. in late September (ZOL), another at Canso in late October (TOK) and then the latest in mid-November in Lower Sackville (CLS).

An early Ipswich Sparrow was at Penant Pt., *Lun.* Aug. 5 (HAT). More typically there were several on beaches on the Atlantic in early November.

A GRASSHOPPER SPARROW was banded on BPI Oct. 1, and the week of Oct. 20 brought at least two more, one at Duncans Cove with many other sparrows (FLL, CLS) and another at that great vagrant trap on CBI., Schooner Pond (ALM, CAM). A third lingered for a week from Nov. 7 at Rainbow Haven, HRM (CLS, Dominic Cormier). The two in HRM were considered to be of the eastern race. A LE CONTE'S SPARROW was reported Sept 18-19 on CSI (MUN), the same time of year as one was photographed on nearby BPI in 2002.

In August NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS were still singing from coastal marshes from eastern CBI to the Annapolis Valley and several lingered into October as expected.

Some of the resident FOX SPARROWS were banded on BPI in late August. In October a few migrants stopped at feeders in northern CB (FMC). In November a few were at feeders on CSI and Apple R., Cum. (KFS) and some of these will likely attempt to winter near the feeders.

LINCOLN'S SPARROWS were reported frequently from CBI and along the Atlantic coast from late August to mid-October. In late November stragglers were still on Stoney I., Shel. (MUN) and Duncans Cove, HRM (DAC). A similar pattern emerged for SWAMP SPARROW. The difference was a concentration, representing a major migratory movement, of 40 at Sandy Cove, HRM Oct. 20 (FLL, CSS).

A few WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS arrived the third week of September from Sunrise Valley, Vic. to Portuguese Cove, HRM to Brier I. There were only a handful of reports until a major movement Oct. 16, resulting in a significant count of 250 Oct. 18 on CSI (MUN). During the third week of October they were widespread from eastern CB, Canso, HRM and along the Atlantic coast to Brier I. A few observers (esp. FLL) noted western birds, those with pale lores, making up about 20% of the birds seen. This influx of White-crowns was contemporaneous with the influx of rarer western sparrows such as Clay-colored.

DARK-EYED JUNCOS were widespread. There was a significant migration Oct. 27, with 100s on Brier I. (CAH).

The first LAPLAND LONGSPURS arrived as expected during the third week of September on CBI (ALM, CAM) and the next Sept. 28 on Seal I. (FLL *et al.*). A few small groups were along the Atlantic coast in late October and early November. SNOW BUNTINGS typically arrive later, with the first this year Oct. 3 on Sable I. (ZOL) with more the second week of October at Schooner Pond, CBRM (ALM, CAM) and Lower Rose Bay, Lun. (JAH). During the last 10 days of October and the first couple of weeks of November they were widespread and numerous.

NORTHERN CARDINALS continue to thrive in towns and cities from Dartmouth along the coast to Barrington and then along the Fundy coast to Wolfville. For example in the Wolfville area pairs brought 2nd and 3rd broods to feeders in August (MAG, Jake MacDonald, *vide* JCT). Away from these areas there were a few sightings in Cumberland including one in Port Greville Nov. 14 (SMB, JCZ), a pair in Advocate Nov. 15 (Doug and Heather Boddy *vide* KFS) and a fem. at a feeder in Apple R. for about three weeks from late October (KFS).

Considering how widespread ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAKS are there are few sightings most autumns. This year is no exception, with four on the mainland, the latest at Jeddore Oyster Ponds, HRM Nov. 8 (LUB). Interestingly, there were three on Sable I. between Sept. 10 and Oct. 29 (ZOL). There was no big fallout of BLUE GROSBEAKS, but about 15 were found. The earliest was on Seal I. Sept 5 (FLL) and another on BPI Sept. 10 (JNN). The latest lingered until early November, from four that had arrived Sept 18 at a feeder in Portuguese Cove, HRM (HAT). It was a similar situation with INDIGO BUNTINGS. About 40 is not a major invasion, but more than most autumns. A few were around in late Sept., but the largest numbers were from Oct. 19 when there were 20 in Canso, Guys. (TOK). At least one lingered in Bedford until the end of November (ROG).

There were lots of DICKCISSELS, with more than 20 from around the province, from Sunrise Valley, Vic., Louisbourg, Port Hawkesbury, a couple in Ant., a few in Canso, Guys. and then more in HRM and along the coast to CSI. This is more than any of the past seven years. In addition to these CAH found an amazing 30 on Brier I. Oct. 19. He had been thrilled to find one in his yard, and as he said "Had to come home and take a breath before I go back out again." Sept. 9 is fairly typical for the earliest occurrences of the fall, but this year one was extremely early, Aug. 18 on Brier I. (LAL). Several lingered until the end of November and many of these will attempt to overwinter near feeders.

Though there were few reports of BOBOLINKS this fall, fewer than half the usual, the latest was 10 days later than normal: one Oct. 31 at Hartlen Pt. (DAM).

Nine sightings from six different counties is more than most of the past ten autumns for RUSTY BLACKBIRD. However all were of fewer than 10 individuals of this species in decline. Five EASTERN MEADOWLARKS is one or two more than most of the past few autumns.

Flocks of 50-100 COMMON GRACKLES were not unusual from August through October. More than 1000 on Brier I (DAP) were mostly birds leaving for the south and this continued with migrating flocks of 100-200 on Brier until about Nov. 18 (ELM). Only five reports of BROWN-HEADED COWBIRDS, including a maximum of eight on CSI Oct. 20 (SJF, DHY, JUG), suggest continuing low populations.

ORCHARD ORIOLES wander to Nova Scotia more frequently in the spring than fall, with none reported many falls. Two were noted, perhaps the same individual, the first Sept. 18 a fem. at Daniels Hd. (ELM), CSI and Nov. 10 on CSI (MUN). No BALTIMORE ORIOLES were found in late August or early September when they usually first arrive in numbers. However, the first reports of more than 50 at Chebucto, HRM, Sept. 17 (DAC, AZV), Hartlen Pt., BPI (ABO), and The Hawk, CSI Sept. 18 (TEP, TMF, MUN) and more than 30 Sept. 24 at Schooner Pond, CBRM (DBM) show they were both numerous and widespread. It is typical many were lingering into late November and will attempt to winter at feeders.

A handful of PINE GROSBEAKS were noted with the most unusual location Seal I. (FLL *et al.*). PURPLE FINCH numbers dwindled through October, with only a handful of reports in November. The regular smattering of RED CROSSBILLS, with the two largest flocks 13 at Louisbourg Nov. 4 (type one birds according to FLL) and 15 at Sober I., HRM, Oct. 22 (KJM). Not surprisingly for a year with virtually no spruce cone crop there were only two reports of WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL including two at Bayswater Bch. PP, Lun. (BLM). A surprising observation was a male singing Nov. 13 and 27 at Three Fathom Hbr., HRM (SEM). With the dearth of cones and potential mates he may sing for a long time.

A few COMMON REDPOLLS may be the vanguard of an invasion later in the winter. The first was on Sable I. Oct. 22 (ZOL), the next a couple Nov. 4 at Louisbourg (FLL) and the only sizeable flock was 50 at Caribou R., Pict. Nov. 20 (KJM). □

Summer Tanager

Oct. 19	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 20 to 22	Duncans Cove, HRM	2 males	FLL, CLS
Oct. 26	Portuguese Cove, HRM	fem.	HAT
Scarlet Tanager			
Sept. 18	CSI	male	MUN
Sept. 24	Chebucto, HRM	1	DAC, AZV
Oct. 18	Flat I., Shel.	1	MUN
Oct. 18 to 31	The Hawk, Shel.	up to 6	MUN, ELM
Oct. 29	Baccaro, Shel.	1	CSS, CLS
Oct. 29	Halifax	2	PMC
Nov. 3	North Shore, Vic.	1 f	Fenella Nicholson, <i>fide</i> BSK
Nov. 8-15	Kingston, Kings	1	Marion Kennedy
Oct. 18-21	Sable I.	first yr male	ZOL

Western Tanager

Sept. 25 Sable I.

1 ZOL

Eastern Towhee

early Oct	Schooner Pond, CBRM	fem.	ALM, CAM
Oct. 15-20	Sandy Cove, HRM	up to 3	Liz & Shane Gidney, <i>et al.</i>
Mid. Oct	Tower Road, CBRM	male	Marie & Russel Mauger, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 16-Nov. 4	CSI	up to 3	JON, MUN
Oct. 17-24	Brier I.	up to 2	CAH, ELM
Oct. 21-29	Canso, Guys.	2	TOK
Oct. 23	Freeport, Digby	1	CCA
Oct. 24-28	Plymouth, Pict.	male	KJM
Oct. 25-29	Brier I.	1	DAP
Oct. 26	Clayton Park, HRM	1	EBB
early November	Sand L., CBRM	male	ALM, CAM
Nov. 3	Louisbourg	male	SEM

American Tree Sparrow

Oct. 28-29	Antigonish Landing, Ant.	2	RFL
Oct. 28	Seal I.	3	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 4-11	Sunrise Valley, Vic.	1	FMC
Nov. 13	Rainbow Haven, HRM	1	CLS
Nov. 13	Brier I.	1	ELM
Nov. 13	Broad Cove, Lun.	1	SJF, JSC
Nov. 13	Apple R., Cum.	2	KFS
Nov. 13	APBS, Cum.	4	JAH, PEH
Nov. 16	Lower Sackville, HRM	2	CLS
Nov. 18	Canso, Guys.	increasing	TOK
Nov. 18	Pond Cove, Digby	1	ELM
Nov. 21	New Glasgow, Pict.	a few	KJM, GMU
Nov. 21	Apple R., Cum.	4	KFS
Nov. 26	Portuguese Cove, HRM	some	HAT

Chipping Sparrow

Sept. 5 Kentville, Kings many AAM

Sept. 25	Bear R. and Digby Neck, Digby	1	JAH, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 6	Annapolis Royal	many	JOB
Oct. 13	Apple R., Cum.	1	KFS
Oct. 16-18	CSI	up to 300	MUN
Oct. 16-17	Brier I.	several hundred	ELM, CAH
Oct. 17	Cape d'Or, Cum.	3	BLM
Oct. 19-22	Sober I., HRM	up to 15	HAB, JEB, KJM
Oct. 19	Chebogue Pt., Yar.	4 flocks	Rachel Smith
Oct. 20-22	Sandy Cove, HRM	up to 100	FLL, CSS, CIC, RBS
Oct. 21-23	Canso, Guys.	up to 8	TOK
Oct. 21	Jeddore Oyster Ponds, HRM	3	LUB
Oct. 22	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, HRM	some	HAT
Oct. 22	CSI	8	JAH
Oct. 24-25	Brier I.	up to 40	ELM
Oct. 26	Chebucto Hd., HRM	1	DAM
Oct. 26	Louisbourg	3	SEM
Oct. 27	Crescent Bch., Lun.	3	JAH
Oct. 28	Antigonish Landing, Ant.	1	RFL
Oct. 28	Seal I.	31	FLL, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, Rich.	1	WMA
Nov. 4	Portuguese Cove, HRM	2	HAT
Nov. 12	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, HRM	2	HAT
Nov. 13-18	Brier I.	5 to 7	ELM
Nov. 24	Boularderie I., Vic.	2	BSK

Clay-colored Sparrow

Sept. 3	Seal I., Yar.	1	BLM, <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 19	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 20	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	Anthony Timmons
Sept. 22-28	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	HAT
Sept. 22	Lower Sackville, HRM	1	Anita Pouliot, BBU
early Oct	Schooner Pond, CBRM	2	ALM, CAM
Oct. 17-22	CSI	up to 3	MUN, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 18	Flat I., Shel.	2	MUN
Oct. 19-Nov. 28	Canso, Guys.	up to 6	TOK
Oct. 28	Masons Pt., HRM	1	HAB, JEB
Oct. 31	Dartmouth	1	SMB
Nov. 4	Louisbourg	5	FLL
Nov. 21	New Glasgow, Pict.	1	KJM, GMU
Nov. 24	Belleisle, Anna.	1	SHH

Field Sparrow

Oct. 16-Nov. 10	CSI	up to 4	MUN, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 17-27	Brier I.	1 to several	CAH, ELM
Oct. 18-20	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	IAM, FLL, CSS
Oct. 21-Nov. 1	Pt Pleasant Park, HRM	1	FLL, AGH
Oct. 22	Duncans Cove, HRM	9	FLL, CLS, CIC
Oct. 22	Sober I., HRM	1	KJM
Oct. 23-Nov. 28	Canso, Guys.	up to 2	TOK

Oct. 28	Seal I.	7	FLL <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	30	IAM
Oct. 30	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	DBM	Lincoln's Sparrow			
Nov. 6	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH	Aug. 26-Oct. 18	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	up to 3	HAT, IAM
Nov. 19-27	Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS	Aug. 27-Oct. 18	CSI	a few	MUN
Nov. 23-28	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT	Sept. 18	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Vesper Sparrow				Sept. 21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DAW
Sept. 15-16	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH	Sept. 29	St Anns, <i>Vic.</i>	2	BSK
Oct. 16-20	CSI	1	JON, MUN	Oct. 2	Brier I.	1	FLL
Oct. 16	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	1	JET	Oct. 15	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, Liz and Shane Gidney
Oct. 28-29	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1	Jukka Jantunen, CSS	Oct. 15	Brier I.	some	RBS
Lark Sparrow				Oct. 19	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 9-19	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	2	FMC	Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	some	TOK
Sept. 17	CSI	1	JON, MUN	Oct. 22	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Sept. 18	CSI	3	MUN, ELM	Oct. 22	Sheet Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM
Sept. 28	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Oct. 30	Seal Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	1	KJM
about Sept. 22	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	ALM, CAM	Nov. 13-27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, AZV, Judy O'Brien
Oct. 28	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Nov. 14	Dartmouth	1	FLL
Nov. 15	Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS	Nov. 22	Stoney I., <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN
Savannah Sparrow				Swamp Sparrow			
Aug. 9	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	25	JAH	Aug. 12	Russell L., <i>HRM</i>	2	DLF
Aug. 24	Conrad I., <i>Lun.</i>	20	JAH, DAW	Aug. 19-Sept. 10	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	some	Jan Foley
Aug. 27	CSI	50	MUN	Sept. 5	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	some	BSK
Sept. 6	Pond Cove, Brier I.	30	ELM	Sept. 17	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	2 imm.	FMC
Sept. 15-21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	30 to 40	JAH, DAW	Sept. 25	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	many	HAT
Oct. 6	Annapolis Royal	many	JOB	Sept. 28-Nov. 16	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	some	HAT, JCZ, RHL, ABM
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	20	FLL, CSS	Oct. 6	Annapolis Royal	many	JOB
Oct. 28	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	2	RFL	Oct. 15	Brier I.	some	RBS
Oct. 30	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	2	FMC	Oct. 16-22	CSI	some	MUN
Nov. 15	Wolfville	1	JET	Oct. 20	Mackerel Cove, <i>HRM</i>	some	HAT
Ipswich Savannah Sparrow				Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	40	FLL, CSS
Aug. 5	Pennant Pt., <i>Lun.</i>	1	HAT	Oct. 28	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	some	HAT
Sept. 3	CSI	1	SMB, CST, MUN	Oct. 30	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	1	Darroch Whitaker
Sept. 28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2-3	IAM	Nov. 6	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	AGH
Sept. 30	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Nov. 27	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Oct. 16	CSI	25	MUN	White-throated Sparrow			
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, CSS	August-September			
Oct. 29	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	widely distributed			
Nov. 1	Upper Blandford, <i>Lun.</i>	1	ELM	Sept. 25	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	many	HAT
Nov. 4	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT	Sept. 28	Mabou, <i>Inv.</i>	±12	David Johnston
Nov. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM	Oct. 17	The Hawk, <i>Shel.</i>	60	MUN
Nov. 5-18	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1	ELM, IAM	Oct. 21	CSI	many	MUN
Grasshopper Sparrow				Nov. 3	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS
Oct. 1	BPI	1 banded	ABO	Nov. 7	Dartmouth	1	DOU
Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, CSS, CLS	Nov. 11	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC
about 22 Oct	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	ALM, CAM	Nov. 24	Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	2	RMC
Nov. 7	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS, Dominic Cormier	Nov. 26	Dartmouth	2	Don Forbes
LE CONTE'S SPARROW				White-crowned Sparrow			
Sept. 18	CSI	1	MUN	Sept. 22	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nelson Sharp-tailed Sparrow				Sept. 23	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Aug. 2	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	many	HAT	Sept. 25-Oct. 5	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	up to 3	FMC
Aug. 9-28	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	±10	NSBS, JAH, ELM	Sept. 25	Brier I.	imm.	JAH
Aug. 10-24	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	up to 14	JAH	Oct. 1	Maders Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JEM
Aug-10	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	some	BSK	Oct. 4-28	Sable I.	17 in total	ZOL
Aug-17	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	2	DMW	Oct. 10	Pembroke, <i>Yar.</i>	imm.	MUN
Sept. 9-28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU, IAM	Oct. 13-15	Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	3	JOB, PGB
Sept. 15-21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	up to 7	JAH, DAW	Oct. 16	CSI	many	JON, MUN
Oct. 3	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1	HEK	Oct. 16-24	Brier I.	some	CAH, ELM
Oct. 12	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF	Oct. 18	CSI	250	MUN
Fox Sparrow				Oct. 19	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	4	JAH
Aug. 16-Sept. 10	BPI	14 banded	ABO	Oct. 19	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	7	SJF
Sept. 15	CSI	2	JON	Oct. 20	Mackerel Cove, <i>HRM</i>	some	HAT
Oct. 5-11	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	2	FMC	Oct. 20	Sandy Cove, Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	25	IAM, FLL, CSS
Oct. 26	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2	HAT	Oct. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	4	IAM
Oct. 27	Hammonds Plains, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROG	Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	4	BLM
Nov. 12	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 22	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	15	HAT, FLL, CLS
late October	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC	Oct. 22	CSI	16	JAH
Nov. 28	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Oct. 23	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2 imm.	ANM
Song Sparrow				Oct. 23-26	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	up to 3	TOK
August-November				Oct. 24	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB
Sept. 5	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	100, many juvs.	AAM	Nov. 26	Dartmouth	1	TEP
Sept. 16	Halifax	many	ANM	Dark-eyed Junco			
Sept. 21	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	23	JAH, DAW	August-November			
Sept. 25	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	many	HAT	widely distributed			
Oct. 6	Annapolis Royal	many	JOB	Aug. 25	Hammonds Plains, <i>HRM</i>	some juv.	25 ROG
				Sept. 5	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	many	AAM
				Sept. 10	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	growing flock	FMC

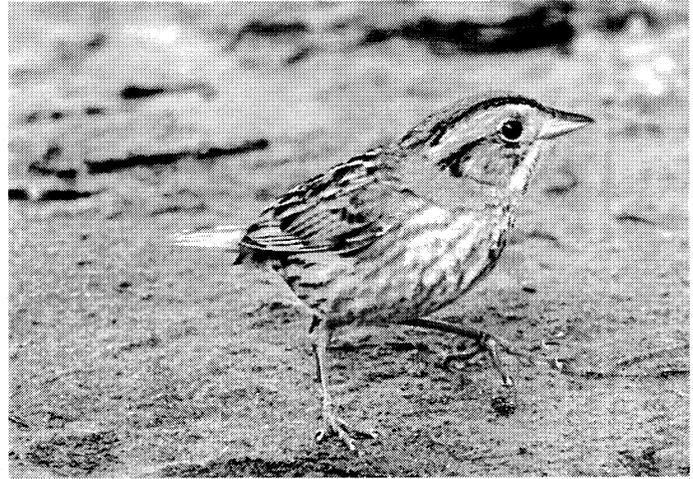
Sept. 16	Halifax	many	ANM
Oct. 5	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	many	FMC
Oct. 6	Annapolis Royal	many	JOB
Oct. 12-20	Brier I.	many	CAH
Oct. 20	CSI	many	JON
Oct. 23	East Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	some	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 26	North Mt., <i>Kings</i>	some	C. MacDonald
Oct. 27	Brier I.	100s	CAH
Nov. 4	Halifax	many	Dominic Cormier
Nov. 4	Brier I.	many	DAP
Nov. 7	Brier I.	many	JUS
Nov. 16	Brier I.	many	CAH
Nov. 24	Belleisle, <i>Anna.</i>	some	SHH
Nov. 24	Berwick, <i>Kings</i>	20	PBG

Lapland Longspur

about Sept. 22	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	5	ALM, CAM
Oct. 8	Pond Cove, Brier I.	1	ABM
about Oct. 10	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	some	ALM, CAM
Oct. 20	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, CSS
Oct. 22	Martinique Bch., <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Oct. 23	The Hawk, <i>Shel.</i>	2	MUN
Oct. 27	Pollys Cove, <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Oct. 28	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	5	BLM
Oct. 28	Seal I.	1	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	30	FLL, DAM
Nov. 3	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i> some	JAH	
Nov. 4	Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	12	ELM
Nov. 4	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Nov. 5	Pond Cove, Brier I.	10+	ELM
Nov. 6	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU
Nov. 6	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	few	CLS
Nov. 7	Halifax	few	AAM

Snow Bunting

Oct. 3	Sable I. in total	>130	ZOL
about 10 Oct	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	some	ALM, CAM
Oct. 12	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, JUP
Oct. 15	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM
Oct. 22	Waterside Bch. PP, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	4	KJM
Oct. 24	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2	ELM
Oct. 27	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	30	JAH
Oct. 27	West Hd., <i>Shel.</i>	8	ELM
Oct. 27	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	some	DAM
Oct. 28	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	20	SEM
Oct. 28	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	100	RFL
Oct. 28	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	25	BLM
Oct. 28	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	few	HAT
Oct. 28	Seal I.	17	FLL <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 28-Nov. 13	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	5	DJC
Oct. 29	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	few	HAT
Oct. 29	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	3	AAM
Oct. 29	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	3	WMA
Oct. 29	Martinique Bch., <i>HRM</i>	some	ROH
Oct. 30	Seal Hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	16	KJM
Oct. 30	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	200	Darroch Whitaker
Oct. 31	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	50	FLL, DAM
Nov. 2	Brier I.	100	CAH
Nov. 2	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	100+	RFL
Nov. 4	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC
Nov. 5	Halifax	few	KJM
Nov. 5	Melbourne, <i>Yar.</i>	some	Rachel Smith
Nov. 5	Tracadie, <i>Ant.</i>	120+	RFL
Nov. 6	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	50	DOU
Nov. 6	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS
Nov. 7	Pinkneys Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	20	PRG
Nov. 7	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	50	JAH
Nov. 7	Halifax	40	AAM
Nov. 8-11	Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	±50	<i>fide</i> BSK
Nov. 9	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	±75	LUB
Nov. 10	Halls Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	3	Mike McCall
Nov. 10	Straight of Canso Area, <i>Inv.</i>	some	NSBS
Nov. 10	Shulie, <i>Cum.</i>	5+	KFS
Nov. 11	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC



This high-stepping adult NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW at Cow Bay, *HRM*, Aug. 2, was presumably breeding there. Its blackish and white-streaked back and rather strongly streaked underparts are unusual in our local subspecies *subvirgatus*, and resemble the patterns in the James Bay *alterus* or the Prairie *nelsoni*. We have more to learn! [Photo Hans Toom]

Nov. 12	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 12	Conrad I., <i>Lun.</i>	some	PLC
Nov. 13	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	100	DHH
Nov. 13	Pinkneys Pt., <i>Yar.</i>	some	Donna Morrison
Nov. 13	Pond Cove, Brier I.	50	ELM
Nov. 14	Northern Pt., Brier I.	2	ELM
Nov. 15	Western Light, Brier I.	40	ELM
Nov. 17	Smelt Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	±12	JEM
Nov. 20	Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	CLS
Nov. 20	Marshville, <i>Pict.</i>	50	KJM
Nov. 21	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	40	JOB

Northern Cardinal

August-November	Wolfville	<i>fide</i> JCT	
Sept. 6	Brier I.	fem. & young	JUS
October-November	CSI	2	MUN, JON, DOC
October-November	Yarmouth, <i>Yar.</i>	> 5	MUN, RBS
October-November	Brier I.	2 males, 5 fems.	DAP, CAH, JUS
October-November	<i>HRM</i>	several	AGH, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 27	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	male	ELM
November	Annapolis Royal	2	RHL, RBS
November	Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	male	RMC
Nov. 14	Port Greville, <i>Cum.</i>	1	SMB, JCZ
Nov. 25	Berwick, <i>Kings</i>	7	<i>fide</i> Jake MacDonald
Nov. 27	West Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	3	MUN

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Aug. 27	Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	some	JOB
Sept. 5	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	fem.	AAM
Sept. 10-Oct. 29	Sable I.	3 in total	ZOL
Oct. 18	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB
Nov. 8	Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	1	LUB

Blue Grosbeak

Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	FLL
Sept. 10-11	BPI	1	JJN, ABO
Sept. 18	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	4	DOU
Sept. 18	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	1 m	DAC, AZV
Sept. 25	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	Alan Covert
Sept. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	ANM
Oct. 12	Lower LaHave, <i>Lun.</i>	fem., 1 first yr.	JAH, JUP
Oct. 14	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	fem.	ELM
mid-October	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1 first winter	ALM, CAM
Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK
Oct. 23	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK
Oct. 24	The Hawk, <i>Shel.</i>	1	TEC
Nov. 5	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT

Indigo Bunting								
Sept. 19 CSI	2	MUN						
Sept. 24-Oct. 1 Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	up to 4	ALM, CAM						
Oct. 1-3 Brier I.	5	FLL, <i>et al.</i>						
Oct. 2-16 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP						
Oct. 3 BPI	2	ABO						
Oct. 17-27 Brier I.	up to 4	CAH, ELM						
Oct. 19-23 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	up to 20	TOK						
Oct. 22-24 CSI	2	MUN, JAH, Dorothy Poole						
Oct. 22 Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	imm. Male	RBS						
Oct. 22 Sheet Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	KJM						
Oct. 23 Louisbourg	fem., died	<i>fide SEM</i>						
Oct. 28 Halifax	1	FMC						
Oct. 30-Nov. 18 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	2 f	FMC						
Nov. 19 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT						
Nov. 28 Conrad Rd., <i>HRM</i>	male	Ernie Mobus, <i>fide SEM</i>						
Nov. 30 Bedford, <i>HRM</i>	1	ROG						
Dickcissel								
Aug. 18-Sept. 2 Brier I.	1	LAL						
Sept. 3 Seal I.	1	BLM <i>et al.</i>						
Sept. 9 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH						
Sept. 18 CSI	2	MUN, ELM						
Sept. 19 BPI	1	ABO						
about 22 Sep Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	4	ALM, CAM						
Sept. 25 Sable I.	1	ZOL						
Sept. 25-28 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	male	HAT						
October Louisbourg	1	<i>fide SEM</i>						
Oct. 1 Brier I.	4	FLL, DAM						
Oct. 5-10 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC						
Oct. 13 BPI	3	ABO						
Oct. 17 Brier I.	ad. fem.	ELM, DAP						
Oct. 19 Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	fem.	LOC						
Oct. 19 Brier I.	30	CAH						
Oct. 21-Nov. 28 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	up to 5	TOK						
Oct. 23-24 CSI	1	MUN, HAT						
Oct. 27 Brier I.	few	CAH						
Oct. 27 Baccaro Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	1	Jukka Jantunen						
Oct. 28 Chezzetcook Inlet, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM						
Nov. 5 Tracadie Hbr., <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL, Bruce Stevens						
Nov. 11 Port Hawkesbury, <i>Inv.</i>	1	NSBS, David Johnston						
about 14 Nov. Glace Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	2	BES, GEC						
Nov. 16 LaHave, <i>Lun.</i>	1 dead	<i>fide JAH</i>						
Nov. 27 Williams Pt., <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS, RFL						
Bobolink								
Aug. 24 Brier I.	17	LIT						
Aug. 28 Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, CSS, DAW						
Sept. 2 Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	2 fems.	JAH						
Sept. 4 BPI	1 banded	ABO						
Sept. 5 Seal I.	35	FLL <i>et al.</i>						
Sept. 18 CSI	1	MUN, ELM						
Sept. 21 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	22	JAH, DAW						
about Sept. 22 Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	4	ALM, CAM						
Oct. 19-23 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	2	TOK						
Oct. 31 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, DAM						
Red-winged Blackbird								
Sept. 2 Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH						
Sept. 3 Dayspring, <i>Lun.</i>	30	JAH						
Oct. 1 Maders Cover, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JEM						
Oct. 19 Wolfville	4	JET						
Oct. 20 South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	6	BSK						
Oct. 23 Brier I.	14	ELM						
Oct. 23 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	incr. at feeders	TOK						
Oct. 31 Dartmouth	4	SMB						
Nov. 9 Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	some	DOC						
Nov. 10-12 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	fem.	FMC						
Nov. 13-18 Brier I.	30	ELM						
Nov. 20 Fox Hbr., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KJM						
Nov. 24 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT						
Nov. 24 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS						
Eastern Meadowlark								
Aug-25 West Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1	JON						
Oct. 2 The Hawk, <i>Shel.</i>	1	JON						
Oct. 10 Berwick, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCZ						
Oct. 26 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK						
Nov. 6 Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP						
Rusty Blackbird								
Aug. 7 Williams L., <i>HRM</i>	1 (night migrant)	FLL						
Sept. 20 Mitchell Bay, <i>HRM</i>	8	KJM						
Sept. 22 Petite Rivière, <i>Lun.</i>	some	CSS						
Oct. 3 Brier I.	male	FLL, DAM						
Oct. 20 Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	1	JOB						
Oct. 22 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	imm.	FLL, CLS						
Nov. 8 Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	ad.	FLL						
Nov. 5 Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	1	CLS						
Nov. 21 Big Hbr., <i>Vic.</i>	1	Dan Banks, <i>fide BSK</i>						
Common Grackle								
August-September	widespread,							
Sept. 10 Hammonds Plains, <i>HRM</i>	50	JAH, DAW, Dorothy Poole						
Sept. 28 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	some	FMC						
Oct. 23 Dartmouth	50	DOU						
Oct. 23 Brier I.	200	ELM						
Oct. 23 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	building #s	TOK						
Oct. 23 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	75+	KFS						
Oct. 28 Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	500	BLM						
Oct. 29 Brier I.	1000	DAP						
Nov. 4 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	many	HAT						
Nov. 9 Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	some	DOC						
Nov. 12 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	50+	KFS						
Nov. 13-18 Brier I.	up to 200 daily	ELM						
Brown-headed Cowbird								
Sept. 25 Sable I.	2 m	ZOL						
Oct. 20 CSI	8	SJF, DHY, JUG						
Oct. 22 CSI	4	JAH						
Oct. 22 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM						
Nov. 9 Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	some	DOC						
Nov. 12 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	male	KFS						
Orchard Oriole								
Sept. 18 CSI	fem.	ELM						
Nov. 10 CSI	1	MUN						
Baltimore Oriole								
Sept. 3 Brier I.	2 imms.	SEM						
Sept. 4 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	RBS						
Sept. 17 Chebucto, <i>HRM</i>	many	DAC, AZV						
Sept. 18 Dartmouth	10	BBU						
Sept. 18 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	60	TEP						
Sept. 18 CSI	50+	ELM, MUN						
Sept. 18 Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	7	HAT						
Sept. 18 BPI	100+ (33 banded)	ABO, TMF, JJN						
Sept. 19 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	24	HAT						
Sept. 20 Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	8	KJM						
Sept. 23 Atwoods Brook, <i>Shel.</i>	a few	Eileen & Harold Hubley						
Sept. 25 Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	30+	DBM						
Oct. 9 River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	fem.	GED						
Oct. 19-23 CSI	6	MUN						
October-November Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK						
Oct. 26 Port Hawkesbury, <i>Inv.</i>	male	David Johnston						
Nov. 1-9 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC						
Nov. 1-25 Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	up to 3	LOC						
Nov. 4 Brier I.	2	DAP						
Nov. 9 Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	imm.	JOB						
Nov. 13 Port Hawkesbury, <i>Inv.</i>	1	David Johnston						
Nov. 18 Port Clyde, <i>Shel.</i>	imm. fem.	SAH						
Nov. 20 East Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	1	Karen Chiasson						
Nov. 22 Big Hbr., <i>Vic.</i>	1	Dan Banks, <i>fide BSK</i>						
late Nov HRM, Pict., <i>Guys., Yar.</i>	several							
Pine Grosbeak								
Sept. 3 Wilsons Road, <i>Yar.</i>	some	CST						
Oct. 2 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM						
Oct. 20 Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	5	FLL, CSS						
Oct. 28 Seal I.	2	FLL <i>et al.</i>						
Nov. 5 Spanish Ship Bay, <i>Guys.</i>	few	CLS						
Nov. 14 St Anns Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	male	BSK						
Purple Finch								
August-September Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	up to 12	SLH, JOB						
Aug. 15 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3+	KFS						
August-November <i>HRM</i>	several	PLC, Jan Foley, ROG						
Sept. 18 Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	2	RFL						
Sept. 29-November South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	some	BSK						

Oct. 5-11 Maders Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JEM	Oct. 21 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS
Oct. 13 Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	some	JOB	Oct. 23 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	building #s	TOK
Oct. 13-21 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	6, incr. to 15+	KFS	Oct. 24 East Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	some	Karen Chiasson
Oct. 14 Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	some	ELM	Oct. 29 Brier I.	10+	DAP
Oct. 16 Brier I.	few	CAH	Nov. 8 South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	some	BSK
Oct. 24 East Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	some	Karen Chiasson	Nov. 13 <i>HRM</i>	a few	PKE, DHH
Oct. 29-Nov. 4 Brier I.	25+	DAP	Nov. 13 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2	KFS
Nov. 9 Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	some	DOC	Nov. 13 Pembroke, <i>Yar.</i>	some	Donna Morrison
Nov. 13 Pembroke, <i>Yar.</i>	some	Donna Morrison	late November Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	2	RMC
House Finch			late November Wolfville	30	Jake MacDonald
October-November <i>Yarmouth</i>	Incr. at feeders in Nov	MUN	American Goldfinch		
Oct. 22 Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, CLS, CIC	August-November widespread,		
Nov. 4 Halifax	few	Dominic Cormier	Nov. 24 Berwick, <i>Kings</i>	150	PBG
Red Crossbill			Nov. 22 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	250+	TOK
Aug. 1 Brier I.	imm.	DAP	Evening Grosbeak		
Aug. 1 Oakfield PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM	Aug. 1 Stanley, Hants	some	SAW
Aug. 5 Old Guysborough Rd., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM	Oct. 1 Bear R., <i>Digby</i>	some	JET
Aug. 23 Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JOA	Oct. 13 Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	some	JOB
Aug. 26 Atlantic View Trail, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Oct. 19 East Lake Ainslie, <i>Inv.</i>	fem.	Karen Chiasson
Sept. 3-5 Seal I., <i>Yar.</i>	4	FLL, BLM	Oct. 21 Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	1	RES
Oct. 2 Bear R., <i>Digby</i>	some	JET	Oct. 23 Cape George, <i>Rich.</i>	some	Jeannie Shermerhorn
Oct. 13-Nov. 28 Maders Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	up to 3	JEM	Oct. 27 Wolfville	3	JET
Oct. 22 Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	15	KJM	Oct. 30 North Mt., <i>Kings</i>	2 males & 6 fems.	C. MacDonald
Nov. 4 Louisbourg	13	FLL	November Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	up to 25	KFS
White-winged Crossbill			Nov. 7 Paradise, <i>Anna.</i>	2	Matt Baker
Oct. 27 Bayswater Beach P.P., <i>Lun.</i>	2	BLM	Nov. 9 Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	some	DOC
Nov. 13-27 Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	male	SEM	Nov. 9-10 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	20	BLM
Common Redpoll			Nov. 9 Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	2	JOB
Nov. 4 Louisbourg	2	FLL	Nov. 10 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	some	FMC
Nov. 9 Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, SMB	Nov. 13 Pembroke, <i>Yar.</i>	some	Donna Morrison
Nov. 11 Jersey Cove, <i>Vic.</i>	3	BSK	Nov. 15 Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	some	CLS
Nov. 15 Lower Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	4	CLS	Nov. 16 Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	15	RMC
Oct. 22 Sable I.	1	ZOL	Nov. 18 Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	4	HAT
Nov. 20 Caribou R., <i>Pict.</i>	50	KJM	November South Haven, <i>Vic.</i>	a few	BSK
Pine Siskin			House Sparrow		
August-September <i>HRM</i>	up to 25	Jan Foley, ROG, DMW	August-November Brier I.	about 6	ELM
Aug-20 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS	September-November CB, <i>Lun., HRM, Ant., Guys.</i>		Some
Sept. 3 Wilsons Rd., <i>Yar.</i>	some	CST			
Sept. 24 Wolfville	1	JCT			

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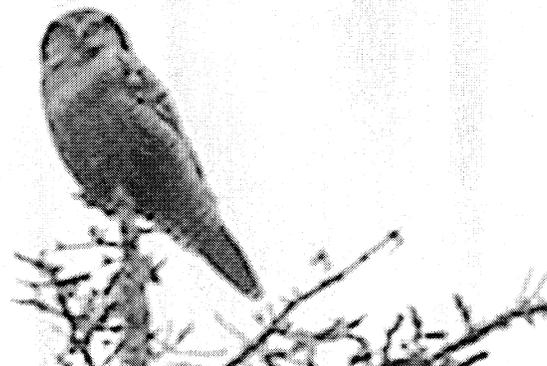
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This photograph taken Nov. 4 at Spanish Bay, *Guys.*, confirms one of our few records of NORTHERN HAWK OWL. Given the early date, could it have nested somewhere in Cape Breton or the N Mainland? [Photo May Goring]



Autumn Migration at the Atlantic Bird Observatory: Fall 2005

By Trina Fitzgerald

Migration-monitoring commenced 16 August on Bon Portage Island (BP), followed by the Seal Island (SI) field station on 25 September. Overall, 151 species (including subspecies) were detected and 1439 individuals were banded comprising 75 species.

The top ten species banded at BP are listed in Table 1, along with the corresponding date that peak movement was detected. Banding totals for the past five years are also presented for comparison. This year, we had two new species occur on the top ten list –Baltimore oriole (*Icterus galbula galbula*) and Blue-headed vireo (*Vireo solitarius*). Approximately 100 Baltimore orioles arrived on 18 September. We banded 33 individuals on this day, and had a seasonal total of 46 banded individuals. An unusual number of Blue-headed vireos occurred during 16 -19 October, with over 35 individuals observed each day. During this period we captured 47 individuals.

During October, gale force winds, fog, and rain were prevalent on fifteen days, which prevented banding activities. Gale force easterlies prevailed during 12 – 15 October. On 16 October, gale southwesterlies occurred, which coincided with the arrival of a large number of migrants. This movement was mainly comprised of White-throated (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) and Chipping Sparrows (*Spizella passerina*), and Yellow-rumped (*Dendroica coronata*) and Western Palm Warblers (*Dendroica palmarum*). The winds finally ceased on 18 October and we were able to band 119 individuals, comprising 24 species. Near the end of October, hurricane Wilma made her presence known. On 26 October, Yellow-billed Cuckoos (*Coccyzus americanus*) were spotted flying in from the ocean and landing on the island. Many of the Blackpoll Warblers (*Dendroica striata*) foraged along the beach and were too weak to fly. Chimney swifts (*Chaetura pelagica*) were also observed throughout the day. However, the highlight was observing an American Avocet.

Numerous vagrant species were banded and spotted throughout the season (Table 2 & 3). Highlight for the season was capturing a Grasshopper sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*).

For more details concerning observations and bandings we invite you to visit our web site: <http://landscape.acadiau.ca/abo/>

Table 1. Top ten species banded during fall 2005 on Bon Portage Island and corresponding date of peak movement. Banding totals are for the entire season. Peak date refers to the date during the season when the highest numbers of individuals were observed. (* Note that *Traill's Flycatcher* is the vernacular nomenclature used for being unable to distinguish between Alder and Willow Flycatcher in the hand - although the great majority captured on the islands are likely Alder Flycatchers).

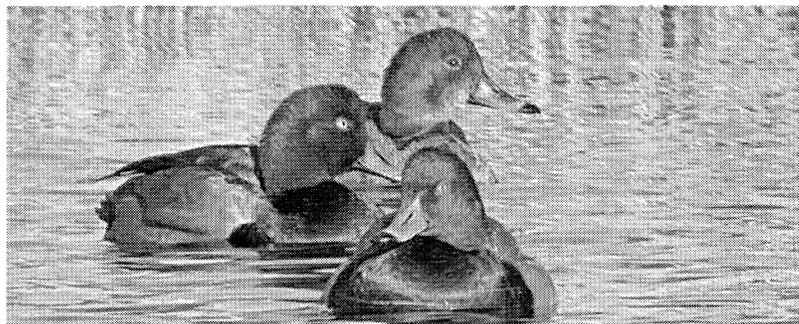
Rank	Bon Portage – Fall 2005				Past Years				
	Species	Peak	Band	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	
1	Blackpoll Warbler	Sept 16	156	31	124	70	127	56	
2	Traill's* Flycatcher	Sept 5	80	90	115	76	59	83	
3	Red-eyed Vireo	Sept 4/5	77	70	97	73	111	74	
4	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Oct 16-22	71	53	51	154	143	151	
5	Northern Waterthrush	Sept 4/5	67	51	98	68	88	82	
6	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Oct 16-22	64	59	129	392	378	490	
7	Blue-headed Vireo	Oct 16-19	47	9	19	2	15	19	
8	Baltimore Oriole	Sept 18	46	2	14	2	8	8	
9	American Redstart	Sept 4/5	44	69	73	71	142	65	
10	Common Yellowthroat	Sept 5/6	43	34	63	69	146	139	

Table 2. Vagrants detected on Bon Portage. Subscript indicates the number of individuals noted on indicated day. For individuals that were observed on consecutive days, the first day that the individual was seen is presented.

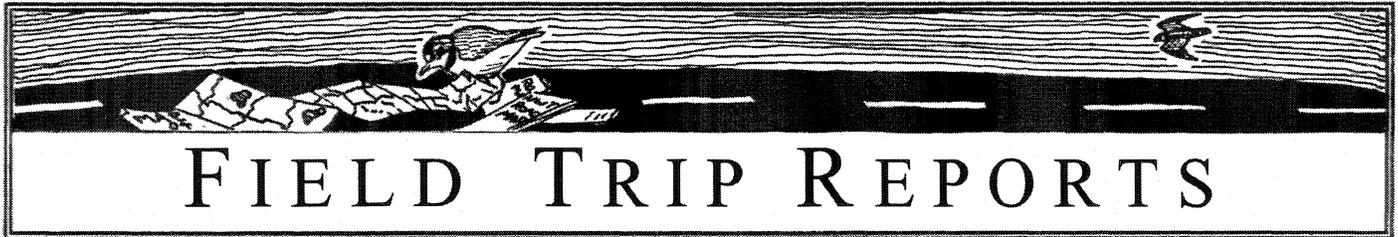
Species	Banded	Observed	Dates
American Avocet		2 or 3	Oct 26 ₍₁₎ , 27 ₍₂₎
Red-headed Woodpecker		1	Oct 4
House Wren		10	Oct 16 - 19
Marsh Wren		2	Oct 17
Northern Mockingbird		1	Aug 16
Brown Thrasher	1	2	Sep 30; Oct 16, 22
Hooded Warbler		1	Aug 26
Pine Warbler		2	Oct 16
Prothonotary Warbler	2		Oct 18, 20
Prairie Warbler	3	2	Aug 25 ₍₂₎ , 28 ₍₁₎ ; Oct 16, 18
Worm-eating Warbler	1		Sep 20
Western Palm Warbler		40-50	Sep 30 ₍₁₎ ; Oct 10 ₍₁₎ , Oct 16 -19 ₍₄₀₋₅₀₎
Yellow-breasted Chat	2	2	Aug 22; Sep 3, 22; Oct 18
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	37	Sep 16, 18, 20, 23; Oct 10, 16, 26 ₍₃₅₎
Blue Grosbeak		1	Sep 11
Indigo Bunting	1	2	Oct 3
Dickcissel	1	4	Sep 19; Oct 16 ₍₃₎ , 23

Table 3. Vagrants detected on Seal Island. Subscript indicates the number of individuals noted on the particular day. For individuals that were observed on consecutive days, the first day that the individual was seen is presented.

Species	Banded	Observed	Dates
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	2	Sep 28 ₍₂₎ ; Oct 5
House Wren		1	Oct 4
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	Oct 2
Grasshopper Sparrow	1		Oct 1



REDHEADS were big news this fall, with numbers appearing widely in Nova Scotia shortly after, oddly, first being found in Newfoundland. These were at the Centreville sewage ponds, CBRM. [Photo Cathy Murrant]



Mahone Bay

06 August 2005, Leader: James Hirtle

I met with the group at the usual place, the "three churches parking lot" in Mahone Bay. There were only seven this year, including me.

Overall, bird numbers were sparse. In terms of migration we were in the doldrum period, which hits about this time every year. I was able to observe 53 species and an additional 17 species were heard and seen. Fulton Lavender added a few species to the list, which none of the others heard.

The area by the Mush-A-Mush River, which usually is active, was very quiet. At Clearland we saw three Gray Catbirds and a few warblers and other species. In the bay near the Inlet Cafe were 18 Common Mergansers.

The highlight of Long Hill was not a bird, but a dragonfly, keyed out as a Calico Pennant.

We went to the Maitland Trail, along Station Road where we were able to see a Wood Duck in flight, a Merlin, an adult Red-tailed Hawk and a juvenile, along with a few other species.

The Fauxburg Trail was the highlight of the outing where we met up with a nice group of warblers and other species. We had a Blackburnian Warbler in the group and also present were two more Merlins and two more Gray Catbirds. An Qvenbird was closely observed at this location; we'd had a juvenile at Clearland.

The trip ended at Second Peninsula, where all four swallow species were seen.

Yarmouth County

03 September 2006, Leader: Clyde Stoddart

Four people showed up for the field trip to Wilson road and Roberts Island. Here are some of the birds we had: Pied-billed Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Wood Duck, American Black Duck, Black-bellied Plover, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Mourning Dove, Rock Pigeon, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Boreal Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, American Robin, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Nashville warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Palm Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Pine Grosbeak, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch.

Bon Portage Island - Labour Day Weekend 2005

By Claire Diggins

On Friday September 2nd five participants left Prospect Wharf for Bon Portage Island. The evening was warm and sunny, providing a few extra hours to explore the southeast shoreline of the island before supper and bed. Two Great Horned Owls were calling. The entire weekend remained clear and warm, enough for two of us to enjoy a refreshing swim without screams. Migratory birds moved in on Sunday and Monday, and observers recognized flycatchers, vireos, flickers, nuthatches, waxwings, several species of warblers, and several kinds of hawks. This added to our list from Saturday which had about two hundred shore birds, thousands of Leaches Storm Petrels with chicks in their burrows, and other birds of the island. We watched a Great Horned Owl on three occasions. This was a weekend made for the enjoyment of birders.

Hartlen Point 10 September 2006, Leader: Fulton Lavender

On a fine, clear September morning a large enthusiastic group of about 25 birders met at the now-famous Hartlen Point, hoping to be rewarded for an early fall effort. A thorough search of tangles and trails paid handsome dividends for most of the eager participants.

We covered Hartlen Point until about mid-afternoon, and then went on to Sandy Cove near Ketch Harbour for some early evening birding.

The total list for the day was seventy species. Some of the highlights were Northern Gannet, American Golden Plover, Baird's Sandpiper, and 14 species of warblers including a Prairie Warbler. The main highlight of the day, however, was a strange green-looking flycatcher, which was photographed and later confirmed as an Acadian Flycatcher, supporting the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Many thanks to those who took part in our little adventure. Let us hope for many more great outings like it.

Brier Island 30 Sept – 02 Oct 2006, Leaders: Fulton Lavender, James Hirtle, and Carl Haycock

Our president, Suzanne Borkowski, must be given credit for this field trip or, at least, the timing of it. Suzanne thought it would be nice to leave Thanksgiving open as a family weekend, so she took a bit of a gamble and moved the Brier Island field trip back a week. I, for one, think her decision was a smashing success!

More than forty participants who turned up, and everyone had a great time. The weekend was not particularly filled with songbird activity, but despite this we totaled a surprising list of 112 species. Among the highlights were: Turkey Vulture (9), Sharp-shinned Hawk (150), Broad-winged Hawk (100), American Kestrel (50), American Woodcock (1), Red-necked Phalarope (5), Red Phalarope (250), Pomarine Jaeger (2), Skua Sp. (1), Laughing Gull (2), Lesser Black-backed Gull (1), Atlantic Puffin (1), Great Horned Owl (2), Long-eared Owl (3), Northern Saw-whet Owl (15), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (1), Philadelphia Vireo (1), Prairie Warbler (1), Pine Warbler (1), Eastern Phoebe (1), and Indigo Bunting (2).

On our final day a special moment occurred at mouth of the Westport town marsh when almost the entire Sunday group got to see and study a fairly cooperative, immature Cooper's Hawk for at least five minutes. This bird was a Nova Scotia lifer for many present; no-one was pleased than Bob McDonald, who has waited years for a decent view of one. Way to go Bob!

See you all next year.

Fulton L. Lavender

Schooner Pond and Morien Bar 24 September 2005, Leaders: Maureen Cameron-MacMillan & Dave McCorquodale

At Schooner Pond it was quite breezy, but there were a number (maybe ten or so) Cliff Swallows and a single Chimney Swift flying over the pond near where we parked our vehicles. A pond there had a couple of Pied-billed Grebes. On our walk up to the old mine site, Bev Sarty found an adult male Prairie Warbler, and a few who lingered in that area saw it plus a duller immature Prairie Warbler. A nice photo was obtained by Gord.

A single Golden Plover flew over and one or two Baltimore Orioles were seen in the area as well.

At Morien Bar there were a number of Barn and Bank Swallows and a single Tree Swallow. There were hundreds of shorebirds there; mostly Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers and a few Knots and Yellowlegs, but the tide had come up too high and the birds were a little too far off to see all that was there.

At the Sydney airport we had more Barn Swallows, a number of Pectoral Sandpipers, and Black-bellied and Golden Plovers.

At Beacon St. Dam there was a male Eurasian Wigeon among the many American Wigeons and Ring-necked Ducks present.

Just over 60 species were noted for the day and if it were not for the wind, I think our total would have been a bit higher, but still a great day in a great part of NS.

Ken McKenna

Brier Island Pelagic Trip

01 October 2005, Leader: Carl Haycock

I just wanted to post a bit about our pelagic trip on Saturday with Mariner Cruises, organized by Suzanne Borkowski. Weather was clear and sunny; a light SW wind in the afternoon. Over 40 participants went out on this cruise. Seabirds seen included:

Greater (lots) and Sooty (a few) Shearwaters
Black-legged Kittiwakes (hundreds)
Atlantic Puffins (a few)
1 Laughing Gull
Northern Gannets
1 Osprey

A few Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers
3 Humpback Whales (including a Cow/calf pair)
3 Right Whales
1 Fin Whale
Harbour Porpoises
Grey Seals

It was an enjoyable afternoon with a good bunch of folks. The weather can be very unpredictable this time of year but the weekend turned out very nice.

Carl Haycock

Canso and Area

26 November 2005, Leaders: Tom Kavanaugh and Steve Bushell

First I'd like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all that attended, and especially to those who traveled from afar to make it (that would be almost everyone)! The day started off with the Arrival of 15 eager birders at the entrance to the Chapel Gully Park. Birders that came from the Valley, Pictou, Antigonish, and the Metro areas were joined by a couple of local birders.

58 species were picked up during the day; notable birds were:

White-winged Dove
Dickcissel
Yellow-breasted Chat
Chimney Swift
Field Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Orange-crowned Warbler
No fewer than 6 Pine Warblers

Baltimore Oriole
White-breasted Nuthatch
Bohemian Waxwing
Bufflehead (not at all common & unseasonably early)
Great Blue Heron
Pied-billed Grebe
7 species of Gulls
And lots of more common stuff,

AND, unfortunately, while we were all in the field looking for something good the best bird of the day made a 15-minute visit to my yard. My wife, Terri, got grand looks at a Townsend's Solitaire perched atop our tree through the spotting scope, approximately 50 feet away! OHHH the jealousy in my house now! By the time Terri gave me this report darkness had already set in and it was too late to search for it.

The Search continues. . .

Tom Kavanaugh

Antigonish Coastal Waters

27 November 2005, Leader: Randy Lauff

Fifteen birders, novice and seasoned alike, joined me on a tour of some of the coastal areas of Antigonish County. This trip is set for the end of November because of the relatively reliable presence of up to 200 Northern Gannets foraging in Ogdens Pond at this time of year. This spectacle is rather unique in the Province due to the relatively inland nature of the Pond (it is actually a barachois). The unseasonably mild temperatures left us without the gannet spectacle this year, but a Marbled Godwit was at the pond and an unidentified auk gave us a bit of trouble before it disappeared (a shark got that one. . .)

Despite the highlight not materializing, we managed to find a few good and unexpected birds. The Blue-grey Gnatcatcher was a lifer for some, as was the Dickcissel. Two late Pied-billed Grebes were not unprecedented on this trip, but good to see nonetheless. An American Coot was at the upper end of Antigonish Landing, while a Gadwall was in one of the ponds within the salt marsh itself. The Black-necked Stilt was a no-show during the trip, but several folks tried again on their way home and managed to find it in its typical spot at Antigonish Landing. We had about 50 species for the day. □

Field Trip Pictou County Harbours 19 November 2005, Leader: Ken McKenna

Although the morning was frosty, the air was calm and the 25 birders quickly introduced themselves, revealing a number of beginning birders. We set out for Abercrombie to Charlton Cove on the west-side of the East River. A lingering Belted Kingfisher was scoped on a limb above a small group of Hooded Mergansers. A flock of Canada Geese in the River seemed to be all the same size. At the outflow of the NS Power Plant in Trenton, the first Bonaparte's Gulls for the day were observed and after good scope views of finer points we moved on to Melmerby Beach PP. The inner bay at Melmerby was teeming with Red-breasted Mergansers, Common Goldeneye, and Bonaparte's Gulls. Astute valley birders picked out a Black-headed Gull. On the ocean side of the park, the usual late fall water birds were present including Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Common Eider, Horned Grebe, and a few immature Northern Gannets diving in the distance. Four immature Great Cormorants sat on the rocks at the end of Roy I. and a Northern Harrier was harassed by crows over the island. Passerines were limited to a small group of American Tree Sparrows flushed from the dune grass.

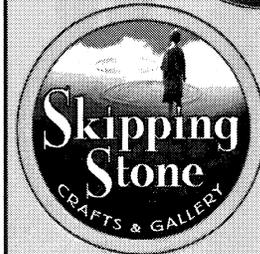
The wind was starting to pick up but a walk into Powell's Pt. PP was much more sheltered. A male Barrow's Goldeneye was noted in a small flock of Common Goldeneye and Canada Geese. Both Boreal Chickadee and Hairy Woodpecker were spotted along the walk and the exposed mudflats had lots of Bonaparte's Gulls. Again a trio of Black-headed Gulls were found in the group. At Chance Harbour there were many Red-breasted and Common Mergansers, and a search through the Bonaparte's Gulls here yielded 2 Iceland Gulls. A chilly sea watch near the wharf produced a couple of winter-garbed Red-throated Loons.

To warm up, we moved on to Tim Horton's in Trenton and then on to the sewage treatment plant nearby. Here the group was surprised to see 4 Chimney Swifts still surviving after been blown in after hurricane Wilma several weeks ago. There were more Iceland Gulls here including some adults, but the Ring-billed Gulls were the most prevalent. More waterfowl were viewed from the parking meter plant in Abercrombie and at the Pictou Causeway. A lingering Ring-necked Duck was in one of the ponds below the pulp mill. There were still about eight Double-crested Cormorants in the vicinity of the causeway. A small number of Greater Scaup were seen along the causeway as well, but the large numbers seen in the winter months have been absent since the opening of the hunting season. At the Haliburton Gut, the group was wowed by about 200 Hooded Mergansers.

Waterside PP was relatively quiet, but there were at least a dozen Red-throated Loons bobbing in the waves created by the strong NW wind. A lone Great Blue Heron was noted near Weir's Gut on the way back. The drive from Granton to Mt. William on the TCH 106 revealed four roadside Red-tailed Hawks. Bald Eagles were seen at most stops. At the days end were had tallied just shy of 50 species, but had seen a good sample of the common late fall birds of Pictou County. Thanks to all who came for making a very nice field trip. □

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Book Review

**“The Bedside Book of Birds – An Avian Miscellany” by Graeme Gibson,
Published by Random House of Canada (Doubleday Books), hardcover, \$39.95**

I have but two complaints regarding this marvelous book; the substantial hardcover edition is a bit heavy to tote to bed, and its compelling contents dispel fatigue, making sleep an impossibility.

Better, then, to have this book lying in wait at other strategic locations around the house. But you still won't get any sleep. Gibson's book, an outstanding collection of bird-related excerpts from literature and painting extending back millennia, will keep your attention for hours. The samples of writing are drawn from fiction, poetry, science, fable, as well as the bible, and the complimentary images have an equally wide range. Together, the words and paintings remind us the important relationship between birds and humanity which has endured through the ages.

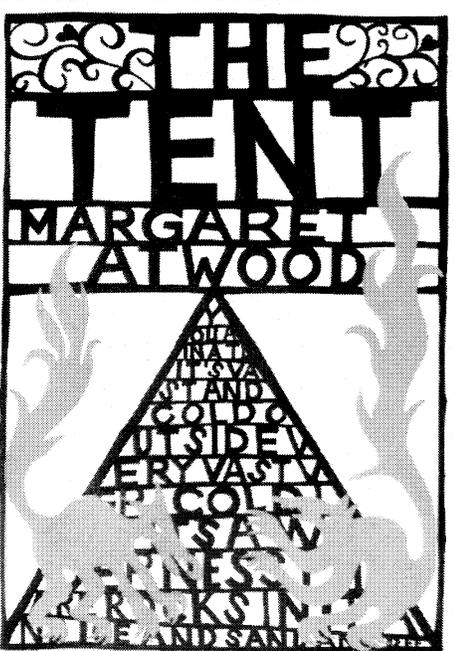
The diversity of the book's offerings is testament to Gibson's superb researching skills, and the final product reflects well upon his aesthetic sense, resulting in a wonderful marriage of word and image. The breadth and depth of the offerings are impressive, and each visit between the covers will leave you inspired and a little wiser. I cannot think to ask more of a book. It will entertain and enlighten birder and non-birder alike, and it will occupy a prominent position on the bookshelf, close to hand. Additional kudos to the book's designers; a stellar job all round.

A final thought – the quality of the sampled writing stands in contrast to most of the literary bird-related writing in the market today. Birding's popularity has occasioned a proliferation of mediocre bird-related books, but “The Bedside Book of Birds” reminds us that standards should be higher, worthy of the subject. Birds deserve the best. Gibson has delivered.

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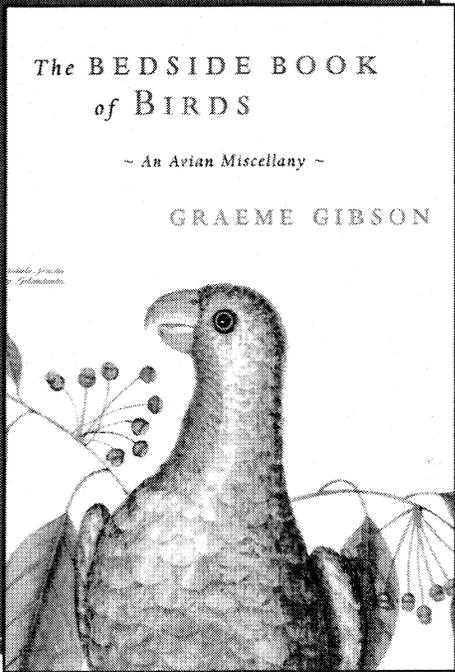


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Fri 26 May to Sun 28 May 2006 – Nature Nova Scotia Conference

(formerly Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists)

The Conference this year will be hosted by the Annapolis Field Naturalists and will include a field trip to **Belleisle Marsh** on Sunday, 28 May, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Contact Jon Percy for more info at: jpercy@auracom.com or visit the NNS website at: <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/environment/FNSN/hp-fnsn.html>

Sat 27 May – Lewis Lake Warbler Walk

Leader: Hans Toom 868-1862 E-mail: htoom@hfx.eastlink.ca

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Meet at the main parking lot, Lewis Lake Provincial Park, off Route #3 between Hubley and Upper Tantallon. We'll walk the loop trail around Lewis and Round Lakes and then continue along the St. Margaret's Bay Trail to Hubley Mill Lake and back. No rain date.

Sat 03 June 2006 – Canso and Area

Leaders: Steve Bushell 366-2527 and Tom Kavanaugh 366-3476

E-mail: terri.crane@ns.sympatico.ca

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Chapel Gully Trail parking lot. Come down Main Street, turn right onto Union, pass the Marina and take the next right onto Wilmot. The parking lot is at the top of the hill. We will be walking a number of habitats from Jack Pine woods to the coastal barrens of Louse Harbour. Rain date: Sun 04 June.

Sat 03 June 2006 – Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct

Leader: Gary Hartlen 354-7250 E-mail garych@eastlink.ca

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Seaside Adjunct. Please be advised a small entrance fee is now being charged. Directions: Take Hwy #103 to exit #22 (unmarked) and drive approx 6 km down the St. Catherine's River Road to the park. There are washroom facilities on site. We will be walking from the parking lot to the ocean where Piping Plover will be nesting. Expect warbler species in full breeding plumage and nesting shorebirds on the trail to the headland. Wear waterproof footwear, long pants (to discourage ticks) and bring a lunch. No rain date.

Sun 04 Jun 2006 – Crystal Crescent Beach Provincial Park

Leader: Hans Toom 868-1862 E-mail: htoom@hfx.eastlink.ca

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Meet at the gates of Crystal Crescent Beach Provincial Park. Take the Herring Cove Road (Rte #349) or the Old Sambro Road (Rte #306) to Sambro. Follow the signs to Crystal Crescent Beach. We'll walk the coastal trail to Mackerel Cove and then go inland on the Old Wagon Road. If time permits we'll do a warbler walk on the trails behind Portugese Cove Lake and check out other hotspots on the Chebucto Peninsula. No rain date.

Fri 09 Jun to Sun 11 Jun 2006 – 2nd Annual Tern Festival

This All Day Event will take place at The Acadian Museum & Archives, West Pubnico, Yarmouth County, N.S. Musée Acadien et Archives, Pubnico-Ouest, Comté Yarmouth, N.É. For information and to register contact Bernice d'Entremont 902-762-3380 bernice.dentremont@ns.sympatico.ca

Sat 10 June 2006 – Conquerall Mills

Leader: James Hirtle 640-2173 E-mail: jrhbirder@hotmail.com

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the dam area of Petite Riviere, near the intersection of Conquerall Mills and the Crousetown Road. Directions: Turn left off Hwy #103 at the sign for Conquerall Mills just past exit #14. Drive 3.5 km along this road. The dam will be on your left. We'll be exploring Fitch Road and Dagley Road along Publicover Lake, as well as Brown Branch Brook, Mount Pleasant, and Hebb Mills. In the afternoon we can check out Station Road, Fauxburg, Long Hill and Oakland. Bring a lunch, sturdy footwear, socks that can be pulled up over pantlegs (to discourage ticks) and sunblock. No rain date.

Sat 10 Jun 2006 - Grand River Lakeside and Seashore Birding

Leader: Shirley Halliday (562-5698)

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at 209 Grand River Road, East Grand River, Cape Breton. A great number of warblers and other forest dwellers were among the highlights of this trip last June!

Sun 11 June 2006 – Shubenacadie

Leader: Rob Woods 261-2122 E-mail: rtwoods@yahoo.com

Meet at 7:15 a.m. at Milford Community Centre. Take exit #9 off Hwy #102 to Milford. Turn right at T intersection. Take next right and drive past the fire hall to the Community Centre's back parking lot. We will spend the first hour walking the trails at the centre. Facilities are unavailable on the route after the first hour or so.

Sat 17 June 2006 – Cumberland County

Leader: Clarence Stevens, Sr. 464-1664

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the entrance to Wentworth Provincial Park, Hwy #4, near the intersection of Rte #246. Take exit #11 off Hwy #104 and drive past Folly Mountain and Wentworth Valley. Park is on the left. We'll explore different habitats between Wentworth and Amherst, including Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary. Bring a lunch, boots, and fly repellent. No rain date.

Sun 18 June 2006 – Dawn Chorus on the Salt Marsh Trail

Leader: Cindy Staicer, 494-3533 (wk); 478-3635 (cell)

E-mail: cindy.staicer@dal.ca

Meet at 4:15 a.m. in the parking lot for the Cole Harbour Salt Marsh Trail on Bissett Road; or at 4:30 a.m. at the entrance to the trail on Caldwell Road just past the intersection of Caldwell and Hines Rd. We'll leave half the cars on Bissett Rd. and the other half on Caldwell Road, then walk back to Bissett Road. This 5 km. walk will last several hours during which we'll be learning to identify birds by sound. Bring insect repellent, water and snacks. No rain date.

Sun 25 June 2006 – Pockwock Watershed

Leader: Suzanne Borkowski 445-2922 E-mail: sborkowski@hfx.eastlink.ca

Pre-Registration is necessary!

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the entrance to the watershed on Hwy #101, Exit #3. We'll leave half the vehicles at this entrance then drive to the main gate on Pockwock Road and leave the other half in the staff parking lot by the entrance to the trail. We'll then walk 9 km along one side of the lake to the entrance on Hwy #101. I'll drive my vehicle through with a cooler for drinks, food and packs. Bring a lunch, snacks, lots of water, and wear sturdy but comfortable footwear. The road is easy walking but dusty! No rain date.

Sat 01 July 2006 – Cape Chignecto

Leader: Joan Czupalay 348-2803 E-mail: joancz@ns.sympatico.ca

Pre-Registration is Necessary!

Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the CAPP public parking lot in West Advocate. Bring a lunch, water, insect repellent, and sunscreen. Wear sturdy footwear. We will hike the hills and coastline to McGahey Brook where we will stop for lunch. The walk is moderate to difficult. No rain date.

Sat 8 Jul 2006 - Bird Islands.

Leader: Maureen Cameron-MacMillan (727-2733)

E-mail: maureen_cameron@excite.com

Meet at 1:00 pm at Bird Island Tours parking lot. Space is limited to 28 people. Please pre-register with Maureen. Cost: approx. \$30 plus tax (group rate to be determined). Travel by boat with fellow birders to see an important local seabird colony (including Hertford Island, which is owned by the NSBS), where Puffins, Guillemots, Great Cormorants, and many other species breed.

Sat 16 Jul 2006 – Wallace Bay

Leader: Paul MacDonald 627-2568 E-mail: paulrita2001@yahoo.com

Meet at the Wallace Wharf at 8:30 a.m. Primary points of interest are the impoundments at the Wallace Bay National Wildlife Area. The morning will consist of a three-hour walk along a woodland trail, so come prepared with sturdy footwear, water, and a lunch. No rain date.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Field trips are open to non-members as well as members. Feel free to phone or E-mail the field trip leader or contact person ahead of time to obtain further information, directions or restrictions (e.g. dogs are not normally allowed on field trips). The area code for Nova Scotia is 902. NSMNH = The Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax.

Ideas and suggestions for future trips are welcome. You do not need to be an expert to lead a field trip, and the trip does not need to last all day. You just need to share your favourite birding spots. Any questions, comments or suggestions, as well as all field trip reports should be directed to The Events Editor, Suzanne Borkowski 445-2922. E-mail: sborkowski@hfx.eastlink.ca

Remember 2006 is a "Big Year". Keep track of species tallied by county and province!

Fri 31 Mar to Sun 02 Apr 2006 – 4th Ann. Shelburne Co. Birding & Nature Festival. (Includes NSBS field trip to Baccaro & Blanche Peninsula with James Hirtle & Joan Czapalay). For info: www.DiscoverShelburneCounty.com or phone: 1-866-732-7867

Sat 08 April 2006 – Martinique Beach

Leader: Ian McLaren 429-7024 E-mail: iamclar@dal.ca
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Scotiabank parking lot, Bridge Plaza, Dartmouth. Look for early migrants as well as possible rarities. Bring a lunch. No rain date.

Sun 23 Apr 2006 – Wolfville Area

Leader: Jim Wolford 542-9204 E-mail: jimwolford@eastlink.ca
This will be a joint trip with the Blomidon Naturalists Society, pond hopping for ducks and early migrants. Meet at the town wharf off the east end of Front Street in Wolfville at 10:00 a.m. Dress warmly and bring a lunch.

Thu 27 Apr 2006 – Regular Meeting

NSMNH, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. 7:30 p.m.
"Greetings From Panama" – Guest Speaker: Richard Stern

Last year the Maritimes Nature Travel Club visited Panama. Richard Stern, one of the lucky participants, will tell us all about it and show us his fabulous slides!

Sat 06 May 2006 – Cape Sable Island

Leader: Murray Newell 745-3340 E-mail: dowitcher@esatlink.ca
Meet at Tim Horton's in Barrington Passage at 7:45 a.m. We will bird the Cape Sable Island hot spots for spring migrants. Bring waterproof footwear and a lunch. No rain date.

Sat 13 May 2006 - Spring Migration Counts. Contact your regional coordinator to participate.

Sun 14 May 2005 - Beginning Birders Field Trip

Leader: Patricia Chalmers 422-3970
E-mail: Patricia.Chalmers@ukings.ns.ca
Pre-registration is Necessary!

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Frog Pond on the Purcell's Cove Road (Hwy 253). The unmarked parking lot is on the east/left hand side, shortly after Burns Drive. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, a snack, and sturdy footwear. We'll spend a couple of hours identifying birds in and around the Frog Pond, and possibly other trails in Fleming Park. No rain date.

Mid-May 2006 – Owling in Cape Breton

Leaders: Barc Cunningham 564-6063
E-mail: barcc@auracom.com and John W. MacInnis 539-6451

A great opportunity to experience Cape Breton's remarkable wealth of owl species and numbers. Details to be announced, and will depend on a calm, clear evening. Contact trip leaders if you would like to participate.

Fri 19 May to Mon 22 May 2006 – Bon Portage Island

Leader: Claire Diggins 825-6152
E-mail: claire_diggins@hotmail.com
Pre-Registration is Necessary!

Depart 6:00 p.m. on Friday from the Prospect Point Wharf in Shag Harbour, Shelburne County. Bring food, drinking water, warm clothing, footwear for rough (beach cobble) and wet terrain, a flashlight, mattress sheet and a sleeping bag. Carry gear in waterproof bags or containers. Field guides are available on the island as are cooking pots, utensils and dishes. There is a charge of \$45.00 for three nights accommodation for NSBS members plus a donation for the boat trip.

Sat 20 May 2006 - Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary

Leader: Terry Paquet 452-3622 E-mail: terrypaquet@hotmail.com
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the A.P.B.S. parking lot. Take exit #3 from Hwy #104 at the Wandlyn Inn and proceed a few kilometers toward Nappan. Watch for the entrance on the left. Wear appropriate footwear for wet conditions and bring insect repellent. Rain date: Sun 21 May. Duration 4-5 hours.

Mon 22 May 2006 – President's Trip – Historic Hants County

Leader: Suzanne Borkowski 445-2922
E-mail: sborkowski@hfx.eastlink.ca
This trip, led by past president Margaret Clark last year, is too good to drop! Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of Mount Uniacke House. Take exit #3 off Hwy #101 and drive approx. 8 km along Rte #1 towards Windsor. We'll start by exploring some of the grounds at Mt. Uniacke then continue along back-country roads through Hants County. Bring a lunch to be enjoyed at Smiley Park. No rain date.

Wed 24 May 2006 – The Fred Dobson Warbler Walk

Leader: Joan Waldron 477-4273
E-mail: waldrojo@ns.sympatico.ca
Meet at 6:00 a.m. in the "Park and Ride" lot at the junction of Prospect Road (Rte #333) and St. Margaret's Bay Road (Rte #3). Duration: 3 hours. Waterproof footwear and fly repellent are recommended.

Thu 25 May 2006 – Regular Meeting

NSMNH, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. B3H 3A6
"Tips on Digital Photography" Guest Speaker: Peter Steeper.
Thinking of buying a digital camera? Want to know how to use yours more effectively? Join Peter, President of The Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia, who will present a comprehensive workshop on this fast-growing hobby!

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