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NOVA SCOTIA'S MIGRATION COUNT

Nova Scotia's Migration Bird Count (NSMC) will be held this year on **May 10**. This is the count's 16th consecutive year. It provides us a snapshot into 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.

Participation is easy; simply contact a county or regional coordinator, obtain the forms, and then walk or drive your assigned area, watch feeders, or listen on owl routes. After the count you fill out the forms and return them to your county or regional coordinator. Everything you need know about the count is on <http://www.hanstoom.com/NSMC.html>

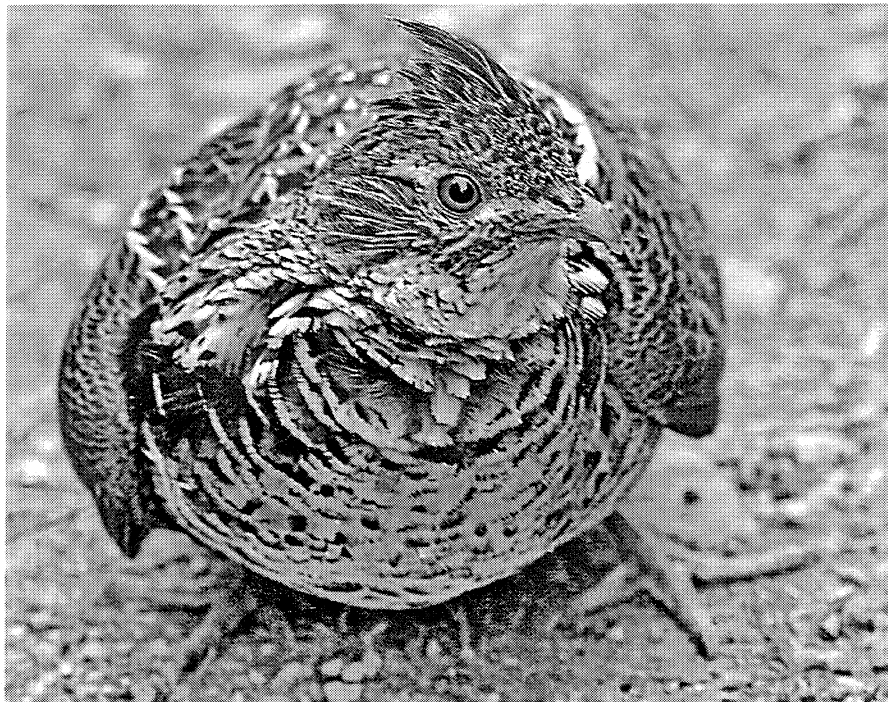
If you don't have a county coordinator you can sent your data directly to me at <mailto:>, or use the online reporting forms. If reporting for your self or for a small group use form or if reporting for a feeder watch only use form <http://hanstoom.com/feeder.html>

Above all enjoy your day's outing with our birds and their human friends.

Hans Toom

Provincial Coordinator, Nova Scotia Migration Count (NSMC)

The Hope for Wildlife Society invites you to learn more about the progress of this nursery and other Hope for Wildlife Society projects at our Coffee House on Sunday, April 13 from 12 noon to 4 pm at Cole Harbour Place. You can come see our facilities and some of the wildlife in our care at our 7th Annual Open House on Sunday, August 24. We are also having a fundraising dinner and auction at the Westin Hotel on Saturday, May 10. To make a donation to the dinner and auction call Sheryl Purdy at 225-6086. For tickets and more information call the the Hope for Wildlife Society's founder and director Swinimer at 452-3339. We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events! www.hopeforwildlife.net



BE VERY AFRAID! A male RUFFED GROUSE, this summer at Crystal Crescent PP, seems to be threatening the photographer, as they sometimes do in their passionate defence of turf and females. [Photo Hans Toom]

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



President's Corner

The 2007 Yard Tallies are in! The winner, hands down, is Tom Kavanaugh of Canso with a whopping 169 species in his small yard! Those of you who have seen Tom's yard will know that though small in size, it has large hardwood trees and a variety of shrubs in the back, an empty lot across the street with tangles, mixed hardwood and softwood and loads of shrubs. Down the street is Canso Harbour! Tom actually had an Ivory Gull fly through his yard!

Other big winners are Susann Myers with 128 species in her large cottage yard at Three Fathom Harbour; and Brenda Bale with 61 species in her medium yard at Portland Estates in Dartmouth. Honorable Mention goes to Johnny Nickerson of Cape Sable Island with 124 species in a large yard. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Here are the complete results:

Large Yard:

Susann Myer	128	Three Fathom Harbour
Johnny Nickerson	124	Cape Sable Island
Sharon Hawboldt	112	Belle Isle Marsh
Terry Crowell	104	Shag Harbour
Lisette d'Entremont	91	West Pubnico
Kathleen Spicer	90	Apple River
John Kearney	95	Antigonish
Dorothy Poole	87	Milton
Clarence Stevens, Sr.	81	Petite Riviere
Margaret Millard	77	White Point
Joyce Allen	76	Port Joli
Verna Higgins	76	Middle Musquodoboit
Kathleen MacAuley	64	Milford
Richard Stern	63	Kentville
Randy Lauff	61	Antigonish
Ed Barrington	36	Sydney Forks
Pat Kelly	34	Falmouth

Medium Yard:

Brenda Bale	61	Dartmouth
Clive & Theresa MacDonald	58	New Waterford
Clarence Stevens, Sr.	51	Dartmouth
Derek & Julie Lowe	45	Granville Ferry
Bill & Shirley Hughes	42	Hubley
Suzanne Borkowski	41	Halifax

Small Yard:

Tom Kavanaugh	169	Canso
James Hirtle	76	Dublin Shore
Mike King	54	Dartmouth
David & Janey Hughes	51	Sackville
Kier Gigeroff	47	Dartmouth
Bernard Burke	42	Dartmouth
Andy Dean	37	Kentville
Bob McDonald	35	Halifax
Susan Hunt	32	Halifax

At our Annual General Meeting last October Clarence Stevens moved, and Leslie MacDonald seconded, that members' year lists should be published every year, to let people know how many species of birds can be seen in Nova Scotia and to encourage people to go birding! The following tallies were submitted for 2007:

Fulton Lavender	284	Bob McDonald	213
Mike King	271	Suzanne Borkowski	210
Clarence Stevens, Sr.	245	Bruce Stevens	177
Johnny Nickerson	239	Patricia Chalmers	172
Dorothy Poole	237		

For 2008 the challenge is to make a sanctuary for local birds. Working singly or in teams (since not everyone owns property) create a bird-friendly habitat. We'll be looking for sources of food (feeders or natural food), water, cover, and overall attractiveness. Size doesn't matter but creativity does! Sterling Levy, our copy editor, and Past President of the Nova Scotia Garden Club, will be our judge. Send photos by e-mail or regular mail and a full description of the work you've done by August 1st, 2008, to suzanneborkowski@yahoo.ca or 18 Parmbelle Lane, Halifax, NS B3M 1N3. Photos of the winning sanctuary will be published in Nova Scotia Birds.

We'll be having another Atlas Workshop combined with an out-of-area meeting of the Bird Society in May this year. This one will promote Region 18 – Shelburne County, (Donna Ensor) and Region 19 – Lunenburg and Queens County, (Pete Hope & James Hirtle). It will be held at White Point Beach Resort on the evening of Saturday, May 24th and Sunday, May 25th. It will include an evening walk to listen for Owls and Rails, an early morning Point Count demonstration and field trips. To book your

room for the night of May 24th call 1-800-613-2172. A group discount rate of \$120.00 for a double room in the Lodge or \$135.00 for a one bedroom cottage on the beach is guaranteed until April 24th. Be sure to say you're with the NS Bird Society to get this rate.

2007 FIELD TRIP LEADERS REGONIZED

The Bird Society offered 46 field trips in 2007. Please join me in thanking the field trip leaders who volunteered their time and efforts to plan and offer these wonderful outings:

Bob McDonald	Sewer Stroll I
George Crowell & Bev Sarty	Glace Bay and Area Harbour Hop
Fulton Lavender	Sewer Stroll II
Barb Glassey & M. Cameron-MacMillan	North Sydney and Area
Richard Stern	Along the Fundy Shore
Donna Ensor	Baccaro and Blanche Peninsula
Ian McLaren	Martinique Beach
Dorothy Poole & Clyde Stoddart	Port l'Hebert
Jim Wolford	Wolfville Area
Murray Newell	Cape Sable Island
Barc Cunningham & John W. MacInnis	Owling in Southeastern Cape Breton
Claire Diggins	Bon Portage Island (Spring)
Terry Paquet	Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary
Dave McCorquodale & John W. MacInnis	Petersfield Park Warbler Walk
Suzanne Borkowski	Historic Hants County
Barrie Fraser	Lake Ainslie and Area
Joan Waldron	The Fred Dobson Warbler Walk
Tom Kavanaugh & Steve Bushell	Canso and Area (Spring)
Peter Davies & Dorothy Poole	Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct
Suzanne Borkowski	Beginning Birders' Field Trip
James Hirtle	Conquerall Mills
Billy Hughes & Shirley Hughes	Lewis Lake Provincial Park
Clarence Stevens, Sr.	Cumberland County
Shirley Halliday	Birding in Grand River and Loch Lomond
Joan Czapalay	Cape Chignecto Provincial Park
Cindy Staicer	Dawn Chorus on the Shearwater Flyer Trail
Rob Woods	Shubenacadie
Paul MacDonald	Wallace Bay
Patrick Kelly	Herbert River Trail
James Hirtle	Mahone Bay
Ken McKenna	Pictou County
Eric Mills	Cherry Hill Beach
Billy Digout & Weldon MacPhail	Point Michaud
Karl Tay	Taylor Head Provincial Park
Joan Czapalay	Bon Portage Island (Fall)
Donna Ensor	Port Joli
Susann Myers	Cape Breton Shorebirds
Blake Maybank	Editor's Field Trip – Peggy's Cove Loop
Fulton Lavender & Wayne Neilly	Brier Island
James Hirtle	Cape Sable Island (Fall Migration)
Gordon Delaney	Cheticamp Island
David Johnston & Dave McCorquodale	Port Hawkesbury
Tom Kavanaugh & Steve Bushell	Canso and Area (Fall)
Randy Lauff	Antigonish Coastal Waters
Terry Paquet	Metro "Hot Spot" Birding
James Hirtle	Cape Sable Island (Winter)

- Suzanne Borkowski; President - NSBS

2007 Puffin of the Year Award

This year's recipient is one of the top birders in Nova Scotia, and easily, one of the most knowledgeable. He's also friendly and approachable, and always willing to share his vast knowledge with anyone who seeks it.

1. He's been birding since he was 9 years old
2. He's an atlaser on both the current and the previous Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas
3. He is a Past President of the Nova Scotia Bird Society
4. He's a field trip leader
5. He's a Seasonal Editor for "Nova Scotia Birds"
6. He's a member of the NS Bird Records Committee
7. He's a Christmas Bird Count organizer and compiler.

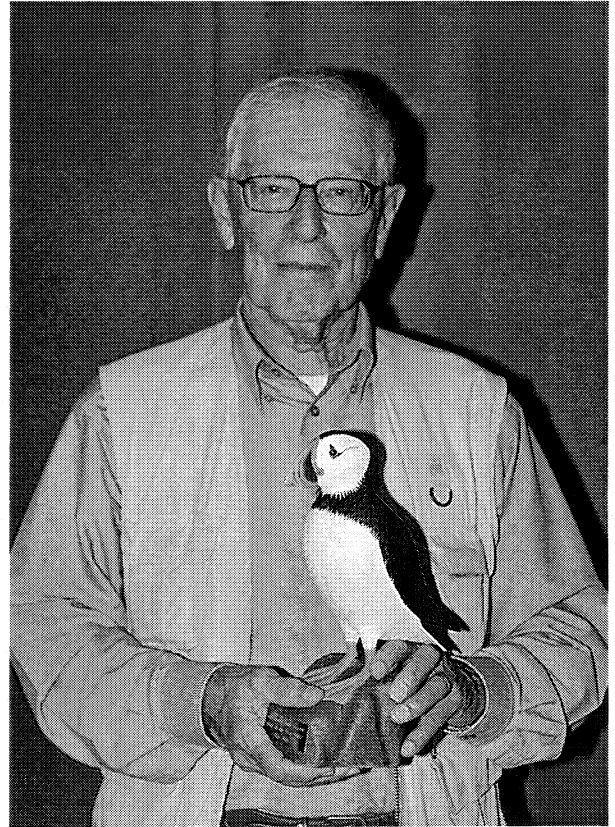
In fact, I've been told he once waded into hip-deep snow to try to flush a Snowy Owl for a CBC. Many birders have commented that he and a close friend of his can often be seen traipsing into virtually impassable terrain in search of an elusive bird!

He's written numerous papers and letters in support of habitat conservation; even urging the Nature Conservancy of Canada to preserve more areas of Brier Island, a place that has special significance for him. He has helped compile a species list for Brier Island; and on a personal note, he's given me some excellent advice with regards to Society business at a time when I most needed it.

In short, he's one of the pillars of the Nova Scotia Bird Society.

He is Eric Mills.

- Suzanne Borkowski; President - NSBS



Eric Mills. [Photo Sterling Levy]

Back Issues of Nova Scotia Birds Needed

The committee dealing with the three archival collections of *Nova Scotia Birds* (as well as its predecessor, *Nova Scotia Bird Society Newsletter*), sincerely thanks all members who donated requested issues during the past year. Your generous contributions completed the collections of **Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management** and **Library and Archives Canada**, and supplied all issues for the 1970's, 80's, 90's, and 00's for the Nova Scotia Bird Society's collection.

The Society's collection is still in need of copies of all issues dated from the 1950's and 1960's, and your help in contributing any of them will be greatly appreciated. If you have any from this time period available to donate, please contact Bernice Moores at 902-422-5292 or abmoores@chebucto.ca.

Background Notes:

For several years following the founding of the Nova Scotia Bird Society in 1955, information concerning birds and birders in Nova Scotia was included in the *Nova Scotia Museum of Science Newsletter*, and the *Nova Scotia Museum Newsletter*. Volume 1, number 1 of the *Nova Scotia Bird Society Newsletter* is dated March 1959. With Volume 23, number 1, dated January 1981, the newsletter became *Nova Scotia Birds*, and the current size was adopted with Volume 40, Issue 4, dated autumn 1998.

Eileen and Bill Billington, Gisele d'Entremont, Bernice Moores

NSBS Executive 2007 - 2008



Back Row (L - R): Uli Höger, Bob McDonald - Chair of NSBS Sanctuary Trust, Andy Horn, Patrick Kelly, David Hughes. Front Row (L - R): Mary Alward, Janey Hughes, Suzanne Borkowski, Pat McKay, Susann Myers, Barbara Hinds. [Photo Sterling Levy]

Shelburne County - NOVA SCOTIA

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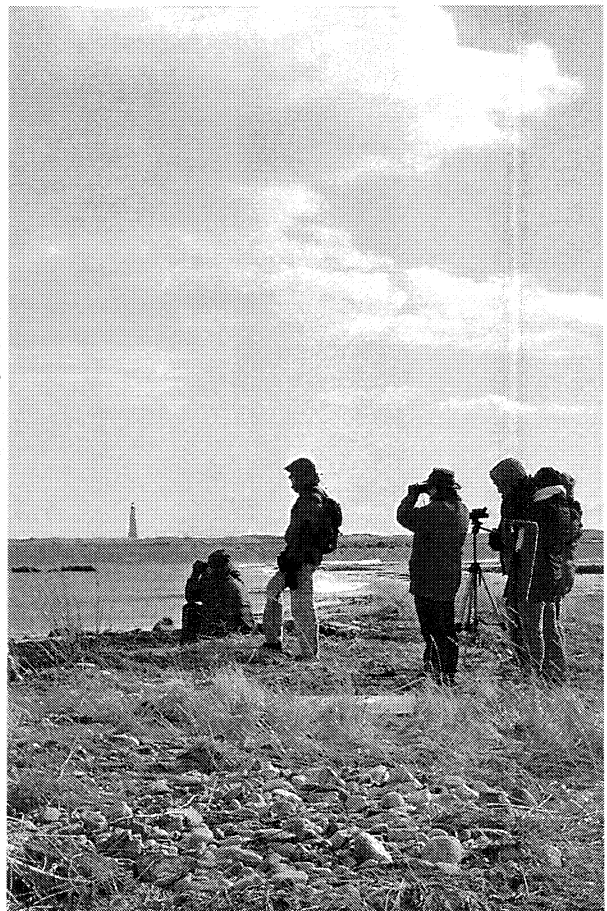
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In Memorium – Eric H. Cooke. 6th August 1921 - 10th January 2008



Eric Cooke, former president of the Nova Scotia Bird Society (1971) and a long-time keen supporter of, and a contributor to the Society's many activities, died suddenly on 10th January 2008 while visiting his beloved country cottage at Lower La Have, Lunenburg County. He was 86 years old.

Eric was a tireless birder in the province for about 50 years, regularly providing reliable, careful identification of the province's breeding birds and rare visiting species. He was the faithful compiler of the Broad Cove Christmas Bird Count for over 30 years.

While he was president, he instituted the annual "Puffin of the Year Award" to be awarded to a person who had given outstanding service to the Bird Society. The first recipient was

Dr. Phyllis Dobson, editor of the quarterly magazine. Eric made the presentation in 1971 at a weekend field trip at Briar Island.

He was born in Armdale, 6th August 1921, a son of the late Arthur H. and Daisy (Gilbert) Cooke, and attended Halifax Academy. In 1939, he started to work for Imperial Oil Limited. The job was short-lived. Within months, World War 2 began that year, and Eric volunteered to serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was trained as a pilot before being posted to the Royal Air Force in Burma in the Far East, where he survived "a few near misses and lucky escapes." Known as a reliable and lucky Flying Officer he continued serving until hostilities ended in 1945.

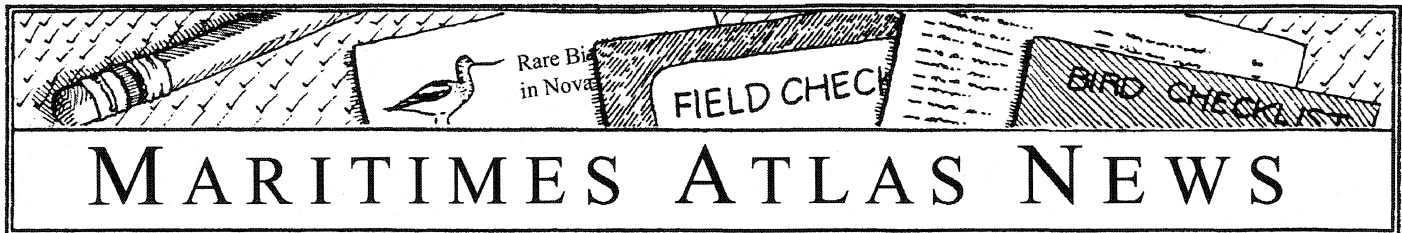
Once back in Canada he returned to Imperial Oil, and worked with his old company for the rest of his working days. Then he found freedom in retirement, bird watching throughout the province in earnest, going ever further afield, exploring the NSBS sanctuary islands, always sure-footed and willing to be deployed through thickets and deep marshes. He also spent time encouraging young bird watchers in Nova Scotia's and fostering their interest in habitat and wildlife.

In his mid-60s, he encountered a former childhood acquaintance, Ruth Ballem, a fearless and talented equestrian full of spunk and sparkle. Until then, bird watching and gardening at his beloved 6 acres in Lower LaHave, Lunenburg County, had been essential pastimes in Eric's life. Suddenly, a new vitality took place.

Eric would shop at book stores, return home with travel guides, and announce, "I've been thinking." Together, he and Ruth, his spouse of these past 20 years, embarked on travels and adventures to distant places: they went river rafting in Colorado; skydiving; hot air ballooning; bird watching in the upper Amazon; white water rafting in Australia; spent weeks camping in New Zealand; and, eschewing travel agents, they hired a van and roughed it on their own in Costa Rica. They went to Peru, sailed along the Panama Canal bird watching, and went into the outback of Australia.

Their later years had erupted into pleasures and adventures neither had previously anticipated. Eric is survived by his spouse, Ruth W. Ballem, Halifax, and his sister, Audrey E. Barton, East LaHave. He was predeceased by his brother, Arthur in 1968.

- **Barbara Hinds**



N.S. Birders Are Putting Their Passion for Birding on the Map

By Becky Stewart and Ivy Austin

Ask the average person what they plan to do this summer and the response will likely be something along the lines of, “go to the beach” or “put in a new deck”. However, ask a birder how they plan to spend their summer vacation and they’ll likely tell you that they “are going to finish their square” or “bump up their number of confirmations.” What is this strange language you ask? It is the language of the Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas volunteer and there are more than 700 of them out there, combing the Maritimes, looking for evidence of breeding birds.

The Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas is a five-year, volunteer-based project to determine the distribution, abundance and status of all birds breeding in NB, NS and PEI. A first Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas was conducted between 1986 and 1990, and the resulting publication (a book describing breeding bird distribution with maps and text) has been heavily relied on by environmental consultants, policy makers, researchers and wildlife managers to delineate areas of conservation priority and make effective conservation decisions. Today, this first Atlas is still the most comprehensive and up-to-date source of breeding bird distribution information for most Maritimes bird species.

But over the past twenty years land-use patterns and other environmental factors have changed and these changes have inevitably affected bird distribution and abundance as well. Current information is needed to direct future conservation policy and protect critical habitat for our Maritimes bird species. Field work for the second Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas began in the spring of 2006 and will continue through 2010. Already, volunteers have spent an astounding 17,000 hours surveying for breeding birds and more than 74,000 individual bird records have been submitted to the online database (36,500 of those records are from NS—thank-you to all who have dedicated so much time and effort to the project!).

So how does the Atlas work? The entire Maritimes have been divided into 1,774, 10 by 10 km, squares which volunteers systematically survey, spending a minimum of 20 hours in each square, searching for breeding birds and covering all habitat types. Participants record all bird species, as well as, all breeding evidence observed. Breeding evidence ranges from a bird singing in suitable nesting habitat during the breeding season (considered evidence of “possible” breeding) to finding a nest with eggs (“confirmed” breeding). Up-to-date species and effort maps, plus real-time data summaries, are available online (www.mba-aom.ca) and enable participants to see where different bird species have been found and which squares have been surveyed. Following the project’s completion in 2010, the website will continue to be maintained and will serve as an extensive database of breeding bird information that can be queried for numerous research, conservation and educational purposes.

Already many stories are beginning to unfold, from new breeding records (e.g., Purple Gallinule, Sandhill Crane, and Le Conte’s Sparrow) to distributional changes. Turkey Vultures, which were recorded as “possible” breeders in 7 squares during the first atlas, have been detected throughout NB and 3 Turkey Vulture nests were found in 2007! The Yellow-throated Vireo, previously detected in one square during the first Atlas, has been found in all three Maritimes provinces. Palm Warblers, which breed in bogs and other areas with low conifers, were absent from northwestern NB during the first Atlas. This time around, they’ve been found breeding in many northern NB squares. Other species are showing signs of population declines. Barn Swallows have been detected in 42% less in squares already surveyed squares in comparison with the first Atlas. And some rarities, like the Loggerhead Shrike, Louisiana Waterthrush and Sedge Wren (all detected during the first Atlas) are still waiting to be found.

However, these stories are just the beginning and, over the next three years as more volunteers finish surveying their squares, many more stories are sure to develop. Of course, it’s not too late to join this important conservation effort. If you enjoy birdwatching and don’t mind recording your observations, please give us a call at 866-528-5275 or visit our website www.mba-aom.ca. Thank-you again to current volunteers and supporters—without you there would be no Atlas!

The Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas is a cooperative project of 700 Maritimes birders, Bird Studies Canada, Environment Canada, the provincial governments of NB, NS and PEI, Nature NB, the NS Bird Society, and the PE Natural History Society. Current supporters include: Environment Canada, NB Department of Natural Resources, NS Department of Natural Resources, PE Department of Environment, Energy and Forestry, NB Wildlife Trust Fund, NB Environmental Trust Fund, NS Habitat Conservation Fund, the Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk, Atlantic Industries Limited, Jacques Whitford, Bird Studies Canada Baillie Fund, Shell Environmental Fund, BMO Nesbitt Burns, NS Bird Society, The John and Judy Bragg Family Foundation and several other anonymous and individual donors.□



AUTUMN BIRD REPORTS

Loons Through Grebes

By Ian McLaren

The birds in this section would seem to be under-reported, perhaps because the weather has generally been less than ideal for viewing from exposed locations. Coastal study is greatly hampered by a combination of unfavorable winds, gloomy skies and breaking waves. We seem to have had more than our share of that this fall. The grebes especially are hard to find under those conditions.

RED-THROATED LOONS with their white, fall, throats often illustrate just what can be missed. When the sun breaks through you can suddenly see several where none were visible a few minutes before. All the numbers of these birds seem to have been concentrated in the Pictou to Antigonish region this year. COMMON LOON results seem particularly sparse with amazingly few reports. Again the only real numbers were in the Pictou to Antigonish zone of the Province.

The few reports on the diminutive PIED-BILLED GREBE were widely scattered with none coming from the CB area. The much more social HORNED GREBE showed up in the greatest numbers. CJF reported "reasonable numbers" on Mahone Bay, KJM found Horned Grebes in several bays on the Eastern Shore and a few at Big I. in Pictou. The RED-NECKED GREBE was also widely dispersed about the Province, though KJM reported "a good number" at Big I., Pictou. □

Red-throated Loon

Sept. 19	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	CAM, ALM	Oct. 5	Canard Pond, Kings	1	JCT
Oct. 4	Port George, Anna.	2	JOB	Oct. 6	CSI	2	DOU
Oct. 13	BPI	3	ABO	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1	JAH
Oct. 20	Port George, Anna.	5	JOB	Oct. 22	Port George, Anna.	1	JOB
Oct. 20	Waterside P.P., Pict.	25	KJM	Oct. 29	Amherst Pt., Cum.	2	BRS
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, HRM	7	BLM	Nov. 8	Grants L., Pict.	1	HAB
Oct. 29	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	1	SEM	Horned Grebe			
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., HRM	1	BLM	Aug. 10	Hartlen Pt., HRM	2	JCZ
Nov. 3	Aulds Cove, Guys.	2	NSBS	Sept. 8	Mira Gut, CBRM	2	SEM
Nov. 5	Pictou	20+	KJM	Oct. 15	Blandford, Lun.	8	CJF
Nov. 7	Waterside P.P., Pict.	40	JWW	Oct. 16	Mahone Bay	1	CJF
Nov. 14	Port George, Anna.	12	JOB	Oct. 21	Big I., Pict.	1	KJM
Nov. 23	Ogdens Pond, Ant.	5	ELM	Nov. 14	Louisbourg Hbr., CBRM	1	SEM
Nov. 25	Ogdens Pond, Ant.	15	NSBS	Nov. 25	Graves I., Lun.	35	CJF
				Nov. 25	Ogdens Pond, Ant.		RFL

Common Loon

Aug. 19	Kennington Cove, CBRM	8	DBM, SEM	Red-necked Grebe			
Aug. 25	Big I., Pict.	43	KJM	Sept. 8	Hartlen Pt., HRM	2	MIK
Aug. 26	LaHave R., Lun.	8	JAH	Sept. 16	Big I., Pict.	2	KJM
Sept. 8	Mira Gut, CBRM	10	SEM	Oct. 6	CSI	1	DOU
Oct. 4	Port George, Anna.	5	JOB	Oct. 10	Aspy Bay, Vic.	1	AAM
Oct. 22	Sober I., HRM	8	KJM	Oct. 18	Seal I.	2	ABO
Oct. 25	BPI	13	ABO	Oct. 21	Big I., Pict.	1	KJM
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., HRM	5	BLM	Oct. 22	Sober I., HRM	7	KJM
Nov. 5	Brier I.	12	CAH	Nov. 14	Port George, Anna.	2	JOB

Pied-billed Grebe

Aug. 9	Tiddville Pond, Digby	1	ELM	Nov. 14	Kennington Cove, CBRM	1	SEM
Sept. 13-23	Seal I.	1	ABO	Nov. 15	Ogdens Pond, Ant.	1	BRS
Oct. 5	Harris Pond, Canning, Kings	2	JCT	Nov. 22	Wagners Bch., HRM	2	BLM

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Tubenoses Through Cormorants

By Eric Mills

A YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS flew directly over a whale research vessel in the open Atlantic due S of Liverpool May 26, the fourth record of this spectacular seabird within NS waters. Details are on their way to the Nova Scotia Bird Records Committee.

Although they are seldom seen from shore, IAM's report from a research cruise to Roseway Basin, off southern NS between Brown's Bank and CSI, shows that NORTHERN FULMARS can be abundant offshore quite early in the season - he recorded

80 (8-10 of which were dark phase) Sept. 13-14, along with other expectable species, including both common shearwaters, one CORY'S SHEARWATER, a few Storm-Petrels of both species, a few Phalaropes of both species, a Pomarine and a Parasitic Jaeger, and a few Atlantic Puffins.

Some spectacular seabird flypasts were reported this fall. During the first, observed from Northern Point, Brier I. Sept. 4, during strong westerly winds, at least 10,000 GREATER SHEARWATERS, a few hundred SOOTY SHEARWATERS and two MANX SHEARWATERS were accompanied by five Parasitic Jaegers, Atlantic Puffins, Black-legged Kittiwakes and a Razorbill. Off Chebucto Hd., Sept. 16, were 250 Greater Shearwaters, 12 Sooty Shearwaters, two Cory's Shearwaters (details would be appreciated of this species), 25 WILSON'S and 2 LEACH'S STORM-PETRELS, 100 NORTHERN GANNETS, one Parasitic and 12 Pomarine Jaegers, three Black-legged Kittiwakes, and 46 Common Terns.

NORTHERN GANNET numbers from late October through late November off the whole southern coast of the province and in the Canso Strait and Georges Bay regions, as the birds follow schools of migrating fish, are among the wonders of the fall migration.

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS carry out an extended migration through our coastal waters during September and October, but CAM and ALM's observations in coastal CBRM, carried out during a Whimbrel survey, show that the migration may start in early August.

Just after the passage of post-tropical storm Noel, Nov. 4, a frigatebird was seen off Rainbow Haven Bch., HRM. Although it was likely a MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD, at the time of writing information was not available to eliminate the possibility of Great and Lesser Frigatebird, both of which have been recorded from central and eastern North America. □

YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS

May 26	43.325°N, 64.734°W	1	Sarah Wong
Northern Fulmar			
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	80 (8-10 dark)	IAM
Oct. 8	off Brier I.	several	JUS

Cory's Shearwater

Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	1	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	2	MIK

Greater Shearwater

Aug. 8	off Flint I., CBRM	2	CAM, ALM
Sept. 1	Western Light, Brier I.	constant stream in aft.	ELM, IAM
Sept. 2	off Brier I.	20	ELM, NSBS
Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I. ca.	10,000	ELM, AHM
Sept. 4	Western Hd. Queens	2	DPO
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	300	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	250	MIK
Sept. 22	20 km N. of Digby	10	ELM, AHM
Sept. 30	off Brier I. only	3	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 8	off Brier I.	several	JUS
Nov. 20	Duncans Cove, HRM	3-5 near shore	HAT

Sooty Shearwater

Aug. 8	off Flint I., CBRM	4	CAM, ALM
Sept. 1	Western Light, Brier I.	constant stream in aft.	ELM, IAM
Sept. 2	off Brier I.	1	ELM, NSBS
Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	100+	ELM, AHM
Sept. 4	Western Hd., Queens	1	DPO
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	6	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	12	MIK
Sept. 22	20 km N. of Digby	4	ELM, AHM
Oct. 8	off Brier I.	1	JUS

Manx Shearwater

Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	2	ELM, AHM
Sept. 30	off Brier I.	1	ELM, NSBS

Wilson's Storm-Petrel

Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	12	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	25	MIK
Sept. 16	Big I., Pict.	1	KJM, MGR
Sept. 28	Big I., Pict.	30+	KJM

Leach's Storm-Petrel

Aug. 8	off Flint I., CBRM	6	CAM, ALM
Sept. 1	BPI	a few at colony	NSBS, fide JCZ
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	4	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	2	MIK
Sept. 16	Big I., Pict.	1	KJM, MGR
Oct. 5	Cape Sable, Shel.	1 at light	SEM
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., HRM	1	BLM

Storm-Petrel sp.

Oct. 7	L. Kejimkujik, Anna.	1	Leach's? Sue Abbot
Nov. 4	Near Waterside PP, Pict.	1	Leach's? KJM

Northern Gannet

Aug. 19	Kennington Cove, CBRM	9	DBM, SEM
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The errant subadult RED-BILLED TROPICBIRD at Three Fathom Hbr, HRM, is grasped by its rescuer, July 17. Note its relatively massive bill and black mask extending well around to the nape; both are features of this species. [Photo courtesy Eric Hiltz]



A DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT, preening on a rocky shore of Halifax Hbr., displays its glistening plumage to advantage. [Photo Brian Bartlett]

Sept. 1	Brier I.	150 during day	ELM, IAM
Sept. 3	S. beach, Sable I.	3 ads., first of fall	ZOL
Sept. 5	off Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	"many"	DOU
Sept. 5	Brier I.	hundreds around island	ELM, AHM
Sept. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	only 1	IAM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	100	MIK
Sept. 30	off Brier I.	20	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 5	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	ca. 75	AAM
Oct. 8	W spit, Sable I.	20+	ZOL
Oct. 14	Pt. Michaud, <i>Rich.</i>	30-40	WMA
Oct. 15	Seal I.	154	ABO
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing PP	Some	FMC
Oct. 23	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	17	JAH
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2500++	BLM, HAT
Oct. 28-30	Brier I.	hundreds around island	ELM
Oct. 31	Shag End, <i>HRM</i>	50	BLM
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	2500	BLM
Nov. 3	Canso Causeway, <i>Inv.</i>	1200+	NSBS
Nov. 4	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	"Few"	DOU
Nov. 4	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	200-500/hr	HAT
Nov. 14	Pt. George, <i>Anna.</i>	3	JOB
Nov. 15	N beach, Sable I.	10	ZOL

Nov. 20	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	200-500/hr	HAT
Nov. 23	off Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	15+	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 24	Canso Causeway, <i>Guys./Inv.</i>	800	BLM, IAM
Nov. 25	Ogden's Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL

Double-crested Cormorant

July 26-Sept. 14	Various places, Sable I.	1+ imm.	ZOL
Aug. 5-Sept. 4	off Schooner Pond area, <i>CBRM</i>	Many flocks	CAM, ALM
Aug. 17	Kejimikujik NP Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	127	JAH
Sept. 2	off Brier I.	25 flying SW	ELM, NSBS
Sept. 3	Northern Pt., Brier I.	20 flying SW	ELM, IAM
Sept. 4	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	Seasonal peak 80	DMW
Sept. 7	Shag End, <i>HRM</i>	100	BLM
Sept. 8	Sheffield Mills, <i>Kings</i>	2	JCT
Sept. 28	West ponds, Sable I.	1, 1 st -yr.	ZOL
Sept. 30	Seal I.	133	ABO
Oct 1	Brier I.	frequent flocks flying SW	ELM
Oct 1	E Light, Sable I.	7	ZOL
Oct. 2	W tip Sable I.	1, 1 st -yr	ZOL
Oct. 5	Canard, <i>Kings</i>	4	JCT
Oct. 5-7	Seal I.	ca. 50 migrating daily	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 9	Seal I.	271	ABO
Oct. 9	BPI	560	ABO
Oct. 10	Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	275	BLM
Oct. 11	Sullivans Pd., <i>HRM</i>	3	JCT
Oct. 11	BPI	755	ABO
Oct. 16	First L., <i>Lr. Sackville, HRM</i>	1	Rita Viau
Oct. 19	Seal I.	118	ABO
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	A few	FMC
Oct. 25	BPI	971	ABO
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	15	BLM, HAT
Oct. 29	Brier I.	10	ELM
Oct. 30	Brier I.	ca. 100 migrants	ELM DOU
Nov. 4	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Nov. 17	W ponds, Sable I.	1, 1 st -yr.	ZOL
Nov. 22	W ponds, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Nov. 27	Bridgewater, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH

Great Cormorant

Aug. 17	Kejimikujik NP Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	2	JAH
Sept. 1	Western Light, Brier I.	2 ads.	ELM, IAM
Sept. 3	Northern Pt., Brier I.	2 juvs.	ELM, IAM
Sept. 5	Brier I.	5	ELM, AHM
Sept. 30	Prospect, <i>HRM</i>	3	BLM
Oct. 17	BPI	6	ABO
Oct. 21	Seal I.	23	ABO
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM, HAT
Oct. 29-30	Brier I.	20-30+	ELM
Nov. 18	LaHave, <i>Lun.</i>	4	ELM
Nov. 25	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL

MAGNIFICENT? FRIGATEBIRD

Nov. 4	Rainbow Haven PP., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
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Hérons

By Ulli Höger

MIK and FLL had a double hit during one of their outings in August, when they found a **LITTLE EGRET** and a Little Gull in close vicinity of each other. Little Egrets are very close relatives of the native **SNOWY EGRET** and can only be separated by few field marks. Little Egrets have been reported previously in Nova Scotia, but the bird found in Three Fathom Hbr. was easily accessible and gave many birders the opportunity to study the decisive field marks and add another species to their provincial or even life lists. □

American Bittern

Sept. 10-14	BPI	1	ABO	Oct. 6-7	Seal I.	1	ELM <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 15	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH	Oct. 8	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	1	JCZ, BAH
Sept. 19	BPI	1	MUN	Oct. 21	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH
Sept. 16-Oct. 12	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 21	Conrad Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW
Sept. 25-28	BPI	2	ABO	Oct. 21	Brier I.	1	CAH
Sept. 29	Brier I.	1	NSBS	Oct. 21 & 28	CSI	2	MUN
Oct. 1	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Oct. 25	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 6	CSI	1	NSBS	Nov. 15	Sable I.	1	ZOL
				Nov. 18	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	ELM

Great Blue Heron

Common throughout the season

Sept. 25 Seal I. 10 ABO

Great Egret

Sept. 19 & 20 CSI 1 MUN
 Oct. 19 & 22 Canso, *Guys*. 1 Terri Crane
 Oct. 29 Big. I., *Pict*. 1 Richard Murphy
 Nov. Lockeport, *Shel*. 1 Bill Crosby, *fide* DJC
 Nov. 4 & 7 CSI 1 JON; MUN
 Nov. 6 & 8 Rose Bay, *Lun*. 1 JAH
 Nov. 6 Cow Bay L., *HRM* 1 var. obs.
 Nov. 13/29 CSI 2/1 MUN

LITTLE EGRETAug. 18 - 25 Three Fathom Hbr., *HRM* 1 MIK, FLL**Snowy Egret**Nov. 7 Three Fathom Hbr., *HRM* 1 MIK**Little Blue Heron**Aug. 1 CSI 1 JAH *et al.*

Aug. 26 BPI imm. TMF

Cattle EgretOct. 17 Maitland area, *Hants* 1 ABM

Nov. 4 & 7 Yarmouth. 1 MUN

November E & W Green Hbr., *Shel*. 1 Trevor Newell, Trevor Bebb**Black-crowned Night-Heron**Aug. 8 Shore Road Bch., *Queens* imm. DPO

Sept. 19 CSI 1 MUN

Yellow-crowned Night-HeronAug. 20-21 Prospect, *HRM* imm. Sue and Peter Browne

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A flight-shot of this summer's LITTLE EGRET at Three Fathom Hbr., HRM (here Aug. 20), shows the diagnostic blue-grey lores in the colour original, but also the more robust legs, head, bill and neck of this species compared with the familiar Snowy Egret. [Photo Hans Toom]

Geese, Swans and Ducks

By John Belbin

For many people in Nova Scotia, this fall was an opportunity to fill in several gaps in the waterfowl sections of their life-lists. There were several notable visitors and, for the most part, they cooperated by staying around for a while in reasonably accessible locations.

A **GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** (11th NS record) was first reported by the team of DOU and FLL in a huge flock of **CANADA GEESE** in a field near Truro. As a **BARNACLE GOOSE** (3rd NS record) was identified at the same time, this was enough to cause a large number of observers to descend on the area. Arriving the very next day was IAM, and he rapidly identified two **CACKLING GEESE** (5th and 6th records) in the same general mob of birds. This guaranteed even more attention to the region, and the reports flowed thick and fast as many birders got into the action. A few days later Ian identified a **SNOW GOOSE** in the same flocks, adding to the excitement.

This whole thing became a real spectacle with up to 2000 Canada Geese being reported in the area, observers having to examine this huge volume of birds in order to find the rarities hidden among them. They had lots of time; the Greater White-fronted Goose was reported regularly from Oct. 15-28. Perhaps fatigue set in by then, but there were few reports after that time. However DAM observed a bird in the same area as late as Nov. 23, presumably the same one. The Barnacle Goose was seen almost daily until Nov. 1 and one of the Cackling Geese was still there until Nov. 5. The Snow Goose remained until at least Nov. 1.

Included in this large flock of Canada Geese were some smaller and darker variants. IAM speculated that they were either Baffin I. or Greenland type of the interior subspecies. The Greater White-fronted Goose also appeared to have a Greenland origin and the Barnacle Goose would fit the same scenario as it breeds in Greenland.

Province wide, Canada Geese were reported almost daily, widely spread and in extremely large numbers. It looks as if they are becoming the waterfowl version of the Crow!

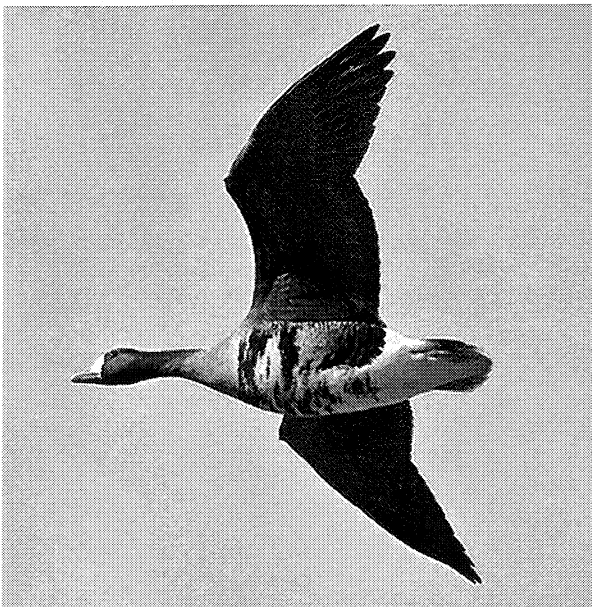
Almost lost in all this concern about unusual geese were reports about BRANT. Blake Maybank was able to identify two flying low over the water at Wagner's Beach, Prospect – no others were reported. I am not sure whether to conclude that they were actually missing or that people were otherwise engaged and simply didn't record them.

Another Snow Goose spent time on Brier I. at Big Pond, being identified by CAH Oct. 15 and for a week after that. CAH also found a Snow Goose at the same location Nov. 4, presumably the same individual.

Among the ducks, an uncommon winter sighting of a REDHEAD was made at Red Bridge Pond in Dartmouth and an excellent photo was obtained by BBU. It was hanging out with a flock of RING-NECKED DUCKS. The Redhead's occurrence was unusual enough to warrant a mention in the Halifax Daily News. The ring-necks, unusual in themselves, were largely ignored in all the fuss. GADWALLS, still uncommon, were seen in small numbers well outside their normal location of the Amherst region. Perhaps they are slowly becoming established in HRM.

BBU was able to photograph a EURASIAN WIGEON during its stay at Sullivans Pond in Dartmouth. AMERICAN WIGEONS were quite widely reported with some surprising numbers showing up. In comparison, the numbers of LONG-TAILED DUCKS are considerably less than I would have expected.

RUDDY DUCKS, normally considered to be quite rare at this time of year were seen in both the Windsor area and in Dartmouth on extended visits. Again, this gave the "listers" among us an opportunity to add to their totals. □



Surely five species of geese near Truro in October, were an autumn highlight. The big prize was a "twitchable" BARNACLE GOOSE (upper left, Oct. 21), which, although its age was debated, had a weakly creamy face and faint flank bars suggestive of an adult. Equally sought were two or three CACKLING GEESE (upper right, Oct. 24) with marks of the Nunavut-breeding *hutchinsii*. There were also a GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (lower right, Oct. 28), which had the large white forehead patch and extensive ventral barring extending to the belly (as in the Greenland subspecies, for which its orange bill colour is less reliable) and, least exciting, a (Greater) SNOW GOOSE (lower left, Oct. 24). Note variations among the accompanying CANADA GEESE, including small, thin-necked, dark ones that may hail from the northernmost breeding populations of in Canada and W. Greenland. What were probably these same birds appeared in MA in late October, later in NY and DE, and again returned north to MA in January. [Photos: upper left, Luke DeCicco; upper right, and lower left, Ian McLaren; lower right, Alan Murrant]

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE				Nov. 8	W. Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	40	D. McQuestion
Oct. 15	Truro area	1	DOU, FLL	Nov. 10	Cape John, <i>Pict.</i>	19	KJM
Snow Goose				Nov. 27	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	2	DMW
Oct. 15	Big Pond, Brier I.	1	CAH	American Black Duck			
Oct. 24	Truro area, Salmon R.	1	IAM	Aug. 13	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	130	JAH
Oct. 26	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Sept. 5	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	90	JOB
Oct. 28-30	Big Pond, Brier I.	1	ELM	Sept. 8	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	30	JCT
Nov. 5	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	3	LDE	Oct. 5	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	50	JCT
Nov. 27	LaHave R., <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Oct. 7	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	50	SEM
Brant				Oct. 28	Nyanza Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	45	JOB
Oct. 26	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM	Nov. 1	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	80	JCT
BARNACLE GOOSE				Nov. 24	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	35	BLM
Oct. 16	Truro area	1	IAM	Mallard x American Black Duck			
Nov. 1	Masstown, <i>Col.</i>	1	JAH	Nov. 6	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	60+	JCT
CAKCLING GOOSE				Mallard			
Oct. 16	Truro area, Salmon R.	2	IAM	Sept. 8	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	40	JCT
Nov. 5	Truro area, Onslow area	1	DAM	Sept. 7	Seal I.	25	ABO
Canada Goose				Oct. 5	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	60	JCT
Aug. 20	Middleton, Anna.	50+	SLH	Nov. 1	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	175	JCT
Sept. 16	Antigonish	60	JSH	Nov. 6	Habitant R., Canning, <i>Kings</i>	75	JCT
Oct. 5	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	150	JCT	Nov. 17	Port Williams sewage ponds, <i>Kings</i>	65	RMA
Oct. 5	Van Nostrand Pond, <i>Kings</i>	80+	JCT	Nov. 30	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	~90	JCT
Oct. 8	BPI	85	ABO	Blue-winged teal			
Oct. 13	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	450	JWW	Sept. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 16	Truro area	2000	IAM	Sept. 7	New Minas Sewage Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	2+	JCT
Oct. 26	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	630	BLM	Sept. 9	Glance Bay	3	NSBS, SEM
Oct. 26	Nyanza Bay, <i>Bras D'Or</i>	200+	JOB	Sept. 20	Seal I.	5	ABO
Oct. 28	Truro area, Onslow area	2000	CLS	Oct. 17	Windsor sewage ponds, <i>Hants</i>	1	RBS
Nov. 1	Silver L., Lakeville, <i>Kings</i>	54	JCT	Oct. 29	Windsor sewage ponds, <i>Hants</i>	4	JOB
Nov. 5	Cole Hbr., Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	450	SEM	Northern Shoveler			
Nov. 5	Bissett L., Dartmouth, <i>HRM</i>	800	IAM	Sept. 7	Freeport Hbr., <i>Digby</i>	male	ELM
Nov. 6	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	~600	JCT	Sept. 21	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	fem.	JCT
Nov. 10	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2000	BLM	Oct. 29	Amherst Pt., <i>Cum.</i>	10	BRS
Nov. 10	Riverside Park, <i>Pict.</i>	640	KJM	Nov. 18	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	male	SEM
Wood Duck				Nov. 23	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	1	AND
Aug. 14	Maitland, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH	Northern Pintail			
Aug. 17	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Sept. 17	Oxners Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH
Sept. 3	CSI		MUN	Oct. 18	BPI	2	ABO
Sept. 9	Glance Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	2	NSBS, SEM	Nov. 1	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	8	JCT
Sept. 20	Red Bridge Pond, <i>HRM</i>	5	BBU	Nov. 30	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	13	JCT
Sept. 21	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	male	JCT	Teal sp.			
Sept. 24	Big Pond, Brier I.	male	ELM, AHM	Oct. 5	Van Nostrand Pond, <i>Kings</i>	4	JCT
Sept. 27	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	male	KFS	Nov. 30	Saxon St. Pond, <i>Kings</i>	12	JCT
Sept. 29	Lighthouse Rd., Brier I.	male	ELM, NSBS	Green-winged Teal			
Oct. 6-7	Seal I.	male	ELM, IAM	Sept. 2	Seal I.	35	ABO
Oct. 19	Seal I.	2	ABO	Sept. 5	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	50	JOB
Nov. 11	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK	Sept. 7	New Minas Sewage Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	250	JCT
Gadwall				Sept. 9	Glance Bay	15	NSBS, SEM
Sept. 2	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU	Sept. 9	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	28	JCT
Sept. 6	Dotties Pond, <i>HRM</i>	3	BLM	Sept. 13	New Minas Sewage Ponds, <i>Kings</i>	300	JCT
Sept. 10	Seal I.	5	ABO	Sept. 16	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	39	SEM
Sept. 28	Seal I.	6	ABO	Sept. 25	BPI	61	ABO
Oct. 1	Pond Cove, <i>Shel.</i>	male	ELM	Oct. 5	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	70	JCT
Oct. 6	CSI	9	DOU	Oct. 7	BPI	45	ABO
Oct. 9	Seal I.	5	ABO	Oct. 14	Pt. Michaud Bch., <i>Rich.</i>	70+	WMA
Oct. 29	Amherst Pt., <i>Cum.</i>	2	BRS	Oct. 17	Seal I.	30	ABO
Nov. 4	Glance Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC	Oct. 26	Nyanza Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	8	JOB
Nov. 10	Cape John, <i>Pict.</i>	2	KJM	Oct. 27	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	20	RBS
Nov. 30	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	7	JCT	Nov. 3	Habitant R., Canning, <i>Kings</i>	3	JCT
Eurasian Wigeon				Nov. 17	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	80	RMA
Oct. 2	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Nov. 18	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	25	SEM
Oct. 29	Griffin Pond, <i>HRM</i>	1	ABM	Redhead			
Nov. 5	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	2	Rita Viau	Sept. 2	Red Bridge Pond, <i>Dartmouth</i>	1	BBU
Nov. 27	Glance Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	2	BES, GEC	Ring-necked Duck			
American Wigeon				Sept. 2	Red Bridge Pond, <i>Dartmouth</i>	4	BBU
Sept. 8	Sheffield Mills, <i>Kings</i>	2	JCT	Sept. 9	Glance Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	~25	NSBS, SEM
Sept. 12	Seal I.	12	ABO	Oct. 26	Plaster Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	12	JOB
Sept. 27	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS	Oct. 29	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	DOU	
Oct. 2	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	5	DMW	Nov. 3	Nyanza, <i>Vic.</i>	30	DBM
Oct. 11	Sullivans Pond, <i>Dartmouth</i>	11	JCT	Nov. 4	Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	136	PEL
Oct. 27	W. Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	100	D. McQuestion	Nov. 6	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Oct. 29	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	2	JOB	Nov. 10	Cape John, <i>Pict.</i>	9	KJM
Nov. 3	Nyanza, <i>Vic.</i>	2	DBM	Nov. 17	Annapolis Royal Sewage Plant	5	DLO
Nov. 6	Canard Pond, <i>Kings</i>	4+	JCT	Nov. 17	First L., <i>HRM</i>	67	Rita Viau

Scaup sp.							
Oct. 5	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	3	JCT	Nov. 25	Pomquet, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Nov. 12	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	40	TEP	Long-tailed Duck			
Greater Scaup				Oct. 21	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	3	KJM
Sept. 17	Middle R., <i>Pict.</i>	70	KJM	Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	13	BLM
Oct. 19	Riverport, <i>Lun.</i>	4	JAH, CSS	Nov. 14	Kennington Cove, <i>HRM</i>	28	SEM
Oct. 26	Plaster Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	46	JOB	Nov. 18	E. Chester, <i>Lun.</i>	44	CJF
Oct. 27	Riverport, <i>Lun.</i>	33	JAH, DAW	Bufflehead			
Nov. 4	Big Pond, Brier I.	25	CAH	Oct. 22	Petite Riviere, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH
Nov. 11	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	4	MIK	Oct. 25	L. Midway, <i>Digby</i>	27	CAH
Lesser Scaup				Nov. 1	Kelly Point, <i>HRM</i>	8	BLM
Nov. 11	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	80+	MIK	Nov. 11	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	10	MIK
Nov. 18	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	50	MIK	Nov. 14	Louisbourg	18	SEM
Nov. 22	Antigonish Sewage Plant		RFL	Nov. 17	French Basin, <i>Anna.</i>	50+	DLO
Common Eider				Nov. 17	East R., <i>Pict.</i>	15	KJM
Sept. 4	BPI		NSBS	Nov. 24	Canso Peninsula	10	BLM
Sept. 8	Kennington Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	40	SEM	Nov. 25	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	13	SEM
Sept. 8	Wild Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	90	SEM	Common Goldeneye			
Sept. 10	Keji. Seaside Adjunct	38	JAH	Oct. 26	Lone Bch., <i>CBRM</i>	35	JOB
Oct. 4	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	70	JOB	Nov. 5	<i>Pictou</i>	50	KJM
Oct. 6	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	25	DMW	Nov. 5	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2 fems.	SEM
Oct. 14	Port Michaud Bch., <i>Rich.</i>	50+	WMA	Nov. 12	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 22	Margaretville, <i>Anna.</i>	200+	JOB	Nov. 14	Louisbourg	fem.	SEM
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	600	BLM	Nov. 15	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	20+	BRS
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	800	BLM	Barrow's Goldeneye			
Nov. 3	West Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1000+	MUN	Nov. 16	Sydney R.	3	SEM
Nov. 24	Cape Argos, <i>Guys.</i>	100	BLM	Hooded Merganser			
Harlequin Duck				Sept. 1-2	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 14	Point Michaud Bch., <i>Rich.</i>	2	WMA	Sept. 15	Middle R., <i>Pict.</i>	28	KJM
Oct. 22	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	2	JOB	Oct. 5	Harris Pond, Canning, <i>Kings</i>	3	JCT
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	5	BLM	Oct. 11	Head of Prospect Bay	15	BLM
Nov. 1	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	14	RBS	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	10	JAH
Nov. 2	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	3	BLM	Nov. 5	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	19	SEM
Nov. 6	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	12	PBG	Nov. 5	Haliburton Gut, <i>Pict.</i>	130	KJM
Nov. 30	Crystal Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2	HAT	Nov. 10	Haliburton Gut, <i>Pict.</i>	185	KJM
Scoter sp.				Nov. 17	Lyons Brook, <i>Pict.</i>	140	KJM
Sept. 8	Mira Gut, <i>CBRM</i>	100	SEM	Nov. 25	Antigonish Sewage Ponds	60	NSBS
Sept. 28	Merigomish Hbr., <i>Pict.</i>	600	KJM	Nov. 28	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	22	JAH
Oct. 10	Aspy Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	100+	AAM	Nov. 30	Silver L., Lakeville, <i>Kings</i>	6	JCT
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	100	KJM	Common Merganser			
Surf Scoter				Sept. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	25	SEM
Sept. 8	Mira Gut, <i>CBRM</i>	40	SEM	Sept. 17	Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	22	JAH
Oct. 1	BPI	4	ABO	Sept. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	10	SEM
Oct. 3	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	8	SJF	Sept. 23	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	12	SEM
Oct. 22	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	60	JOB	Sept. 30	River Bourgeois, <i>CBRM</i>	9	BBU
Oct. 22	Margaretville, <i>Anna.</i>	300+	JOB	Oct. 11	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 22	Port Dufferin, <i>HRM</i>	30	KJM	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	21	JAH
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	10	BLM	Oct. 26	Plaster Cove, <i>CBRM</i>	8	JOB
Nov. 14	Louisbourg	5	SEM	Nov. 5	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	28	SEM
Nov. 14	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	67	JOB	Nov. 18	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	60	MIK
Nov. 24	Cape Argos, <i>Guys.</i>	10	BLM	Nov. 25	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	NSBS	
White-winged Scoter				Red-breasted Merganser			
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	25	BLM	Sept. 4	Conrad Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	7	DMW
Oct. 29	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	3	SEM	Oct. 15	Blandford, <i>Lun.</i>	20	CJF
Nov. 5	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	9	DMW	Oct. 20	Waterside P.P., <i>Pict.</i>	130	KJM
Nov. 14	Port George, <i>Anna.</i>	10	JOB	Nov. 24	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	25	BLM
Nov. 25	Mahoneys Bch., <i>Ant.</i>	RFL		Nov. 25	Conrad Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	25	DMW
Black Scoter				Ruddy Duck			
Oct. 5	Cabot Landing, <i>CB</i>	~50	AAM	Oct. 27	Windsor Sewage Lagoons, <i>Hants</i>	2	RBS
Oct. 8	Green Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	13	JAH	Oct. 28	Windsor Sewage Lagoons, <i>Hants</i>	3	JOB
Oct. 10	Seal I.	12	ABO	Nov. 9	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	10	BLM	Nov. 18	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	2	MIK
Nov. 24	Cape Argos, <i>Guys.</i>	300	BLM				

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Rails, Cranes, and Galliformes

By Ulli Höger

The 'game bird' (I always wonder who coined that expression) department has the questionable pleasure to report the possible sighting of a pair of **ROCK PTARMIGANS**. They were blown in by the wind for sure.

In November a VIRGINIA RAIL was accidentally trapped in a Muskrat trap. This was the only report filed for an uncommon rail. The record numbers of AMERICAN COOTS from last year were not matched this fall. Still, they could be found in the usual locations. □

ROCK PTARMIGAN (ID unconfirmed, escaped?)			
Aug. 30	West Green Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	Pair	Clayton Burke, <i>fide</i> DJC
Gray Partridge			
Oct. 26	Truro	19	CLS <i>et al.</i>
Ring-necked Pheasant			
Aug. 11	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	ad., 8 imms.	SEM
Oct. 10	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	4 males, 3 fems.	Diane McQuestion
Nov. 8	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	male	Diane McQuestion
Nov. 25	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	male	Diane McQuestion
Ruffed Grouse			
Sept. 19	Sand R., <i>Cum.</i>	5	KFS
Oct. 16	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	2 (pair?)	DPO
Oct. 30	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Oct. 31	Kelly Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	BLM
Nov. 19	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	male	Diane McQuestion
Spruce Grouse			
Aug. 14	Gaspereau Mt., <i>Kings</i>	3	AAM
Sept. 19	Shulie, <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Sept. 21	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Oct. 7	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	male	Rita Viau
Oct. 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2 fems.	ULH
Oct. 8	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL

Virginia Rail			
Mid. November	Mid. W. Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	1	<i>fide</i> PRG
Sora			
Aug. 1	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD
Sept. 7	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	imm.	ELM
Oct. 8	Seal I.	1	KJM
Nov. 2	Brier I.	1	CAH
Nov. 7	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
American Coot			
Oct.-Nov.	Sullivans Pond, <i>HRM</i>	>4	var. obs.
Oct.-Nov.	Bisset L., <i>HRM</i>	>2	var. obs.
Oct. 27	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	1	Diane McQuestion
Oct. 28	Amherst Pt., <i>Cum.</i>	2	BRS
Oct. 29	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU
Nov. 12	Bisset L., <i>HRM</i>	4	TEP
Nov. 17	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna.</i>	1	DLO
Nov. 16	Highland Village, <i>Col.</i>	1	VME
Oct. 21	Ragged Hbr., <i>Queens</i>	fem.	JAH
Nov. 7	Bisset Rd., <i>HRM</i>	male	MIK
Sandhill Crane			
Sept. 13-14	Brier I.	1	CAH
Nov. 29	Beaconsfield, <i>Anna.</i>	1	Murray Freeman

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Diurnal Raptors

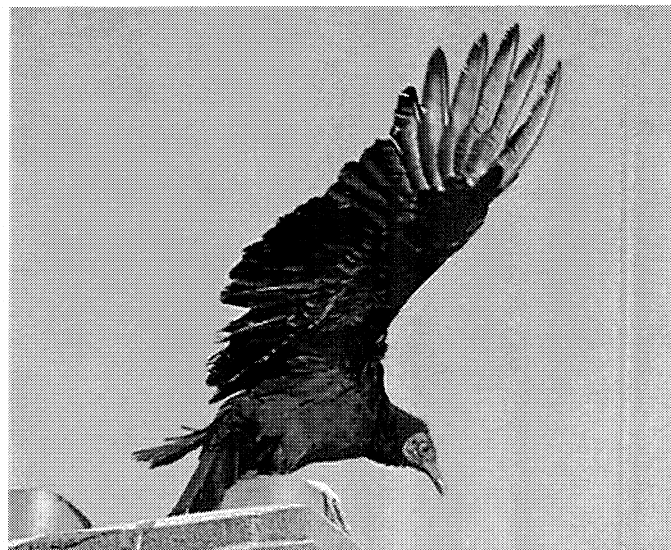
By Ulli Höger

Multiple sightings of BLACK VULTURES during the fall season were remarkable. One reported in early November from *Guysborough* stayed in the area for many birders to enjoy. Time will tell if sightings of Black Vultures will increase in years to come as they have in recent years for its close relative the TURKEY VULTURE.

The report of an ad. PEREGRINE FALCON accompanied by a begging imm. from the Canning area in early August could be an indication for a successful nesting season nearby. Given frequent sightings of more than one peregrine in the Halifax/Dartmouth area I wouldn't be surprised to learn about nesting attempts in the urban environment (the grain elevators come to mind). □

BLACK VULTURE			
Aug. 15	Cherryfield, <i>Anna.</i>	1	Janice Wilson
Sept. 5	Chester area, <i>Lun.</i>	1	Howard Allen
Nov. 1-28	Little Dover, <i>Guys.</i>	1	Terri Crane
Turkey Vulture			
Aug. 1	Avonport, <i>Kings</i>	1	Mike McCall
Sept. 13 & 23	Shag End, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Sept. 13	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 4	Brier I.	4	JUS
Oct. 7	CSI	8	DOU
Oct. 17	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 22	Cape Forchu, <i>Yar.</i>	30	MAT
Oct. 27	Brier I.	35	JUS
Oct. 28-29	Brier I.	50	ELM
Oct. 29	Dartmouth	1	Cheryl Davis
Nov. 4	Dayton, <i>Yar.</i>	9	MUN
Nov. 5	Brier I.	4	JUS
Nov. 12	Advocate, <i>Cum.</i>	2	var. obs.
Osprey			
Sept. 29	Seal I.	7	ABO
Oct. 11	Ingonish, <i>Vic.</i>	1	AAM
Oct. 18	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 27	Brier I.	1	JUS
Oct. 29	Plymouth, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Oct. 29	Ben Eoin, <i>CBC</i>	1	GEM

Aug. 17	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 9	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	male & fem.	JCT
Sept. 9	Windsor	imm.	JCT



A wandering BLACK VULTURE reached the end of the line in early November (here Nov. 6) at Canso and seemed settled in for winter. [Photo Tom Kavanaugh]

Bald Eagle
Common throughout the season in all counties

Northern Harrier
Aug. 5 Wolfville fem. JCT

Sept. 12	French Basin Trail, <i>Anna</i> .	1	DLO	Sept. 23	CSI	many	MUN
Sept. 17	Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Sept. 28	Brier I.	3	ELM
Sept. 18	Conrad Marsh, <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Sept. 28	Sable I.	2	ZOL
Sept. 29	Seal I.	8	ABO	Sept. 29	Brier I.	50	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 6	Seal I.	5	KJM	Sept. 29	Seal I.	23	ABO
Nov. 7	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	>4	RBS	Oct. 7	Seal I.	>20	ELM <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 21	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Oct. 18	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Sharp-shinned Hawk							
Sept. 2	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL	Nov. 16	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 17	BPI	20	ABO	Nov. 20	Sable I.	2	ZOL
Sept. 29	Brier I.	>100	ELM, NSBS	Merlin			
Sept. 29	Seal I.	59	ABO	Aug. 27 & 29	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Sept. 29	BPI	58	ABO	Sept. 5	Brier I.	3	ELM
Sept. 30	Brier I.	>30	ELM, NSBS	Sept. 7	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 6	Seal I.	20	KJM	Sept. 17	Oxners Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 7-13	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL	Sept. 22	St John to Digby Ferry	imm.	ELM, AHM
Oct. 29	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Sept. 25	Dartmouth	1	BBU
Oct. 29	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Sept. 26-28	Sable I.	2	ZOL
Nov. 11-Dec.	Fairmonth, <i>Ant.</i>	imm.	RFL	Oct. 6	Seal I.	many	KJM
Nov. 25	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, CSS
Nov. 25	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Nov. 5	Brier I.	1	JUS
Cooper's Hawk							
Sept. 27	Delaps Cove, <i>Digby</i>	1	Howard Shainheit	Nov. 7	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 6	Brier I, <i>Digby</i>	1	NSBS	Nov. 23	Canard, <i>Kings</i>	1	AND
Oct. 8	Seal I.	1	DAM	Gyrfalcon			
Oct. 31	Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	1	DOC	Oct. 7-21	CSI	1	MUN
Northern Goshawk							
Oct. 18	Point Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	imm.	AGH	Oct. 6	Brier I.	1	NSBS
Oct. 29	Mid. Musquodoboit <i>HRM</i>	1	D. Bell, Sandra McLachlan	Peregrine Falcon			
Oct. 29	Brier I.	1	ELM	Aug. 7	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD
Nov. 18	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	1	ELM	Aug. 9	SE Canning, <i>Kings</i>	2 (ad. & imm.)	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
Broad-winged Hawk							
Aug. 16	Cookville, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Aug. 18	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Sept. 18	Brier I.	~300	CAH	Aug. 21	CFB Shearwater, <i>HRM</i>	imm.	Chris Hawkins
Sept. 29	Brier I.	>500	ELM, NSBS	Sept. 6	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Oct. 6	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DOU	Sept. 7	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 29	Seal I.	1	ABO	Sept. 26	Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Red-tailed Hawk							
Sept. 4	Belleisle Marsh, <i>Anna</i> .	1	MCR	Sept. 28	Sable I.	2	ZOL
Sept. 14	Lawrencetown, <i>Anna</i> .	1	DLO	Sept. 30	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	2	KJM
Oct. 16	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Oct. 1	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Oct. 21	Schooner Pond, <i>CBC</i>	1	BES, GEC	Oct. 3	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Oct. 27	Highland Village, <i>Col.</i>	2	VME	Oct. 3	Canning, <i>Kings</i>	1	JWW
Nov. 12	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2	KFS	Oct. 4	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DJM
Nov. 25	Antigonish	1	NSBS	Oct. 6	Baccaro, <i>Yar.</i>	3	DOU
Rough-legged Hawk							
Oct. 18	Livingstone Cove, <i>Ant.</i>	1	JEB <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 6	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	imm.	ULH
Oct. 28	Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	1	MUN	Oct. 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	ULH
Golden Eagle							
Aug. 31	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	1 (undocumented)	Martin Turner	Oct. 29	Seal I.	7	ABO
American Kestrel							
Aug. 7	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	2	ALD	Oct. 13	Schooner Pond, <i>CBC</i>	1	BES, GEC
Aug. 16	Cherryfield, <i>Anna</i> .	1	JAH	Oct. 14	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Sept. 5	Brier I.	4	ELM	Oct. 14	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	DOU
				Oct. 16	Halifax	1	Kathleen MacAulay
				Oct. 21	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	PMC, SEM
				Oct. 21.	Ragged Hbr., <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH
				Nov. 12	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFC
				Nov. 16-22	Sable I.	1	ZOL
				Nov. 18	CSI	1	MUN
				Nov. 20	Halifax	2	GEL

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Shorebirds

By Susann Myers

The fall season brought the usual bounty of shorebirds, with almost all species reported on schedule and in average to high-average numbers, with exceptions noted below. Many species also lingered into November in above-average numbers. Reduced reporting from CSI made trends for some species difficult to assess, although JON's report of *ca.* 20,000 shorebirds there Aug. 5 indicates a good season.

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVERS were first reported approximately two weeks later than average and, although widely distributed, were seen in low numbers except for a concentration at Sydney airport. Increased monitoring at short-grass habitats such as airfields, golf courses and sod farms would give a more accurate picture of this generally uncommon fall migrant. Few PIPING PLOVERS were noted, but two unusually late individuals were reported: one unbanded juv. Oct. 5-6 and one with an injured leg Nov. 18.

AMERICAN AVOCETS have been annual since 2004, with this year's individual enjoyed by many observers during its two-week stay at Brier I. and environs. A late report was received of a sighting by B. Drucker at Prospect High Hd., Aug. 8, 2006. **AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHERS** departed on schedule, with only two lingering to Sept. 23.

SPOTTED SANDPIPERS were widespread and in good numbers, following what appears to have been a good breeding season. Four juvs. noted in Three Fathom Hbr. Aug. 5 were from separate nestings, with two half-grown and two only a day or so post-hatch. Most unusually, no ads. were present to raise alarms. A concentration of eight **SOLITARY SANDPIPERS** noted in Middleton was also unusual.

GREATER YELLOWLEGS were, as usual, most common along the Atlantic coast, particularly at Morien Bar in CB, the extensive saltmarshes of the Eastern shore, and of course CSI. The main concentrations of ad. **WILLETS** are typically seen in mid- to late-July, with juvs. following by early August; the large concentration noted at CSI in early August fits this pattern. As usual, the bulk of **LESSER YELLOWLEGS** migrated through in July, although this year brought an unusually high number of lingerers in September.

WHIMBREL are coastal migrants and were reported in good numbers, particularly in CB, where CAM and AAM's daily watch of migrants arriving onshore at Schooner Pond produced very impressive numbers. Unfortunately, there were no reports of numbers from CSI, another favoured site. **HUDSONIAN GODWIT** numbers grew in August after the first arrivals in July, but remained at only about half of average. **MARbled GODWITS**, which have become almost annual in August-September, were spotted at two locations.

The endangered *rufa* subspecies of **RED KNOT** migrates through NS on its way to Tierra del Fuego in July to early September. Numbers were once again low, with the only concentrations noted at Morien Bar. The later-migrating subspecies that overwinters in North and Central America was present in fairly good numbers in September to November, however, at preferred sites. **SANDERLINGS**, which typically arrive late from their high-arctic breeding grounds, were reported in below-average numbers, with the exception of an unusually high early count of 950 at CSI. The sandflats of CSI are critical to this species in NS, with typical peaks there about 10 times the number at other favoured sites.

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPERS had a very good showing at the Minas Basin, but numbers were low away from the Bay of Fundy. Two well-documented reports were received of **WESTERN SANDPIPERS**, which are rare transients in NS. **BAIRD'S SANDPIPERS**, which typically migrate through the interior of North America and are uncommon on the coast, were noted at about twice the average number. **PECTORAL SANDPIPERS** were widespread but in very low numbers, with no concentrations reported.

There are typically few sightings of **PURPLE SANDPIPERS** in fall. The only reports received were from Duncans Cove where a good-sized flock built up by the end of November. **DUNLIN**, which are late migrants, were reported in very good numbers, peaking on schedule in late October and lingering into November in unusually high numbers.



This year a pair of **AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHERS** on Cape Sable (here early Aug.) managed to produce two healthy young (two birds at right). [Photo Elke Love]



An **AMERICAN AVOCET**, still in juvenal plumage, stopped for a few days mid-August (here Aug. 12) on Brier I. [Photo June Swift]

STILT SANDPIPERS are annual in small numbers and are most numerous from August to early September, along favoured marshy edges; this year's total of eight were average and on schedule. By contrast, BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS were seen in unprecedented numbers. Twenty-eight were widely scattered, all but one along the Atlantic coast; this was more than twice the average seasonal total. The additional 50 reported from the Shearwater airfields made this a banner year.

An ad. REEVE staged for six weeks, moving between shallow saltwater coves in Three Fathom/Lower Three Fathom Hbr. Typically approachable, it provided close looks during its moult of head and body feathers from worn breeding plumage with internal markings to fresh non-breeding plumage with crisp, buffy fringes and no internal markings on mantle, scapulars and wing coverts. All of which fails to convey the excitement of watching this transformation, which normally takes place in Europe or Africa, from a cove on the Eastern Shore.

SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHERS, whose migration through NS peaked in July, were still noted in good numbers in August. LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS were reported only from CSI, but two possible long-billeds, seen at too great a distance to identify, were found at the Windsor Sewage Ponds in mid- to late-October (AAM, RBS) and Cole Hbr. Oct. 27 (SEM).

WILSON'S PHALAROPES are interior migrants, occurring annually in NS in only ones and twos, and occasionally small groups, such as the three found in Port Mouton by RES. RED-NECKED and RED PHALAROPES were seen in good numbers off Brier I., where JUS wrote of "flocks of phalaropes ... like clouds of silver". Tens of thousands were reported Sept. 3, and it was noted that the ratio at sea the previous day had been 10:1 Red to Red-necked. The migration of Red-neckeds, which is earlier than for Reds and extends from early July to early September, is typically most concentrated off NB. □

shorebird species

Aug. 5	The Hawk, CSI	ca. 20000	JON
Sept. 2	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1000+	MIK
Sept. 3	Waterside Bch. PP, Pict.	ca. 800	KJM
Sept. 21	The Guzzle, Kings	1000s	JOB
Oct. 27	CSI	4200	MUN
Oct. 28	Debert Bch., Col.	1000+	KJM
Nov. 6	Wolfville Dykelands, Kings	ca. 1500	SAW
Nov. 17	Grand Pré, Kings	ca. 200	RMA
Nov. 18	CSI	3630	MUN
Nov. 18	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, HRM	ca. 300-400	ULH

small shorebird species

Aug. 6	Evangeline Bch., Kings	ca. 5000	JWW <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 15	Evangeline Bch., Kings	ca. 14000	JWW
Aug. 28	Windsor Causeway, Hants	ca. 8000	JCT
Aug. 30	Evangeline Bch. area, Kings	ca. 65000	JCT
Sept. 24	The Guzzle, Kings	ca. 2500	JWW

Black-bellied Plover

Aug. - Nov.	11 locations, widespread	64 total	var. obs.
Aug. 4, 20 & 28	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	7, 30, 49	SJF
Aug. 5 & 28	Windsor Sewage Ponds, Hants	85+, ca. 400	JCT
Aug. 6; Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, HRM	57, 159	SEM
Aug. 7	Sable I.	50+	ZOL
Aug. 11; Sept. 2	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	25, 31	SEM
Aug. 18; Sept. 6	Crescent Bch., Lun.	24, 25	JAH
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, CBRM	181, 145	SEM, MCM
Aug. 28	Avonport Bch., Kings ca.	100, roost	JCT



Let's see if you can identify this peep, 9 Sept. at Lockeport - not a rarity by any means. [Photo Kelly Doney]

Sept. 1-3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, Queens	100+	BST, A. Pelletier
Sept. 9	Sydney Airport, CBRM	80	SEM, NSBS
Sept. 29; Oct. 18	Seal I.	42, 18	ABO
Sept. 26; Oct. 28	Windsor Sewage Ponds, Hants	40+, ca. 50	JWW, RBS
Oct. 2	Sable I.	50+	ZOL
Oct. 3; Nov. 2	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	48, 51	SJF
Oct. 15; Nov. 4	Morien Bar, CBRM	50+, 85+	BES, GEC
Oct. 17 - 26	BPI	2-15	ABO
Oct. 29	Masstown, Col.	ca. 20	KJM
Nov. 5	Daniel Hd., CSI	24	MUN
Nov. 7	Grand Pre, Kings	ca. 20	RBS
Nov. 10	Rainbow Haven, HRM	100	BLM
Nov. 17	Hartlen Pt. golf course, HRM	19	IAM
Nov. 18	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	26	SJF
Nov. 22	Sable I.	20+	ZOL

American Golden-Plover

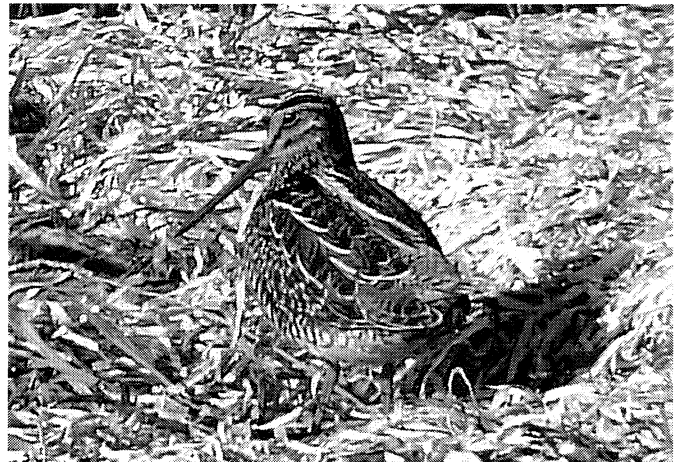
Sept. 2 & 7	Cape Sable, Shel.	3, 1	DPO, CST, MUN
Sept. 6, 8 & 24-27	Hartlen Pt., HRM	2, 3, 4	BLM, MIK, FLL
Sept. 6 & 17; Oct. 6	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	1, 3, 1	SJF
Sept. 7	McCormacks Bch. PP, HRM	3-4	KGI
Sept. 9	Sydney Airport, CBRM	60	SEM, NSBS
Sept. 9, 16, 22	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	1, 2, 2	HAT, SEM
Sept. 16	Crescent Bch., Lun.	2	JAH
Sept. 17	Conrads I., Rose Bay, Lun.	1	JAH
Sept. 19 - 22	BPI	2 - 3	ABO
Sept. 22	Crow Neck, Shel.	1	BJS, SIS
Sept. 24	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2 imm.	ELM, IAM
Sept. 24 - Oct. 3	BPI	1 - 2	ABO
Sept. 25	Sable I.	6	ZOL
Sept. 28	Big I., Pict.	1	KJM
Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	ELM, IAM <i>et al.</i>

Semipalmated Plover

July 26	South Side Bch., CSI	450	BJS, SIS
Aug. - Sept.	13 locations, widespread	164 total	var. obs.
Aug. 4 & 23	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	468, 585	SJF
Aug. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	350	SEM
Aug. 6; Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, HRM	163, 459	SEM
Aug. 15; Sept. 24	Evangeline Bch., Kings	100s, ca. 60	JWW
Aug. 18; Sept. 16	Crescent Bch., Lun.	22, 59	JAH
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, CBRM	829, 266	SEM, MCM
Aug. 26	Summerville Bch. PP, Queens	ca. 50	RES
Sept. 1-3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, Queens	250+	BST, A. Pelletier
Sept. 2 & 16	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	415, 197	SEM
Sept. 16	Annapolis R., Anna.	30-40	D. Lowe
Sept. 16&28; Oct. 21	Big I., Pict.	56, 100, 30	KJM, MGR
Sept. 22	Crow Neck, Shel.	150	BJS, SIS
Sept. 25	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	230	SJF
Oct.	8 locations, widespread	19 total	var. obs.

Oct. 3 & 12	BPI	54, 29	ABO	Oct. - Nov. 8	10 locations, widespread	28 total	var. obs.
Oct. 6	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	200-250	ULH	Oct. 2 & 27	Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	36, 35+	JWW
Oct. 6&25; Nov. 2	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	116, 17, 3	SJF	Oct. 7	Seal I.	17	ABO
Oct. 14	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	20+	FLL, DOU, TOK	Oct. 13 & 25	BPI	25, 45	ABO
Oct. 22	Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	20	JCT	Oct. 21	Bissett Rd., <i>HRM</i>	10	D. McQuestion
Nov. 5	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	8	DMW	Oct. 21; Nov. 12	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	29, 1	SEM
Nov. 7-17	Waterside Bch. PP, <i>Pict.</i>	1	JWW, KJM	Oct. 27; Nov. 5	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	37, 12	SEM
Nov. 12 & 18	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	10, 7	SEM	Nov. 5	Daniel Hd., <i>CSI</i>	5	MUN
Nov. 25	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Willet			
Piping Plover				Aug. - Sept.	8 locations, widespread	26 total	var. obs.
July 26	South Side Bch., <i>CSI</i>	1	BJS, SIS	Aug. 4 & 28	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	9, 4	SJF
Aug. 17	Dartmouth Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	KGI	Aug. 5	The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	ca. 175	JON
Aug. 23 & 28	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2 juvs.	SJF	Aug. 5 & 11	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	15, 13	SEM
Sept. 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM	Aug. 6	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	17	SEM
Oct. 5 & 6	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	juv.	D.&J. Schlosberg, ULH	Aug. 12	Pond Cove, Brier I.	ca. 15	WAN, LIT
Nov. 18	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	1, injured	HEK	Sept. 2 & 7	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	8, 2	SJF, JAH
Killdeer				Oct. 22	Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	3	RMC
Aug. 5, 10 & 26	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2, 3, 1	var. obs.	Oct. 24; Nov. 6	Conrad's I., Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1, Western	JAH
Aug. 14	Lilydale, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JAH	Nov. 7	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	1	P. Murray
Aug. 20	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	4	SJF	Lesser Yellowlegs			
Aug. 24	Cape Sable, <i>Shel.</i>	2	R. Hoogenbos	Aug. - Sept.	10 locations	39 total	var. obs.
Aug. 31 - Oct. 27	5 locations, widespread	singles	var. obs.	Aug. 1; Sept. 16&28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	20+, 40, 5	DOU, KJM
Sept. 10 - Oct. 8	Seal I.	1-2	ABO	Aug. 5; Sept. 2	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	79, 14	SEM
Sept. 26	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	2	JWW	Aug. 6; Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	79, 2	SEM
Oct. 2	BPI	5	ABO	Aug. 12	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	20-25	ELM
Oct. 7	Barrington, <i>Shel.</i>	2	DOU	Aug. 12; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	57, 21	MCM, SEM
Oct. 7; Nov. 13	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	3, 1	DJC	Aug. 26	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	16	SJF
Oct. 24	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	2	fide JAH	Aug. 28; Sept. 5 & 26	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	4, 10, 3	JCT, JOB, JWW
Nov. 12	Lr. Shag Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	2	BJS, SIS	Sept. 8	CSI	35	MUN
Nov. 10-11	Lr. West Pubnico, <i>Yar.</i>	3	RSD, fide PRG	Sept. 16 & 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	40, 5	KJM, MGR
Nov. 11 & 12-13	West Hd., <i>CSI</i>	13, 7	MUN	Sept. 17	BPI	17	ABO
AMERICAN AVOCET				Oct. 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	10+	ULH
Aug. 9-22	Brier I. & Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	imm.	ELM, JUS et al.	Oct. 18	DU Pond, Hortonville, <i>Kings</i>	4	JCT
American Oystercatcher				Nov. 6	Conrad's I. Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Aug. 4 - 23	Daniel Hd. & The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	2 ads., 2 juvs.	MUN et al.	Nov. 7	Waterside Bch. PP, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, JWW
Sept. 8 & 9-15	Daniel Hd., <i>CSI</i>	6, 4	MUN	Whimbrel			
Sept. 23	CSI		MUN	July 22-Oct. 2	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	3,369 in 155 flocks	CAM, ALM
Spotted Sandpiper				Aug. - Oct. 21	12 locations, widespread	18 total	var. obs.
Aug. 4	Cow Bay, <i>HRM</i>	family	HAT	Aug. - Sept.	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1 - 9	DJC
Aug. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	4 juvs.	SEM	Aug. 1; Sept. 6	Sable I.	40+, 20+	ZOL
Aug. 16-Sept. 29	7 locations, widespread	11 total	var. obs.	Aug. 2	Hartlen Pt. golf course, <i>HRM</i>	4	DOU
Aug. 28; Sept. 26	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	3	JCT, JWW	Aug. 5; Sept. 16&22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1, 19, 3	SEM
Aug. 29	Dartmouth	3	KGI	Aug. 8	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	5-7	JCZ
Aug. 30	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	4	BLM	Aug. 17	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	7	JAH
Sept. 7	McCormacks Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	3	KGI	Aug. 28; Sept. 12	Seal I.	6	ABO
Sept. 10	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	3	JAH	Sept. 1	BPI	9	ABO
Oct. 7	CSI	2	MUN	Sept. 9	Sydney Airport, <i>CBRM</i>	24	SEM, NSBS
Oct. 24	Duncan Reef, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT	Sept. 10	Glace Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	65	BES, GEC
Nov. 4	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Sept. 12	Reserve strip mine, <i>CBRM</i>	19	CAM, ALM
Solitary Sandpiper				Sept. 25 - 26	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	3	SJF
Aug. 1	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	DOU	Oct.	Fairview, <i>HRM</i>	ca. 25	B. Havill
Aug. 10 - Sept. 30	8 locations, widespread	singles	var. obs.	Oct. 1 - 25	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Aug. 15& 21; Sept. 5	CSI	1, 2, 5	var. obs.	Hudsonian Godwit			
Aug. 20	Neils Hbr. Area, <i>Vic.</i>	2	DBM	Aug. 2	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU
Aug. 25	Cape Forchu, <i>Yar.</i>	3	MUN	Aug. 5 & 12	The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	12, 14	JON, MUN
Aug. 25	Yarmouth & CSI	3	MUN	Aug. 6 & 25; Sept. 24	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	11, 8, 3	SEM, MIK, BLM
Aug. 28	Seal I.	4	ABO	Aug. 12; Sept. 9	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	2	MCM, SEM
Aug. 28	BPI	2	ABO	Aug. 21 & 23	Lawrencetown R., <i>HRM</i>	14, 10	DOU, LOC
Sept. 6	Middleton, <i>Anna.</i>	8	RBS	Sept. 2 & 23	CSI	2, 3	DPO, MUN
Sept. 30; Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 8; Nov. 3	CSI	1	DPO, MUN
to Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, fide MIK
to Oct. 16	BPI	1	ABO	MARbled GODWIT			
yellowlegs sp.				Sept. 2 - 8	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, DOU
Aug. 24; Nov. 7	Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	33, 7	JCT	Sept. 5 - 13	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM, A. Mickey et al.
Sept. 1 - 3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	ca. 100	BST, A. Pelletier	Ruddy Turnstone			
Greater Yellowlegs				Aug. - Oct. 13	locations, widespread	54	var. obs.
Aug. - Sept. 16	locations, widespread	113 total	var. obs.	Aug. 4	Daniel Hd., <i>CSI</i>	28	MUN
Aug. 6; Sept. 24	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	90, 25	SEM, BLM	Aug. 11; Sept. 2	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	18, 8	SEM
Aug. 11; Sept. 2&16	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	22, 66, 35	SEM	Aug. 12&16; Sept. 2	Pond Cove, Brier I.	45, 20, 30	WAN, DOU, ELM
Aug. 16; Sept. 24	Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	27, 30	JWW	Aug. 22	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	8	BES, GEC
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	162, 78	SEM, MCM	Aug. 25	BPI	40	ABO
Aug. 22; Sept. 4 & 21	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	16, 10, 3	DMW				
Sept. 8; Oct. 6	CSI	155, 134	MUN				

Aug. 29	Sable I.	56	ZOL
Sept. 3 & 15	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	40, 30	KJM
Sept. 6 & 21	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	8, 6	BLM, DMW
Sept. 18	Broad Cove, <i>Lun.</i>	54	SJF
Oct. 6 & 8	BPI	30, 40	ABO
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>Pict.</i>	11	KJM
Nov. 5 & 7	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2, 1	SJF, JAH
Red Knot			
Aug. 7	Ogdens Pond, <i>Ant.</i>	1	BRS
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	23 alt., 21	juvs. SEM
Aug. 28; Sept. 2 & 6	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	4, 12, 6	SJF
Sept. 2	CSI	7	DPO
Sept. 2, 5 & 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2, 1, 1	SEM, A. Mickey
Sept. 6 & 16	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1, 2	JAH
Sept. 11 & 29	Seal I.	19, 5	ABO
Sept. 16	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2	LDE
Sept. 19; Nov. 5	Daniel Hd., <i>CSI</i>	4, 76	MUN
Sept. 22	BPI	1	ABO
Sept. 24; Oct. 27	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	80, 93	BLM, SEM
Sept. 26	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	2	JWW
Oct. 15	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	6	BES, GEC
Nov. 10	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	80	BLM, IAM
Sanderling			
July 26	South Side Bch., <i>CSI</i>	950	BJS, SIS
Aug. - Nov.	6 locations, widespread	26 total	var. obs.
Aug. 2; Sept. 6&24	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	12, 150, 120	DOU, BLM
Aug. 3	Sand Hills Bch. <i>PP, Shel.</i>	ca. 150	RMC
Aug. 28; Sept. 25	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	24, 25	SJF
late Aug.	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	35+	DJC
Sept. 2 - 3	Pond Cove, <i>Brier I.</i>	25	ELM, IAM
Sept. 6 & 13	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	ca. 100, 25	BES, GEC
Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	31	MCM, SEM
Sept. 8 & 22	Seal I.	30, 35	ABO
Sept. 10	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	42	JAH
Sept. 15	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	20	KJM
Sept. 22	Crow Neck, <i>Shel.</i>	100+	BJS, SIS
Sept. 24	Evangeline Bch., <i>Kings</i>	25	JWW
Sept. 24; Oct. 27	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	30, 39	BLM, SEM
Oct. 6 & 14	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	ca. 250, 150	ULH
Oct. 21	BPI	35	ABO
Oct. 25; Nov. 18	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	59, 1	SJF
Oct. 29	L. Debert, <i>Col.</i>	100	ROH
Nov. 7 & 17	Waterside Bch. <i>PP, Pict.</i>	25, 7	KJM, JWW
Nov. 11	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	a few	BLM, IAM
Nov. 17	Crystal Crescent Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Nov. 22	Sable I.	350+	ZOL
Semipalmated Sandpiper			
July 26	South Side Bch., <i>CSI</i>	500	BJS, SIS
Aug. 3	Sand Hills Bch. <i>PP, Shel.</i>	ca. 150	RMC
Aug. 4; Sept. 2	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	35, 97	SJF
Aug. 6; Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	77, 356	SEM
Aug. 11; Sept. 16	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	199, 187	SEM
Aug. 12	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	ca. 1500	ELM
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	323, 36	SEM, MCM
Sept. 1	BPI	145	ABO
Sept. 1 - 3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	400+	BST, A. Pelletier
Sept. 5	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	ca. 150	JOB
Sept. 15 - 28	3 sites, <i>Pict.</i>	103 total	KJM, MGR
Sept. 22	Crow Neck, <i>Shel.</i>	100	BJS, SIS
Sept. 24	The Guzzle, <i>Kings</i>	ca. 160	JWW
Oct. 1	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	16	SJF
Oct. 6	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	100-150	ULH
Oct. 14	Pt. Michaud Bch., <i>Rich.</i>	8	WMA
Oct. 23	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 24	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	5	HAT
Nov. 4 - 10	Waterside Bch. <i>PP, Pict.</i>	1	KJM
Nov. 5	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	3	DMW
WESTERN SANDPIPER			
Sept. 30	Taylor Head <i>PP, HRM</i>	1, details, photo	HAT, LAE
Nov. 7	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1, details	JAH
Least Sandpiper			
Aug. - Sept.	10 locations	77 total	var. obs.
Aug. 6; Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	15, 26	SEM
Aug. 8 & 20	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	65, 77	SJF



A WILSON'S SNIPE shows off its beautifully patterned back plumage, 6 Oct. 6 at R. Bourgeois, *Rich.* [Photo Mike Viau]

Aug. 12	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	ca. 200	ELM
Aug. 15 & 19	Seal I.	1, 32	ABO
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	24, 15	SEM, MCM
Aug. 31; Sept. 1	BPI	60, 65	ABO
Sept. 2; Oct. 1 & 6	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	93, 41, 12	SJF
Sept. 24	The Guzzle, <i>Kings</i>	ca. 80	JWW
Oct. 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	a few	ULH
Oct. 20	Waterside Bch. <i>PP, Pict.</i>	1	KJM
White-rumped Sandpiper			
Aug. - Oct. 11	locations, widespread	34 total	var. obs.
Aug. 4	Daniel Hd, <i>CSI</i>	4	MUN
Aug. 5 & 11	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	6, 15	SEM
Aug. 12	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	25	ELM
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	92, 18	SEM, MCM
Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	44	SEM
Oct. 11 & 15	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	15, 25	BES, GEC
Oct. 14	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	50+	ULH
Oct. 29	Lr. Debert, <i>Col.</i>	50	ROH
Nov. 2	McCormacks Bch., <i>HRM</i>	2	KGI, LUB
Nov. 2 & 5-7	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2, 1	SJF, JAH
Nov. 4 & 17	Waterside Bch. <i>PP, Pict.</i>	13, 7	KJM, JWW
Nov. 17	Crystal Crescent Bch., <i>HRM</i>	3-5	HAT
Nov. 18	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	juv.	SEM
Nov. 20	Sable I.	5+	ZOL
Baird's Sandpiper			
Aug. 14	Pond Cove, <i>Brier I.</i>	3	LIT, <i>fide</i> JUS
Aug. 21	CSI	1	JON, <i>fide</i> MUN
Aug. 22; Sept. 13	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	2, 1	BES, GEC
Aug. 25; Sept. 2	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK, FLL
Sept. 7	locations, widespread	singles	var. obs.
Sept. 1 & 22	BPI	3, 2	var. obs.
Sept. 2-6	Pond Cove, <i>Brier I.</i>	3 total	ELM, IAM
Sept. 25	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	2	SJF
Oct. 1 & 6	Pond Cove, <i>Brier I.</i>	2	ELM, MIK
Oct. 6	CSI	1	DOU, NSBS
Oct. 10	BPI	3	ABO
Nov. 17	Crystal Crescent Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Pectoral Sandpiper			
Aug. 1 - 4	Sable I.	9	ZOL
Aug. 2 - 21	4 locations, widespread	5 total	var. obs.
Sept. - Oct.	8 locations, widespread	11 total	var. obs.
Sept. 2	Cape Sable, <i>Shel.</i>	6	DPO <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 9	Sydney Airport, <i>CBRM</i>	4	SEM, NSBS
Sept. 25; Oct. 25	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	5, 9	SJF
Sept. 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	10	KJM
Oct. 7	BPI	3	ABO
Oct. 15	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	8	BES, GEC
Nov. 2	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	KGI, LUB
Nov. 2	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Purple Sandpiper			
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT, BLM
Nov. 4 & 24	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	3, 40+	HAT

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Aug. 3 - Sept. 16	6 locations, widespread	9 total	var. obs.
Aug. 27	BPI	70	ABO
Sept. 16 & 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1, 50	KJM, MGR
Sept. 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	juv.	SEM
Sept. 25; Oct. 6	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	35, 52	SJF
Oct. 6	CSI	100+	DOU, NSBS
Oct. 6 & 14	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	ca. 25, 150+	ULH
Oct. 8	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	ca. 20	ULH
Oct. 10	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	ca. 25	RBS
Oct. 21	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	47	KJM
Oct. 27; Nov. 5	Cole Hbr., Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	546, 273	SEM
Oct. 29	L. Debert, <i>Col.</i>	1000	ROH
Nov. 5	Conrad Bch., <i>HRM</i>	280	DMW
Nov. 5	Daniel Hd., <i>CSI</i>	125	MUN
Nov. 5 & 18	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	20, 11	SJF
Nov. 7	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	ca. 50	RBS
Nov. 11	Rainbow Haven, <i>HRM</i>	200	BLM, IAM
Nov. 17	Hartlen Pt. golf course, <i>HRM</i>	ca. 70	IAM
Nov. 18	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	27	SEM
Nov. 18	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	40	ELM
Nov. 22	Sable I.	5	ZOL

Stilt Sandpiper

Aug. 4 & 5	The Hawk, <i>CSI</i>	1, 5	MUN
Aug. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Sept. 2	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Sept. 6 - 13	Lr. Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM, var. obs.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Aug. 28	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	SJF
Sept. 1 - 15	5 locations, Atlantic coast	singles	var. obs.
Sept. 1 - 3	BPI	3	JCZ, NSBS
Sept. 2 & 7	Cape Sable, <i>Shel.</i>	2, 7	CST <i>et al.</i> , MUN
Sept. 2-5	Prospect Village, <i>HRM</i>	4	P. Browne <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 4	Pond Cove, Brier I.	juv., arrival	ELM, AHM
Sept. 4	Shearwater Airport, <i>HRM</i>	50	<i>fide</i> BLM
Sept. 9	Sydney Airport, <i>CBRM</i>	6	SEM, NSBS
Sept. 22	BPI	2	ABO

RUFF/REEVE

Aug. 5 - Sept. 6	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	fem., ad.	many obs., photo
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dowitcher species

Sept. 26	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	5	JWW
Sept. 28	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	4	KJM
Oct. 17, 28	Windsor Sewage Ponds, <i>Hants</i>	4, 3	AAM, RBS
Oct. 27	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM
Oct. 28	Amherst Pt. Sanctuary, <i>Cum.</i>	a few	BRS

Short-billed Dowitcher

July 26	South Side Bch., <i>CSI</i>	350	BJS, SIS
Aug. - Sept.	6 locations	47 total	var. obs.
Aug. 5	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	380	SEM
Aug. 6	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	873	SEM

Aug. 8	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	59	SJF
Aug. 12	Freeport, <i>Digby</i>	125	ELM
Aug. 18	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	93	JAH
Aug. 19; Sept. 8	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	81, 28	SEM, MCM
Sept. 1 - 3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	ca. 50	BST, A. Pelletier
Sept. 2 & 22	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	48, 18	SEM
Sept. 2 & 25	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	32, 8	SJF
Sept. 6 & 16	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	31, 11	JAH
Sept. 23	Cole Hbr. Saltmarsh, <i>HRM</i>	48	SEM
Oct. 2	Wolfville Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Oct. 3 & 6	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	5	SJF

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER

Oct. 6	CSI	3	FLL, <i>fide</i> DOU
Oct. 7	CSI	some	MUN

Wilson's Snipe

Aug. 2	MacPhersons L., <i>Pict.</i>	1	GMU
Sept. 15	Pictou rotary, <i>Pict.</i>	8	MGR, <i>fide</i> KJM
Oct.	5 locations	singles	var. obs.
Oct. 8	Seal I.	7	KJM <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 24	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	4	G. Rhodenizer, <i>fide</i> JAH
Nov. 2 & 17	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	3, 2	KGI, LUB; MIK
Nov. 14	Louisbourg	1	SEM
Nov. 17	Sable I.	1	ZOL

American Woodcock

Sept. 17	Waterside Bch. PP., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, MGR
Nov. 5	Brier I.	1	CAH
Nov. 29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK

phalarope species

Aug. 16	off Brier I.	1000s	DOU
Sept. 3	off Brier I.	10s of 1000s	ELM, IAM
Sept. 4	Western Hd., <i>Queens</i>	a couple	DPO
Sept. 18	off Brier I.	flocks	JUS
Oct. 5	off Brier I.	some	L. Titus

Wilson's Phalarope

Aug. 31	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	3	RES
Sept. 1 - 3	Keji Seaside Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	1	BST, A. Pelletier

Red-necked Phalarope

Aug. 4	Cornwallis R., <i>Kings</i>	1	W. MacDonald <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 7	New Minas, <i>Kings</i>	1	JCT
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, off <i>CSI</i>	25	IAM
Sept. 15-17	Waterside Bch. PP., <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, MGR
Sept. 23	off Brier I.	a few	RBS
Sept. 30	off Brier I.	10-15	ELM, NSBS

Red Phalarope

Sept. 3	off Brier I.	10,000++	ELM, IAM
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, off <i>CSI</i>	6	IAM
Sept. 23	off Brier I.	1000s	RBS
Sept. 30	off Brier I.	10-15,000	ELM, NSBS

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Gulls Through Alcids

By Eric Mills

A second-year **LITTLE GULL** took up residence among the **BLACK-HEADED** and **BONAPARTE GULLS** at Conrads Bch. and the Lawrencetown L. area, *HRM*, Aug. 18- *ca.* Sept. 14, and was ticked by many. At least two of the Bonaparte's Gulls were in the rather seldom seen early, juvenile plumage, providing a convenient comparison.

The only **MEW (COMMON) GULL** of the season, reported without details, was in the Aspy Bay region, *Vic.*, region Oct. 10.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS no longer deserve "rare" status, but it is noteworthy that records increased in late September and that among the birds seen from Sept. 24 through Oct. 11 in the Grand Pré area, *Kings*, was a darker mantled adult that is likely to have been *Larus fuscus intermedius* (from coastal northwestern Europe) rather than the expected Icelandic and British *L. f. graellsii*. This, with the observation in June in the Dartmouth area of an even darker bird that may have come from the Baltic, of the race (maybe full species) *L. f. fuscus*, makes looking at these dark-mantled gulls unusually interesting.

The first **GLAUCOUS GULL** of the season appeared at a pizza-joint in Glace Bay, Oct. 20, a site it is frequenting for the second winter. As CAM and ALM noted, "we think he owns the place." Last year it was in residence until late May.

The recent pattern of fairly frequent CASPIAN TERNS in the fall was maintained again this year and a very late ARCTIC TERN was off Cabot Landing P.P., *Vic.*, during the first week of October.

A GREAT SKUA, reported from a whale-watching cruise off Brier I., Aug. 27, still has not been documented, despite the rarity of that species (especially inshore) at any season and the greater likelihood of South Polar Skua on that date and in that location.

A "large group of 10-15 jaegers that were gray above and darkish below" off Chebucto Hd., *HRM*, Oct. 20, was believed to be made up of ad. LONG-TAILED JAEGERS. An imm. was on Sable I. at the end of August.□

Laughing Gull

Aug. 7	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	ad.	JOK
Aug. 10	Grand Passage, Brier I.	ad.	ELM
Aug. 29	Dominion Bch., <i>CBRM</i>	4	BES, GEC
Sept. 15-30	Pier C, <i>Pictou, Pict.</i>	ad. (long-staying)	MGR, KJM

LITTLE GULL

July 29	Glace Bay	ad.	<i>fide</i> SEM
Aug. 18-ca. Sept. 14	Conrads Bch. area, <i>HRM</i>	2 nd yr	MIK <i>et al.</i>
Nov. 3	Daniels Hd., <i>CSI</i>	1 (no details)	<i>fide</i> MUN

Black-headed Gull

Aug. 10	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	<i>fide</i> JCZ
Aug. 19	Morien Bar, <i>CBRM</i>	12	SEM
Aug. 21	Lawrencetown marsh, <i>HRM</i>	2	DOU
Aug. 26	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	GDE
Aug. 26	Dartmouth Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	KGI
Aug. 27	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	2	DMW
Sept. 6	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Sept. 6	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 20; Nov. 3	Shannon Park, <i>HRM</i>	ca. 35; 50	BBU; IAM
Nov. 8	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	6 ad.	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 10	Rainbow Haven PP, <i>HRM</i>	30	BLM
Nov. 15	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	Several	BRS
Nov. 18	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	ULH
Nov. 23	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	6+	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 25-26	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	9-10	DMW
Nov. 27	Antigonish Ldg., <i>Ant.</i>	"Several"	NSBS
Nov. 27	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS

Bonaparte's Gull

Aug. 10	Grand Passage, Brier I.	5	ELM
Aug. 21	Lawrencetown marsh, <i>HRM</i>	20+	DOU
Sept. 6	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Sept. 7	New Minas sewage ponds, <i>Kings</i> 1, 1 st -w.		RBS

Sept. 8/15	Waterside PP, <i>Pict.</i>	300/100	KJM
Sept. 15/28	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	100/700	KJM
Sept. 16	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	"Scores"	KJM, MGR
Sept. 28	Waterside PP, <i>Pict.</i>	500	KJM
Sept. 30	Powells Pt. PP, <i>Pict.</i>	500	KJM
Sept. 30	Off Northern Pt., Brier I.	6	ELM, IAM
Oct. 3	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	150+	TOK
Oct. 5	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	"Many"	AAM
Oct. 8	E. of Seal I.	1 at sea	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 11	Port Morien bar, <i>CBRM</i>	10	BES, GEC
Oct. 20	Shannon Park, <i>HRM</i>	2	BBU
Oct. 20	Waterside PP, <i>Pict.</i>	50	KJM
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	"A few dozen"	FMC
Nov. 3	Aulds Cove, <i>Guys.</i>	ca. 50	NSBS
Nov. 4	Pictou area	125	KJM
Nov. 8-24	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	Max 1500	var. obs
Nov. 10-11	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	2-10	ELM, AHM, TOK
Nov. 18	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	6	ULH
Nov. 24	Canso Causeway, <i>Guys./Inv.</i>	25	BLM, IAM
Nov. 26	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	2	DMW
Nov. 28	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	20	JAH, DPO

MEW (COMMON) GULL

Oct. 10	South Hbr. Bch, Aspy Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	1 (no details)	AAM
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Ring-billed Gull

Aug. 22	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	25 (Seasonal peak)	DMW
Sept. 4	Pond Cove, Brier I.	3 ads.	ELM, AHM
Sept. 6	Pond Cove, Brier I.	ad. & juv.	ELM, AHM
Sept. 13	Wolfville sewage ponds, <i>Kings</i>	25+	JCT
Sept. 15	near Haliburton Gut, <i>Pict.</i>	ca. 250	KJM
Sept. 24	Seal I.	6	ABO
Sept. 25	BPI	23	ABO
Sept. 28	Pond Cove, Brier I.	2, 3 rd -yr	ELM
Sept. 29	Pond Cove, Brier I.	6	ELM, NSBS
Oct. - Dec.	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	35-75	DJC
Oct. 6	Conrads Bch., <i>HRM</i>	21	DMW
Oct. 7	Seal I.	ad. & 1 st -yr.	ELM, NSBS
Nov. 23	Antigonish sewage plant, <i>Ant.</i>	6	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 24	Canso Causeway, <i>Guys./Rich.</i>	50	BLM, IAM

Iceland Gull


Oct. 10	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 22	E. tip, Sable I.	10+	ZOL
Nov. 3	Aulds Cove area, <i>Guys.</i>	3, 1 st -w.	NSBS
Nov. 8	Ogdens Pd., <i>Ant.</i>	ad.	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 10	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	ad.	ELM, AHM, TOK
Nov. 11	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	2, 1 st -yr.	ELM, AHM
Nov. 13	Glace Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	18	BES, GEC
Nov. 13	Dominion Bch., <i>CBRM</i>	15	BES, GEC
Nov. 16	Glace Bay hbr.	50+	DBM
Nov. 16	Beacon St. dam, Glace Bay	ca. 15	DBM
Nov. 17	Hartlen Pt. area, <i>HRM</i>	16	IAM
Nov. 21	New Minas sewage ponds, <i>Kings</i>	5+ ads.	JWW
Nov. 23	Antigonish sewage plant, <i>Ant.</i>	3	ELM, AHM, BRS
Nov. 24	Canso hbr. area, <i>Guys.</i>	12+	ELM, AHM
Nov. 25	Antigonish sewage ponds, <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS

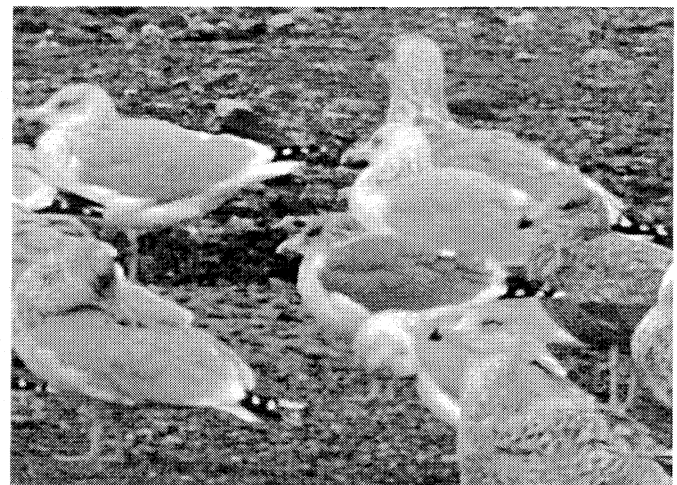
Lesser Black-backed Gull

Aug. 25	Shannon Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	BBU
Sept. 6	Lawrencetown R., <i>HRM</i>	2 ads.	BBU, BLM
Sept. 15	Caribou lighthouse, <i>Pict.</i>	ad.	MGR, <i>fide</i> KJM
Sept. 16	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2 ads.	LDE
Sept. 24	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	2 ads. (1 <i>intermedius</i> ?)	LDE
Sept. 24	Yarmouth Hbr.	ad. <i>graellsii</i>	PRG
Sept. 24	Beacon St. dam, Glace Bay	1, 3 rd -w.	CAM, ALM
Sept. 28	Caribou I., <i>Pict.</i>	ad.	KJM



A long-staying LITTLE GULL on the mudflats behind Conrad Beach PP (digiscoped Aug. 19) offered a life tick to some birders. During its stay, it was still moulting from 1st-Cycle into 2nd-Cycle (1st summer) plumage (here shown with one dark-tipped primary remaining), which confused some into thinking that two birds were involved. The insert (Aug. 25) shows how tiny the bird was in comparison to a nearby Great Black-backed Gull. [Photo Ian McLaren; insert Bernard Burke]

Sept. 28	Pier C, Pictou	ad.	KJM	Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	12	MIK
Sept. 29	Canard Pond, Kings	1 st -w.	RBS	Oct. 10	Off Flint I., CBRM	1	CAM, ALM
Sept. 30	Sullivans Pond, Dartmouth	juv.	BBU	Parasitic Jaeger			
Oct. 6	Grand Pré, Kings	5	LDE	Aug. 27	Off Brier I.	1	ROD <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 11	Grand Pré, Kings	3 ads. (1 <i>intermedius</i> ?)	RBS	Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	5	ELM, AHM
Oct. 12	Albro L., HRM	1 imm.	BBU	Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	1	IAM
Oct. 19	Canard, Kings	3 (ad.; 2 nd -w. & 3 rd -w.)	RBS	Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	1	MIK
Oct. 20	Dartmouth area	3, 1 st -w.	BBU	Sept. 22	20 km N. of Digby	3	ELM, AHM
Oct. 27	Windsor sewage lagoons, Hants	ad.	RBS	Sept. 30	Off Northern Pt., Brier I.	1	ELM, IAM
Nov. 3	Grand Pré, Kings	3	LDE	Nov. 5	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1 dark phase	KGI, LUB
Nov. 7	Grand Pré, Kings	5 ads. <i>graellsii</i>	RBS	LONG-TAILED JAEGER			
Nov. 17	Grand Pré, Kings	4 ads.	LDE	Aug. 29	E. spit, Sable I.	imm.	ZOL
Nov. 24	Canso Causeway, <i>Guys./Inv.</i>	1 ad.	BLM, IAM	Oct. 20	Chebucto Hd., HRM	10-15 probable	FLL, DAC
Nov. 25	Canard Pond., Kings	3 ads.	RBS	Dovekie			
Nov. 30	Canard, Kings	3 ads.	JCT	Oct. 14	Pt. Michaud, Rich.	1	WMA
Glaucous Gull							
Oct. 20	Glance Bay	1	CAM, ALM	Common Murre			
Nov. 12	Pier C, Pictou	1 st -w.	KJM, STV, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 27	Chebucto Hd., HRM	4	BLM
Nov. 13	Glance Bay	1	BES	Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., HRM	4	BLM
Nov. 16	Beacon St. dam, Glance Bay	1 st -w.	DBM	Thick-billed Murre			
Nov. 25	Bedford	imm.	LOC, DCO	Nov. 24	Cape Argos, <i>Guys.</i>	1	BLM, IAM
Black-legged Kittiwake							
Aug. 29	W. tip, Sable I.	ad.	ZOL	Razorbill			
Sept. 2	Off Brier I.	10	ELM, NSBS	Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	ad.	ELM, AHM
Sept. 3/4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	2/5	ELM, IAM, AHM	Oct. 8	Off Brier I.	1	JUS
Sept. 11	E. tip, Sable I.	25+, mainly ads.	ZOL	Oct. 27	Chebucto Hd., HRM	1	BLM
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	3	MIK	Black Guillemot			
Sept. 29/30	Off Northern Pt., Brier I.	10/4	ELM, NSBS, IAM	Aug. 15	Seal I.	28	ABO
Oct. 8	Off Brier I. <i>Several</i>	JUS		Sept. 1	W. Light, Brier I.	juv.	ELM, IAM
Oct. 27	Off Duncans Cove, HRM	2	BLM, HAT	Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I.	2	ELM, AHM
Oct. 29-30	Brier I.	Constant stream past	ELM	Oct. 5	Cabot Landing PP, Vic.	1	AAM
Nov. 3	Chebucto Hd., HRM	3	BLM	Oct. 11	BPI	6	ABO
Nov. 10	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	ca. 10	ELM, AHM, TOK	Oct. 14	Pt. Michaud, Rich.	1	WMA
Caspian Tern							
Aug. 25	Big I., Pict.	ad.	KJM	Oct. 22	Sober I. & E HRM area	81	KJM
Aug. 27	Freeport, Digby	1	RAR	Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, HRM	4	BLM, HAT
Sept. 7	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	2	MIK	Oct. 29-30	Grand Passage, Brier I.	6+	ELM
Sept. 16	Albro L. & Red Bridge Pond, HRM	1	MIK, BBU	Nov. 9	Bayswater, Lun.	1	CJF
Sept. 16	Big I., Pict.	ad.	KJM, MGR	Atlantic Puffin			
Oct. 5	Seal I.	1	ABO	Sept. 2	Off Brier I.	25+	ELM, NSBS
Oct. 7	The Guzzle, CSI	2	<i>fide</i> DOU	Sept. 4	Northern Pt., Brier I. <i>ca.</i>	20	ELM, AHM
Oct. 20	Graves I., Lun.	1 overhead	CJF	Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	"A few" offshore, more inshore	IAM
Black Tern							
Aug. 29	W tip, Sable I.	4	ZOL	Oct. 8	Off Brier I.	Several	JUS
Sept. 5	Big I., Pict.	imm.	DOU	Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, HRM	8	BLM, HAT
Common Tern							
Aug. 9	Freeport, Digby	4 ads., juv.	ELM	□□□			
Aug. 10	Eastern Passage, HRM	ads. feeding young	<i>fide</i> JCZ				
Aug. 10	Grand Passage, Brier I.	25 (20 ads.)	ELM				
Aug. 15	Dartmouth Cove, CBRM	15-20	KGI				
Aug. 19	Morien Bar, CBRM	20+	SEM				
Aug. 24	Off The Hawk, CSI	22	JAH, DPO				
Aug. 26	Dartmouth Cove, HRM	4	KGI				
Aug. 30	Seal I.	2	ABO				
Sept. 3	Port Morien bar, CBRM	50+	BES, GEC				
Sept. 8	Caribou lighthouse, Pict.	65	KJM				
Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., HRM	46	MIK				
Sept. 16	Big I., Pict.	75	KJM, MGR				
Oct. 8	Off Brier I.	1	JUS				
Oct. 20	Pictou area	2	KJM				
Nov. 4	Pictou hbr.	1	KJM				
Arctic Tern							
Aug. 10	Eastern Passage, HRM	1	<i>fide</i> JCZ				
Aug. 14	Maders Cove area, Lun.	1	JAH				
Oct. 5	Cabot Landing PP, Vic.	1	AAM				
Tern sp.							
Oct. 3	Canso hbr., <i>Guys.</i>	100+ comic	TOK				
Nov. 4	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	1 large	SEM				
GREAT SKUA							
Aug. 27	Off Brier I.	1 (no details)	ROD <i>et al.</i>				
SKUA SP.							
Oct. 27	Off Duncans Cove, HRM	1	BLM, HAT				
Pomarine Jaeger							
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin, SW NS	1	IAM				



A distant photo, Nov. 23 at Ogdens Pond, Pict., reveals enough to see why this dark-backed, yellowish-legged gull among the Herring Gulls caused excitement. Its mantle tone matched Yellow-legged Gull, *Larus michahellis*, of the Azores subspecies *atlantis*. However, the head streaking was much more extensive; streaking on *atlantis* always shows a distinct cutoff above the nape, giving it a hooded appearance. Its head streaking and back tone match Herring X Lesser Black-backed Gull hybrids, similar to a few that have occurred recently in St. John's, NL, but certainty is elusive. [Photo Bruce Stevens]

Pigeon Through Woodpeckers

By Dorothy Poole

Unexpected visitors were ROCK PIGEONS at SLH's Tremont, *Kings*, feeder in November and three MOURNING DOVES in BES's yard in Glace Bay.

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOOS far outnumbered BLACK-BILLED CUCKOOS this fall, given the large number of sightings of the former. The first sighting of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo matched the date from 2005, and the last sighting was by RMA the day after the storm Noel.

There were a number of owl sightings for "backyard lists". RFL had BARRED OWL and NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS in his yard. A co-worker of Gayle MacLean photographed a Northern-Saw-whet Owl that had struck a window. Fortunately the bird was stunned only long enough for the picture to be taken. ELM occasionally heard LONG-EARED OWLS on Brier I. this fall and FLL *et al.* heard one during the NSBS Brier I. weekend. JCT reported sightings of three SHORT-EARED OWLS a month apart in the Canard River Valley, *Kings*.

Many observers saw large (given their threatened status) congregations of migrating COMMON NIGHTHAWKS. There were no August report of CHIMNEY SWIFTS other than the "chimney roost" sightings by KJM and JWW *et al.* The notes from KJM denoted Chimney Swifts flying around but not entering the chimney roost towards the end of August.

There was a flurry of RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD reports in early September after MFU expressed surprise at still seeing hummingbirds around. From the middle of September the majority of reports of Ruby-throated hummingbirds were of last sightings around yards and/or feeders. Margaret Millard was sitting near her window Oct. 3 when "I saw a blaze of copper at my hummingbird feeder". This turned out to be the sun hitting the feathers of a RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD. Margaret was sure there were two birds initially in her yard, one an all-rufous one which indicated an adult, and another which ELM and DPO saw the next day (Oct. 4), an imm. male which had rufous color on its head and lower back only. Unfortunately this Rufous Hummingbird took its last sip at her feeders at 8:15 AM (Oct. 6) just before a group of birders arrived. The Rufous Hummingbird is a very rare vagrant (only 10 records since 1950).

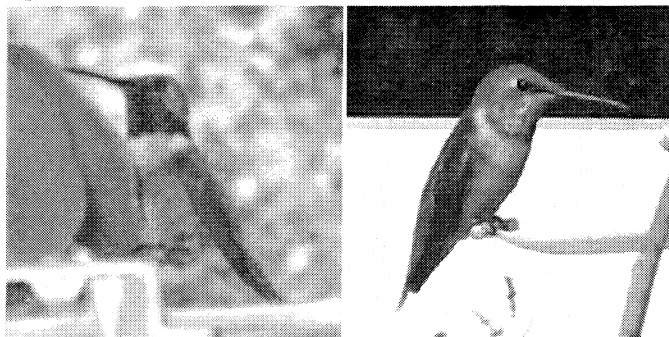
Susan Hunt had a female RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER in her yard from Oct. 14 to the end of this report period. Two years ago during the same time period she had a male Red-bellied woodpecker. There were two sightings of Red-bellied Woodpecker in Glace Bay. In early October BES and GEC had one in their yard and in late November, JUM had one in his yard. A nice find by CSS, CLS and FLL in Onslow during the goose extravaganza was a RED-HEADED WOODPECKER. A few others were lucky enough to see this bird. There was a big fallout day in CSI Oct. 7 and FLL and DOU reported 10 YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKERS from CSI.

During the first week of August a visiting ornithologist, Haven Wiley, saw an AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER fly across the road somewhere between Port Hood and Mabou, *Inv.* The following week DOM spotted one in Ingonish, *Vic.* The American three-toed woodpecker is a rare resident. There were large numbers of migrating NORTHERN FLICKERS during the first week of October. About 50 were reported by ELM on Brier I. and 40 or more were reported by KJM *et al.* on Seal I.. There were a couple of sightings of PILEATED WOODPECKERS from yards. □

Rock Pigeon				Oct. 6-8 Seal I.	2, 1, 3	KJM <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 19 Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	20	DMW		Oct. 8 CSI	juv.	FLL, DOU
Nov. 1-30 Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	12 feeder	SLH		Oct. 9 Acadia U. campus, Wolfville	juv.	JWW
Nov. 25 NSBS Coastal Waters <i>Ant.</i>	1+	RFL <i>et al.</i>		Oct. 9 Spectacle L., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Mourning Dove				Oct. 9, 11 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	2, 1	TOK
Aug.-Nov. Widely	1-20	many reports		Oct. 10 Canso vicinity, <i>Guys.</i>	7	TOK
Oct. 17 Seal I.	13	ABO		Oct. 12 Brier I.	1; 1	JUS; ROD
Nov. 24 Glace Bay	3	BES		Oct. 14, 18, 30 Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	1, 1, 1	HAT
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Oct. 14 CSI	1; 1	JON, SAN; MUN
Sept. 12, Oct. 10 Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1, 1	DPO		Oct. 14 Dublin Shore, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 10-Oct. 18 Seal I	19	ABO		Oct. 14 White Pt., <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 13 Chebucto Head Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL		Oct. 14 East Port Medway, <i>Queens</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 21-Oct. 25 BPI	16	ABO		Oct. 14 Pt. Michaud Bch., <i>Rich.</i>	1	WMA
Sept. 23, 30 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1, 2	TEP		Oct. 14 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	4	TOK, FLL, DOU
Sept. 24 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK		Oct. 14 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP, Alan Covert
Sept. 27 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM		Oct. 15 Halifax	dead (imm.)	PLC
Sept. 30 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	GDE, Judy, O'Brien		Oct. 16 Rt. 102 near Bedford <i>HRM</i>	dead	Kathleen MacAulay
Oct. 1 Truro	dead (juv.)	Jo & Bob Teale		Oct. 19 Dartmouth	1	PMC
Oct. 1-3 Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	10-12	TOK		Oct. 19 Quinan, <i>Yar.</i>	dead	PRG
Oct. 6 Mt. Pleasant, <i>Digby.</i>	imm.	WAN		Oct. 21 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK, Jennifer King, TEP

Oct. 21	L'Ardoise, <i>Rich.</i>	1	Hilary Pottie <i>fide</i> SDI
Oct. 22	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	2	TOK
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC
Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM
Oct. 23	MacCormicks Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Oct. 24	Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 27	CSI	1	JON, SAN, MUN
Oct. 28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Nov. 4	near Seaview Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	RMA
Black-billed Cuckoo			
Aug. 14	Gaspereau Mt., <i>Kings</i>	calling	AAM
Sept. 29	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Oct. 17	St. Peter's, <i>Rich.</i>	1	WMA
Oct. 21	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	SDI
Oct. 28	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 30	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Great Horned Owl			
Aug. 20	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH
Aug. 31- Sept. 4	BPI	1+	NSBS, JCZ <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 6	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC
Sept. 14	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Brier I.	1 calling	ELM, IAM
Barred Owl			
Sept. 1	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1 heard	SLH
Oct. 9,23	Cape George, <i>Rich.</i>	1	JSH
Oct. 19	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Oct. 11	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 21	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH
Oct. 21	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	1	David Webster
Nov. 25	Coastal Waters <i>Ant.</i>	1	NSBS, RFL <i>et al.</i>
Long-eared Owl			
Aug. 10-Oct. 1	Brier I.	1-2 calling	ELM
Sept. 28-30	Brier I.	1 heard	SBS, FLL, WAN <i>et al.</i>
Short-eared Owl			
Aug. 7	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	1	ALD
Oct. 25	Canard River Valley, <i>Kings</i>	3	Bob Williams <i>fide</i> JCT
Nov. 26	Canard River Valley, <i>Kings</i>	3	GWT
Boreal Owl			
Sept. 21	Salt Springs, <i>Pict.</i>	1	MIK, FLL
Sept. 28-30	Brier I.	1 heard	NSBS, FLL, WAN <i>et al.</i>
Northern Saw-whet Owl			
Oct. 7, 15, 19	Seal I	5, 1, 2	ABO
Oct. 14	Greenwood, <i>Kings</i>	dead	Norm Donovan <i>fide</i> JWW
Oct. 16	Dartmouth	1 window strike	Gayle MacLean
Oct. 19, 22	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	3, 2	RFL
Oct. 21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Nov. 20	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	3	RFL
Common Nighthawk			
Aug. 2	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	10	SLH
Aug. 5	Halifax	6	IAM, BEM
Aug. 7, 10, 14	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	13, 3, 20	LOC
Aug. 14	Liverpool, <i>Queens</i>	9	JAH
Aug. 17	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	15	DPO
Aug. 22	Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	30+	PHT, Jen Miner
Aug. 27	Brier I.	6	DAP
Aug. 27, 29	BPI	1, 1	ABO
Aug. 28	Brier I.	1	LAL
Aug. 28	Beach Meadows, <i>Queens</i>	30+	DPO
Sept. 1-7	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	50, 30+	DHU
Chimney Swift			
Aug. 1-4	Wolfville*	37+, 39+, 31+, 38+	TWO
Aug. 5-7	Wolfville*	27+, 35+, 25+	TWO
Aug. 9	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.*</i>	101	KJM
Aug. 9,10	Wolfville*	43+,29+	TWO
Aug. 11	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.*</i>	43	KJM
Aug. 12	Wolfville*	16+	TWO
Aug. 14-17	Wolfville*	13+, 6, 18+, 10+	TWO, JWW <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 17	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.*</i>	1	KJM
Aug. 17	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.</i>	4	KJM
Aug. 19-22	Wolfville*	26+, 26+, 12+, 4	TWO
Aug. 20	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.*</i>	4	KJM
Aug. 20	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.</i>	10	KJM
Aug. 20	Middleton, <i>Anna.*</i>	34+	JWW
Aug. 23	Wolfville*	3+	TWO

Aug. 25	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.*</i>	6	KJM
Aug. 25	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.</i>	12	KJM
Aug. 30	New Glasgow, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM
(*=usual chimney roost counts)			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			
Aug. 1-31	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	male, 2 fems.	SLH
Aug. -Sept. 9	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Aug. 11	Cape George, <i>Rich.</i>	7	JSH
Aug. 19, 20	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1,2	DMW
Aug. 21	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Aug. 22	Wolfville	2 males	JCT
Sept. 1,2	Brier I.	many	RBS
Sept. 3, 5, 16	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2, 1, 1	SEM
Sept. 3	Hubbards, <i>HRM</i>	1+	PST
Sept. 4	Brier I.	7	LAL, ADL, PAC
Sept. 5	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	2+	ALD
Sept. 5	Hantsport, <i>Hants</i>	1	MFU
Sept. 5	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	1+	Ken MacAulay
Sept. 6	Wolfville	imm. male	JCT
Sept. 6	Arlington, <i>Kings</i>	2	DOL
Sept. 6	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	GED, SDI
Sept. 6	Halls Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	many fems.	Mike McCall
Sept. 8	Wolfville	imm. fem.	JCT
Sept. 12	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1	SLH
Sept. 13	Cape George, <i>Rich.</i>	fem	JSH
Sept. 13, 16	Halls Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	several, 1 fem.	Mike McCall
Sept. 13	Hantsport, <i>Hants</i>	1	JSI
Sept. 13	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO
Sept. 14	St. Peter's, <i>Rich.</i>	fem	BID
Sept. 14	Fergusons Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	Sheila Stevenson
Sept. 15	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	fem	Ken MacAulay
Sept. 19	CSI	2	MUN
Sept. 19	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC
Sept. 20	Brier I.	1	CAH
Sept. 21	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Oct. 3	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	male	TOK
Oct. 7	CSI.	1	FLL, DOU
Oct. 22	Truro	1	VME
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD			
July 27	Queensport, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK
Oct. 3-5	White Pt., <i>Queens</i>	imm. Male	Margaret Millard, ELM, DPO
Belted Kingfisher			
Aug.-Oct.	Lockeport, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DJC
Aug. 18	Kingston, <i>Kings</i>	1	SLH
Aug. 22	Bear R., <i>Anna.</i>	2	MCR
Aug. 26, Sept. 23	Port Mouton, <i>Queens</i>	1, 1	RES
Aug. 31- Sept. 4	BPI	1	NSBS, JCZ <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 2,17	Seal I	5, 5	ABO
Sept. 4,18,21	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1, 1, 1	DMW
Sept. 6, 14, Oct. 7	BPI.	4, 4, 4	ABO
Sept. 6	Bush I., <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH
Sept. 10	Belleville, <i>Yar.</i>	1	PRG
Sept. 12	Annapolis R., <i>Anna.</i>	1	DLO
Sept. 16	Cole Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	2	SEM



For the record, two RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRDS this year, one July 27 at Queensport, *Guys* (left), and the other Oct. 5 at Whites Pt., *Queens*, were sufficiently rufous dorsally to eliminate the remote possibility of Allen's Hummingbird. [Photos: left, Tom Kavanaugh; right, Dorothy Poole]

Sept. 17	Various locations, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JAH	Sept. 7	Woodens R., <i>HRM</i>	male	BLM
Sept. 24	Brier I.	1+	JUS	Sept. 13	Sandy & Duncans Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Oct. 6	Lawrencetown, <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Sept. 16	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH
Oct. 6	River Bourgeois, <i>Rich.</i>	1	Rita Viau	Sept. 21	Grand Desert, <i>HRM</i>	male & fem.	Bruce Doucette <i>fide</i> GDE
Oct. 9	Cape George, <i>Rich.</i>	1	JSH	Sept. 23	Baileys Brook, <i>Pict.</i>	1	JOK
Oct. 15	Little Salmon R., <i>HRM</i>	male	Diane McQuestion	Sept. 30	Ketch Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	GDE, Judy O'Brien
Oct. 16	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Oct. 17	Purcells Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	Hugo Kitching <i>fide</i> PLC
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing PP, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC	Oct. 24	Keji Adjunct, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO
Nov. 3	Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC	Northern Flicker			
Nov. 12	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Aug.-Sept. 6	Halls Hbr., <i>Kings</i>	1-2	Mike McCall
Red-headed Woodpecker				Aug.-14	Dartmouth	4+ ads.+ young	KGI
Oct. 26	Onslow, <i>Col.</i>	imm.	CSS, CLS, FLL <i>et al.</i>	Aug.-21, 22, 26	Dartmouth	1, 3, 1	KGI
Oct. 27	Onslow, <i>Col.</i>	imm.	PLC, SMB, RMA	Aug.-27, 30	Dartmouth	3, 1	KGI
Red-bellied Woodpecker				Aug. 31	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1	SLH
Oct. 4	Glace Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC	Sept. -Nov.	Truro, <i>Col.</i>	male	WIK
Oct. 11	Rockingham Ridge, <i>HRM</i>	fem.	EGI	Sept. 24	Brier I.	~30	ELM, AHM
Oct. 14-Nov. 30	Jollimore, <i>HRM</i>	fem. at feeder	Susan Hunt <i>fide</i> PLC	Sept. 25	BPI	37	ABO
Nov. 7	Newellton, <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN	Sept. 29	Sand Hills, <i>Yar.</i>	6	RMC
Nov. 8	Jollimore, <i>HRM</i>	1	SMB, RMA	Sept. 29, 30	Hartlen Pt.-Ketch Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	8	GDE, Judy, O'Brien
Nov. 16	Glace Bay, <i>CBRM</i>	1 at feeder	JUM	Oct. 1	Brier I.	~50	ELM
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				Oct. 2	Hubbards, <i>HRM</i>	1+	PST
Aug. 28, Sept. 8	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1, 1	SLH	Oct. 6-8	Seal I. <i>Yar.</i>	40+	KJM <i>et al.</i>
Sept. 23, 29	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	imm.	RFL, MZG	Oct. 8	Second Lake PP, <i>HRM</i>	2	Rita Viau, Anita Pouliot
Sept. 25	Spectacle L., <i>HRM</i>	imm.	MIK	Oct. 13, 14	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	1+	RBS
Sept. 29, 30	Brier I.	1, 3	NSBS, ELM <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 18	Brier I.	1+	JUS
Sept. 30	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH
Sept. 30	BPI	20	ABO	Nov. 8, 10	Wolfville	fem., male	JWW
Sept. 30, Oct. 6	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS	Nov. 11	Dartmouth	1	PMC
Oct. 2	CSI	2	MUN	Nov. 15	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	male	Diane McQuestion
Oct. 4	White Pt. <i>Queens.</i>	1	DPO	Pileated Woodpecker			
Oct. 6-8	Seal I.	5	KJM, ELM, IAM <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 30	Tremont, <i>Kings</i>	1	SLH
Oct. 6	CSI	1	NSBS, FLL, DOU <i>et al.</i>	Sept. 3	Wilson Rd., <i>Yar.</i>	3	MUN
Oct. 7	CSI	10	FLL, DOU	Sept. 9	Springhaven, <i>Yar.</i>	2	PRG
Oct. 27	Woods Hbr., <i>Shel.</i>	1	DOC	Sept. 12	Lawrencetown, <i>Anna.</i>	1	DLO
Nov. 18	Wolfville	dead	GWT, JCT	Sept. 26	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	LOC
Downy Woodpecker				Oct. 8	Westphal, <i>HRM</i>	1	Diane McQuestion
Aug.-Nov.	Widely	1-4	many reports	Oct. 10, Nov. 6	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	2	KFS
Hairy Woodpecker				Oct. 15-30	Kentville, <i>Kings</i>	1	David Webster
Aug.-Nov.	Widely	1-4	many reports	Oct. 30	Long I., <i>Digby</i>	1	<i>fide</i> JUS
Oct. 17	Seal I.	6	ABO	Nov. 7, 22, 29	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
American Three-toed Woodpecker				Nov. 8	Middlefield, <i>Queens</i>	1	Margaret Millard
Aug. 7 week	Port Hood - Mabou, <i>Inv.</i>	1	Haven Wiley <i>fide</i> AGH	Nov. 26	Wolfville	1	JCT
Aug. 14	Ingonish, <i>Vic.</i>	1	DOM	Nov. 26	North Alton, <i>Kings</i>	1	David Webster
Black-backed Woodpecker				Nov. 29	Pt. Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH
Aug. 30	near Fishermans Reserve, <i>HRM</i>	1	JAH, DAW, DPO			□□□	

Flycatchers Through Thrushes

By Hans Toom

TOK was stalking WESTERN KINGBIRDS in Canso Town, *Guys.*, Sept. 18 and he was successful in finding a group of two at the Sports Complex and then a group of three more perched on wires in front of his house. He subsequently found a second group of Western Kingbirds and with them, a SAY'S PHOEBE, another western bird, and striking in its earth tone colours.

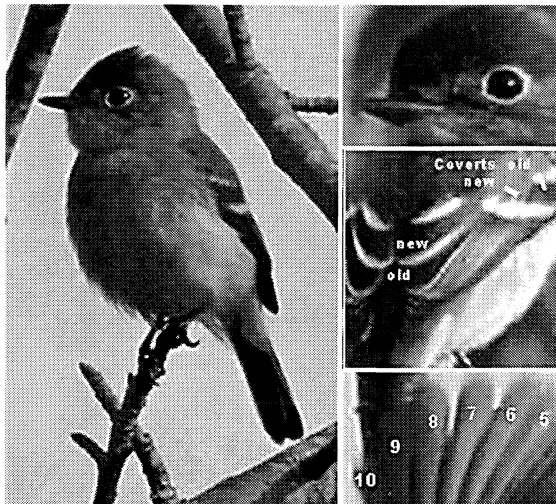
The birders on the NSBS field trip to Brier I. Sept. 30 were delighted to spot a GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER at Northern Point. DAM found another one at Duncans Cove, *HRM*, Oct. 30. This elegant and feisty bird breeds in Nova Scotia but is hard to find in its tree-top haunts. There are no confirmed recent breeders (MBBA).

The numerous Western Kingbird reports from Canso Town, *Guys.*, Duncans Cove, *HRM*, Second Peninsula, *Lun.*, and CSI to Brier I. suggest that these birds migrate along the Atlantic Ocean coastline. This aggressive bird was observed chasing a NORTHERN SHRIKE in Canso Town, *Guys.*

The WHITE-EYED VIREO, a rare migrant, has become an annual visitor in recent years. Like the Western Kingbird it appears to follow the coastline with reports from Canso Town, *Guys.*, Hartlen Pt., *HRM*, and Duncans Cove, *HRM*.

There were two reports of a YELLOW-THROATED VIREO. One was at CSI, Oct. 1 (MUN) and the other one was on Seal I., Sept. 2 (ABO). This rare migrant often travels alone. There is one unconfirmed, recent nest site (MBBA).

We seldom get photos of late *Empidonax* flycatchers that are sufficient to consider far-western rarities. This collage of one Oct. 19 at Canso, allows it to be distinguished as a LEAST FLYCATCHER from the similarly chunky, small-billed and short tailed HAMMOND'S (Dusky being longer-billed, longer tailed). Unlike most Hammonds Flycatchers at this time of year, it has moulted most tertials and coverts. Its short bill is not narrow and straight-sided; the eye-ring not markedly teardrop-shaped and, finally, and the primary extension is short – o.k. for Least and Dusky, but too short for Hammond's.. Refining this, note that the 5th primary is about the same length as the 6th – the latter would be notably shorter in the two westerners. [Photos Tom Kavanaugh]



Numerous reports of WARBLING VIREO and PHILADELPHIA VIREO, both uncommon migrants, suggest the same coastal migration pattern as other vireos with reports from Glace Bay, Canso Town, *Guys.*, Halifax area, Conrads I., *Lun*, CSI, Brier I. to Seal I. The Warbling Vireo has one confirmed nest site (MBBA) whereas the Philadelphia Vireo has none (MBBA).

The NSBS annual field trip to Brier I., Sept. 30, witnessed an assemblage of over 200 BLUE JAYS. ELM reported another 200 plus Blue Jays, Oct. 1, including 50 at a single feeder on the island. The HORNED LARK is usually an uncommon migrant but this was not the case this year with numerous reports all along the Atlantic coastline.

There was only one report of PURPLE MARTIN at Prospect Village, *HRM*, Aug. 25, by Peter Browne, so another year passes by without any reports of nesting in Nova Scotia. Also, the latest data from the MBBA shows no nesting activity in Nova Scotia or Prince Edward Island with only two confirmed locations in New Brunswick.

The ad. fem. VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW is very similar to the Tree Swallow in appearance but is more closely related to the Golden and Bahama Swallows of the Caribbean area. This western Canadian bird breeds west of Manitoba and is extremely rare here as a migrant. BLM and Peter Browne were birding the Prospect area, *HRM*, near Wagners Bch., Aug. 30, when they spotted what they initially thought was a TREE SWALLOW. Their suspicions were aroused however, when the bird's call notes sounded atypical for a Tree Swallow.

In BLM'S words, "*I heard an odd call note above me, and looked up and saw a swallow coursing back and forth just above the beach. In shape and size it resembled a Tree Swallow, and that is what I thought it was at first, but it repeated the odd call note, which didn't sound at all like a Tree Swallow, so we looked more closely.*"

The fog muted the colours on the bird, so the back colour was hard to determine, but as the bird flew past us I could see what appeared to be a white rump. On another pass by the bird, when I looked more carefully, there was actually a fine dark line down the middle of the rump, so what I had thought was a white rump was actually white "saddles" that almost met in the middle of the rump. I called out to Peter that I thought this was a Violet-green Swallow, and we both looked intently. On some passes the bird was too high, and features were obscured by fog, but it often flew by quite low, so that we could eventually make out a white face on the bird, with white above the eye. The underparts were crisp white, and the upperparts dark green. If the upperparts were emerald-green this might have been muted by the fog, but I think the bird was female, which tend to be darker than males." This is the third record for Nova Scotia.

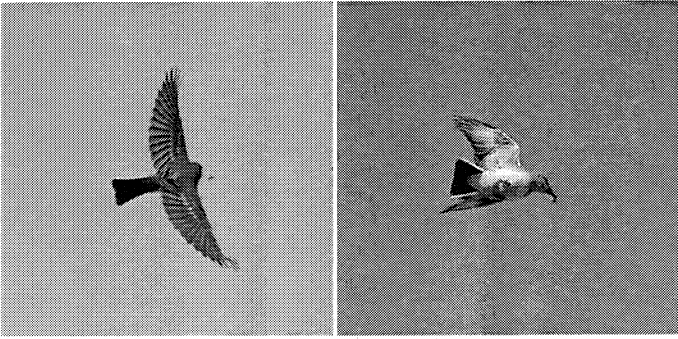
Our resident RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH population has fallen in recent years but the bird is now back in strength with numerous reports coming in from all over the province, including Sable I. Several groupings were observed including a flock of 70 at Northern Pt., Brier I., Sept. 5 (ELM). Reports of WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCHES are increasing as well. There were over 20 in Canso Town, *Guys.*, Oct. 9 (TOK). The two nuthatch species sometimes migrate together so seeing dozens of them side by side on a single tree is a sight to behold.

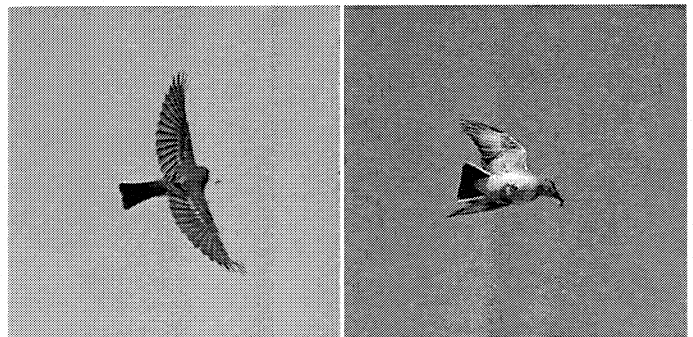
A CAROLINA WREN was a reliable daily feeder visitor at DOE and Eric Ensor's place in Ohio, *Shel*. It arrived circa Oct. 11, and remained into the winter (JAH). There is one recent atlas record, an unmated male singing on territory in Indian Harbour in 2006. (MBBA).

There were ten reports of HOUSE WREN and seven reports of MARSH WREN in various locations. These wrens are usually rare autumn migrants.

It was also a good year for BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER with ten reports from eight diverse locations including Chebucto Hd., HRM.

An immature NORTHERN WHEATEAR was observed by the NSBS field trip, Sept. 30, on Brier I. This cooperative bird was sunning itself atop the giant wooden mushroom in front of the lodge. □

Olive-sided Flycatcher				Oct. 13	Trafalgar, <i>Pict.</i>	1	HAB
Sept. 2	Cape Sable	1	Rachel Hoogenbos	Oct. 30	Pea Jack Rd., Brier I.	imm.	ELM
Sept. 6	Seal I.	1	ABO	Nov. 7	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL
Oct. 2	BPI	2	ABO	Nov. 9-24	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1 some days	KFS
Oct. 10	BPI	1	ABO	Nov. 23	Highland Village, <i>Cum.</i>	1	Valerie Meredith
Oct. 17	BPI	1	ABO	Nov. 24	Antigonish	1	BLM
Eastern Wood-Pewee				Nov. 25	Dartmouth	1	Diane McQuestion
Aug. 31	Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	White-eyed Vireo			
Sept. 1	Seal I.	9	ABO	Sept. 10	Sandy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT, LAE
Sept. 4	Wolfville Ridge, <i>Queens</i>	1	JCT	Sept. 25	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Sept. 13	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Sept. 27	Seal I.	1	ABO
Sept. 14	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Oct. 13	Duncans Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, MIK
Sept. 17	Wolfville Ridge, <i>Queens</i>	1	JCT	Oct. 13-14	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, MIK- TEP, Allan Covert
Sept. 20	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Oct. 11	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	FLL, TOK, DOU
Oct. 4	Seal I.	1	KLM, <i>et al.</i>	Yellow-throated Vireo			
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				Oct. 1	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 2	Cape Sable	1	HAT, DPO, CST	Blue-headed Vireo			
Sept. 2	Seal I.	9	ABO	Sept. 5	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC
Sept. 6	Brier I.	15+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Sept. 17	Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Sept. 6	Camp Rd., Brier I.	3	ELM	Sept. 20	Wolfville Ridge, <i>Kings</i>	5-6	JCT
Sept. 9	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	Sept. 30	BPI	12	ABO
Alder Flycatcher				Oct. 1	Seal I.	3	ABO
Aug. 21	Brier I.	15+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Oct. 21	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Aug. 21	Seal I.	34	ABO	Oct. 22	BPI	18	ABO
Aug. 22	Dartmouth	1	KGI	Oct. 25	Kelly Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Aug. 23	Brier I.	20+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Warbling Vireo			
Aug. 27	Dartmouth	1	KGI	Sept. 2	CSI	1	MUN
Aug. 28	BPI	28	ABO	Sept. 11	Glace Bay	1	BES
Aug. 29	Dartmouth	1	KGI	Sept. 15	Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Sep. 8	BPI	25	ABO	Sept. 15	Sandy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK
Least Flycatcher				Sept. 16	Sandy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Aug. 22	Dartmouth	1	KGI	Sept. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Sept. 2	BPI	16	ABO	Sept. 23	Canso Town	1	FLL, MIK
Oct. 14	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC	Sept. 24	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Oct. 23	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Sept. 25	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Eastern Phoebe				Sept. 30	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP
Oct. 4	Whites Pt., <i>Queens</i>	1	ELM, DPO	Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 4	Seal I.	1	KLM, <i>et al.</i>	Philadelphia Vireo			
Oct. 7	E. Side Seal I.	2	ELM, IAM <i>et al.</i>	Aug. 27	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 18	BPI	5	ABO	Aug. 28	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC
Oct. 19	Seal I.	2	ABO	Sept. 2	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC
Oct. 22	Taylor Head PP, <i>HRM</i>	1	James Cameron	Sept. 2	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 12	Quinan, <i>Yar.</i>	1	PRG	Sept. 2	Seal I.	2	ABO
SAY'S PHEOBE				Sept. 9	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Sept. 18	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Sept. 10	Seal I.	1	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Great Crested Flycatcher							
Sept. 30	Northern Pt., Brier I.	1	ELM, NSBS				
Oct. 30	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAM	Western Kingbird			
Western Kingbird				Sept. 10	CSI	1	MUN
Sept. 10	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 6	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK, HAT
Oct. 6	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK, HAT	Oct. 9	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	2	TOK
Oct. 9	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	2	TOK	Oct. 11	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	FLL, DOU
Oct. 11	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	FLL, DOU	Oct. 14	Brier I.	1	CAH
Oct. 14	Brier I.	1	CAH	Nov. 10	Church Hill, Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	EIM
Nov. 10	Church Hill, Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	EIM	Nov. 11	Church Hill, Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	ELM, AHM
Nov. 11	Church Hill, Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	ELM, AHM	Nov. 26-28	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DPO, DAW, G.Rhodenizer
Nov. 26-28	Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DPO, DAW, G.Rhodenizer	Nov. 29	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK
Nov. 29	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Eastern Kingbird			
Eastern Kingbird				Aug. 27	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Aug. 27	Dartmouth	1	KGI	Aug. 27	Seal I.	3	ABO
Aug. 27	Seal I.	3	ABO	Sept. 4	St. Peters, <i>Rich.</i>	1	BID
Sept. 4	St. Peters, <i>Rich.</i>	1	BID	Sept. 14	The Station, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 14	The Station, Sable I.	1	ZOL	Sept. 14	E. Light, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 14	E. Light, Sable I.	1	ZOL	Sept. 23	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	FLL, MIK
Sept. 23	Canso Town, <i>Guys.</i>	1	FLL, MIK	Northern Shrike			
Northern Shrike				Oct. 29	Western Light, Brier I.	imm.	ELM
Oct. 29	Western Light, Brier I.	imm.	ELM				



The photographer, not satisfied with mere record shots of a rare SAY'S PHEOBE (left) and a somewhat less rare WESTERN KINGBIRD (right), caught them plying their trade, Sept. 18 at Canso. Note the distinctively long black tail of the former (covert bars indicating first-fall plumage) and white outer rectrices of the latter. [Photos Tom Kavanaugh]

Sept. 12	Seal I.	2	ABO	Oct. 18	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1	JAH
Sept. 14	Sandy Cove Rd., HRM	1	DAM		Black-capped Chickadee		
Sept. 17	Conrads I., Lun.	1	JAH	Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	14	JAH
Sept. 23	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	TEP	Oct. 14	Millers Pt. Peace Park, Lun.	42	JAH
Sept. 27	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	BLM	Oct. 19	BPI	61	ABO
Sept. 30	Seal I.	1	ABO		Boreal Chickadee		
Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	ABO	Aug. 6	Mid. Musquodoboit, HRM	several	VJH
Oct. 13	Hartlen Pt., HRM	1	FLL, MIK	Sept. 6	Belle I., Lun.	3	JAH
	Red-eyed Vireo			Sept. 6	Shag End, HRM	6	BLM
Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	7	JAH	Sept. 21	Seal I.	69	ABO
Sept. 2	Mira, CBRM	2	BES	Oct. 17	Conrad Rd., HRM	3	DMW
Sept. 3	Fairmont, Ant.	1	RFL	Oct. 23	Hartlen Pt., HRM	4	FLL
Sept. 10	Seal I.	46	ABO	Oct. 30	Northern Pt., Rd., Brier I.	1	ELM
Sept. 16	French Basin Trail, Anna.	4-6	D. Lowe	Nov. 25	Mid. Musquodoboit, HRM	3	VJH
Sept. 26	Schooner Pond, CBRM	2	BES, GEC		Red-breasted Nuthatch		
Oct. 1	Whites L., HRM	1	BLM	Aug. 1- Sept. 11	Various locations, Sable I.	5+	ZOL
Oct. 18	Seal I.	1	ABO	Aug. 11	Brier I.	4+	ELM
	Gray Jay			Aug. 20	Conrad Rd., HRM	1	DMW
Sept-Nov	Shag End, HRM	2 ad	BLM	Aug. 22	Dartmouth	1	KGI
Aug. 6	Mid. Musquodoboit, HRM	2 ad	VJH	Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	2	JAH
Aug. 8, 12	Hemlock Ravine, HRM	a few	Donald MacLaughlin	Sept. 1	Fairmont, Ant.	2	RFL
Aug. 22	Cherry Hill, Lun.	1	JAH	Sept. 2	Cape Sable	2	Rachel Hoogenbos
Oct. 11	N. of Ingonish	1	AAM	Sept. 2	at sea off Brier I.	1	ELM
Nov. 1-30	Apple R., Cum.	1	KFS	Sept. 2	BPI	57	ABO
Nov. 16	Shad Bay, HRM	2	BLM	Sept. 5	Northern Pt. Brier I.	70	ELM
	Blue Jay			Sept. 6	Seal I.	48	ABO
Aug. 21	Dartmouth	35	KGI	Sept. 13	Wagners Bch., HRM	5	BLM
Sept. 30	Brier I.	200+	ELM, NSBS	Sept. 17	Fauxburg Trail, Lun.	6	JAH
Oct. 1	Brier I.	200+	ELM, NSBS	Sept. 24	Brier I.	25	ELM
	American Crow			Sept. 30	Brier I.	20+	ELM, NSBS
Nov. 2	Wagners Bch., HRM	90	BLM	Oct. 9	Canso Town, Guys.	20+	TOK
Nov. 8	Dartmouth	50	Diane McQuestion	Oct. 10	Northern CBI	flocks of 20-25	AAM
	Horned Lark			Oct. 13	Northwest, Lun.	27	JAH, DPO
Sept. 28	Big I., Pict.	2	KJM	Oct. 14	Millers Pt. Peace Park, Lun.	27	JAH
Sept. 29	Pond Cove, Brier I.	4	ELM, NSBS	Oct. 20	Brier I.	20	ELM
Oct. 6	South Bch., Sable I.	3	ZOL	Nov. 1-30	Apple R. Cum.	1	KFS
Oct. 7	East Side Bch., Seal I.	20	ELM, IAM, et al.	Nov. 2	Conrad Rd., HRM	1	DMW
Oct. 8	Seal I.	2	ABO	Nov. 17	Birch Cove, HRM	3	LUB, KGI
Oct. 9	South Harbour Bch., Vic.	8	AAM	Nov. 18	Highland Village, Col.	1	Valerie Meredith
Oct. 10	Prospect Village, HRM	2	BLM	Nov. 24	Fairmont, Ant.	1	RFL
Oct. 13	Schooner Pond, CBRM	1	BES, GEC	Nov. 30	Conrad Rd., HRM	1	DMW
Oct. 28	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	31	SEM		White-breasted Nuthatch		
Oct. 28-30	Pond Cove, Brier I.	20	ELM	Aug-Nov	Tremont, Kings	1 most days	BLH
Nov. 5	Lawrencetown, HRM	10	DMW	Sept. 8-19	Wolfville Ridge, Kings	2	JCT
Nov. 7	Cherry Hill, Lun.	3	JAH	Sept. 21	Glace Bay	1	BES, GEC
Nov. 9-10	Seaview Park, HRM	2	DAC; BLM	Oct-Nov	Wolfville Ridge, Kings	1-2	JCT
Nov. 10	Rainbow Haven PP, HRM	7	BLM	Oct. 1-23	Canso Town, Guys.	1	TOK
Nov. 16	Louisbourg	3	SEM	Oct. 9	Canso Town, Guys.	20+	TOK
Nov. 18	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	35	ELM	Oct. 10	Westphal, Dartmouth	male	Diane McQuestion
Nov. 30	Kelly Pt., HRM	3	BLM	Oct. 14	Marriotts Cove, HRM	1	Terry Danks
	Purple Martin			Oct. 14	Fairmont, Ant.	1	RFL
Aug. 25	Prospect Village, HRM	1	Peter Browne	Oct. 14	Dublin Shore, Lun.	1	JAH
	Tree Swallow			Oct. 14	Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT
Sept. 4	Light House Rd., Brier I.	10	ELM, AHM	Oct. 15-November	Bridgetown, Anna.	2 daily	MCR
Aug. 18	Galli Pond, Sable I.	20+	ZOL	Oct. 16	Seal I.	3	ABO
Aug. 29	South Bch., Sable I.	20+	ZOL	Oct. 18-Nov. 30	Whites L., HRM	1	BLM
Sept. 11	East of No. 3, Sable I.	1	ZOL	Oct. 25	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 1	Pond Cove, Brier I.	25	ELM	Nov. 3	Port Hawkesbury, Inv.	1	NSBS
Oct. 4	Seal I.	1	KLM, et al.	Nov. 5	Clayton Park, HRM	1	EBB
Oct. 14	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1	Glen Rhodenizer	Nov. 13	Westphal, Dartmouth	male	Diane McQuestion
Nov. 3	Sunrise Valley, Vic.	a group	FMC	Nov. 17	Birch Cove, HRM	1	LUB, KGI
	VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW			Nov. 18	LaHave, Lun.	1	ELM
Aug. 30	Wagners Bch., HRM	1	BLM, Peter Browne	Nov. 18	Dorthea Dr., Dartmouth	1	MIK
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow			Nov. 19	Westphal, Dartmouth	3	Diane McQuestion
Sept. 2	BPI	2	NSBS	Nov. 24	East Chester, Lun.	1	CJF
	Bank Swallow			Nov. 29	Canso Town, Guys.	2	TOK
Aug. 4	Wolfville Hbr., Kings	24	JCT, JET, W. McDonald		Brown Creeper		
	Cliff Swallow			Sept. 25	Seal I.	17	ABO
Oct. 11	Canso Town	1	FLL, DOU	Sept. 30	Seal I.	19	ABO
	Barn Swallow			Oct. 8	Second L. PP, HRM	2	Rita Viau, Anita Pouliot
Sept. 5	The Lodge, Brier I.	1	ELM	Oct. 8	Seal I.	28	ABO
Aug. 16	W. Light, Sable I.	3	ZOL	Oct. 10	Westphal, Dartmouth	1	Diane McQuestion
Sept. 17	Second Peninsula, Lun.	2	JAH	Oct. 15	Three Sisters, Cum.	1	KFS
Oct. 14	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1	G. Rhodenizer	Oct. 26	BPI	11	ABO

Nov. 17	Birch Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1-2	LUB, KGI	Oct. 11	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	1	KFS
Nov. 18	Falmouth, <i>Hants</i>	2	PKE	Oct. 10	Seal I.	49	ABO
Nov. 18	Dorthea Dr., Dartmouth	1	MIK	Oct. 17	Seal I.	116	ABO
Nov. 25	Mid. Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	1	VJH	Oct. 18	BPI	40	ABO
CAROLINA WREN				Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			
Oct. 11-Nov. 30	Ohio, <i>Shel.</i>	1	DOE	Aug. 20	Seal I.	1	ABO
Nov. 16	Glace Bay	1	JUM	Sept. 4-6	BPI	1	ABO
House Wren				Sept. 13	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 1	CSI	1	MUN	Sept. 17	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM, MGR
Oct. 1	BPI	1	ABO	Sept. 16	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	1	EGI, SGI
Aug. 25	Seal I.	3	ABO	Sept. 26	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC
Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN
Oct. 19	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 13	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL, MIK
Nov. 16	Glace Bay	1	JUM	Oct. 14	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC
Nov. 18	Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL	Oct. 21	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	IAM
Nov. 21	Dorthea Dr., Dartmouth	1	FLL	Oct. 22	Canso Town, <i>Guy.</i>	1	TOK
Winter Wren				NORTHERN WHEATEAR			
Sept. 19	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1 singing	BLM	Sept. 30	Brier I. The Lodge	imm.	ELM, IAM, NSBS
Sept. 22	Second L. PP, <i>HRM</i>	4	Rita Viau, Anita Pouliot	Veery			
Sept. 29	Fairmont, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL	Sept. 5	Seal I.	1	ABO
Nov. 18	Thornhill Dr., Dartmouth	1	FLL	Sept. 16	Seal I.	1	ABO
Marsh Wren				Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	ELM, IAM
Oct. 4	Seal I.	1	KLM, <i>et al.</i>	Gray-checked Thrush			
Oct. 14	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP, Allan Covert	Sept. 25	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 18	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 7-17	Seal I.	1	ELM, IAM; ABO
Nov. 4	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP	Swainson's Thrush			
Nov. 18	MacLellan Marsh, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM	Aug. 21	Seal I.	12	ABO
Nov. 18	Dorthea Dr., Dartmouth	1	MIK	Oct. 9	Aspy Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	1	AAM
Nov. 25	Antigonish Museum, <i>Ant.</i>	1	RFL	Hermit Thrush			
Golden-crowned Kinglet				Sept. 21	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Oct. 9	Aspy Bay, <i>Vic.</i>	1	AAM
Sept. 16	Seal I.	46	ABO	Oct. 13	Northwest, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH, DPO
Oct. 1	Conrad Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Oct. 14	Sandy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	12	DAC
Oct. 6	Conrad Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Oct. 14	Millers Pt. Peace Park, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH
Oct. 8	Second L. PP, <i>HRM</i>	numbers	Rita Viau, Anita Pouliot	Oct. 17	Seal I.	4	ABO
Oct. 8	BPI	55	ABO	Oct. 31	Murphy Cove Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM, HAT
Oct. 10	Seal I.	113	ABO	American Robin			
Oct. 19	Conrad Rd., <i>HRM</i>	1	DMW	Sept. 3	The Station, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Oct. 30	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3	KFS	Oct. 1-9	West Light, Sable I.	1	ZOL
Nov. 19	Westphal, Dartmouth	5 males	Diane McQuestion	Oct. 14	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	100+	DAC
Nov. 25	Antigonish Landing, <i>Ant.</i>	2	NSBS	Oct. 15	Crystal Crescent Bch. PP, <i>HRM</i>	500+	HAT
Nov. 25	Mid Musquodoboit, <i>HRM</i>	2	VJH	Oct. 22	Canso Town	100+	TOK
Dec 2-3	Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	3-7	KFS	Oct. 25	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	100+	HAT
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				Nov. 3	Port Hastings, <i>Inv.</i>	250+	NSBS
Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH				
Oct. 1	Dunes & Pond Rd., Sable I.	2	ZOL				

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Mimics Through Warblers

By Ken McKenna

GRAY CATBIRDS were reported in normal numbers this fall and NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD numbers continue on the low side. A spring report of BROWN THRASHER is included for Sable I. For yet another year there is a record of breeding Brown Thrashers, this time due to the diligent observations of HAT in Portuguese Cove. In his research, HAT noted that thrashers often become silent after a breeding pair has bonded and relocated to a nesting location. Thus his yard observations of a single thrasher earlier this past spring could have been either a male or a female with the other parent left protecting the nest. August 21, HAT observed and photographed "a smallish Brown Thrasher with its bill almost constantly agape rolling about on the exposed bed-rock by our platform feeder with flattened wings and fluttering at times". Great evidence was thus achieved for confirmed breeding in another 'square' of the Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas.

Larger than normal numbers of AMERICAN PIPITS were detected this fall, with a distinct movement in mid-October, especially on BPI. The first BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS were noted in early October, replacing CEDAR WAXWINGS that began to wane in late September. CAM and ALM were lucky to witness an enormous northward fly-by of an estimated 10,000 bohemians from Long Bch. to Donkin, *CBRM*. These birds were in flocks of 100-500 and were observed in steady movement for half an hour - "the sky was black with them and we could hear the noise of their wings." The Murrants commented they had never seen anything like it before.

An impressive 33 species of warbler were reported for this fall. TENNESSEE WARBLER sightings were up from the past few years. Most ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER sightings started with the usual late September date, but a report in Dartmouth Aug. 22 would probably be among the earliest of fall sightings recorded for this species in NS.

In Milton, an ad. CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER was noted feeding young at a late Aug. 28 date (DPO). ELM noted that CAPE MAY WARBLERS were regular on Brier I. late August to early September after a virtual absence for many years. Through the Thanksgiving weekend large groups of YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS were found in the Canso, Guys., CSI, BPI and Seal I. areas of the province.

The six reports of seven YELLOW-THROATED WARBLERS was a higher than normal number for this eastern U.S. species. PINE and PRAIRIE WARBLERS were noted in about average numbers with the pine not observed until late September, but the prairie reports were throughout the reporting period. There was a distinct movement of PALM WARBLERS in early to mid-October and in that movement, an above average number of the western variety were detected. The three PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS were well seen and the Canso, Guys. bird photographed by TOK. There were no details submitted with the WORM-EATING WARBLER in Dartmouth.

There were only a couple of reports for OVENBIRD so most must have migrated undetected as they are still in good numbers as a breeding bird. NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH migration showed two peaks on the offshore islands. Aug. 23 good numbers were noted on Seal I., BPI and Brier I. A second movement was noted Sept. 5 on BPI. Once again the only CONNECTICUT WARBLER reports come from CSI where they are observed more often than anywhere else in the province. On the other hand, the HOODED WARBLER reports were mostly from HRM and the off-shore islands. The YELLOW-BREADED CHAT reverse migration followed a similar pattern and numbers as recent years. Four were banded on Seal I. in September and three were banded on BPI this fall. □

Gray Catbird

Aug. 1.-Sept. 30 widely, mainland only	19 reports	~22 birds	var. obs.
Sept. 30 BPI	10	ABO	
Sept. 30 Seal I.	6	ABO	
Oct. 1 Apple R., Cum.	1	KFS	
Oct. 6 CSI	1	DOU, FLL	
Oct. 18 BPI	8	ABO	
Oct. 18 Seal I.	4	ABO	
Oct. 21 Duncans Cove, HRM	1	BLM	
Nov. 12 Grand Pré, Kings	1	JCT	
Nov. 28 Crystal Crescent PP, HRM	1	HAT	

Northern Mockingbird

Sept. 27-28 Sable I.	1	ZOL	
Oct. 9 Canso, Guys.	1 juvenile	TOK	
Oct. 22 Sober I. HRM	1	KJM	
Oct. 24 Port Hawkesbury, Inv.	1 present a few days	DJO	
Nov. 7, 9 Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT	
Nov. 15 Barrett I., Sackville, HRM	2	ANM	
Nov. 18 Truro	1	Carol Matthews	

Brown Thrasher

Apr. 25-May 3 Sable I.	1 seen 3 times	ZOL	
Aug. 7 Portuguese Cove, HRM	1	HAT	
Aug. 21 Portuguese Cove, HRM	2 1 ad, 1 juvenile	HAT	
Oct. 14 BPI	1	ABO	
Oct. 17-19 BPI	1	ABO	
Nov. 11 Colby Village, HRM	1	J. Nunn <i>fide</i> PMC	

American Pipit

Sept. 3 Waterside PP, Pict.	1	KJM	
Sept. 11 Sable I.	4	ZOL	
Sept. 15 Waterside PP, Pict.	6	KJM	
Sept. 16 Big I., Pict.	1	KJM	
Sept. 24 Brier I.	20	JUS, ELM, AHM	

Sept. 24 Conrads Bch., HRM	3	BLM
Sept. 27 Hartlen Pt., HRM	45	BLM
Sept. 29 Brier I.	100	JUS, ELM, AHM
Oct. - Nov. widely 22 reports	var. obs.	
Oct. 14-19 BPI	1300	ABO
Nov. 17 Grand Pré, Kings	100-150	LDE
Bohemian Waxwing		
Oct. 10 Browns Mt. Pict.	2	JOK
Oct. 25 Duncans Cove, HRM	100+	HAT
Oct. 27-31 widely 7 reports		var. obs.
Nov. 1-31 widely 26 reports		var. obs.
Nov. 13 Long Bch., CBRM	thousands	CAM, ALM
Nov. 17 Glace Bay	200+	BES, GEC
Nov. 18 Dominion, CBRM	large flock	Sharon Daye
Nov. 19 Milton, Queens	200+	DPO

Cedar Waxwing

Aug. -Sept. widely 23 reports		var. obs.
Sept. 3 Hectanooga, Yar.	Hundreds	MUN
Sept. 10 Sable I.	50	ZOL
Sept. 17 BPI	110	ABO
Sept. 24 Brier I.	120	ELM
Sept. 25 Sable I.	30	ZOL
Oct. 7 Seal I.	30	<i>fide</i> KJM
Oct. 8-9 Sable I.	10	ZOL
Nov. 10 Cape John. Pict.	93	KJM
Nov. 12 Pictou	6	KJM, STV

BLUE-WINGED WARBLER

Sept. 2 CSI	1	JON <i>fide</i> MUN
Sept. 16 Seal I.	1	ABO
Sept. 24 Sand L., CBRM	1	ALM, CAM
Tennessee Warbler		
Aug. 27 Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC



Among a good show of southern warblers this fall were a PRAIRIE WARBLER (A) Oct. 5 and a PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (B) Oct. 20 at Canso [both by Tom Kavanaugh], and a YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER © Sept. 10 at Sandy Cove, HRM [Photo Hans Toom], of which the yellow lores and long bill suggest an origin in the Delmarva region in S. central U.S.

Sept. 5	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC	Yellow-rumped Warbler		
Sept. 5	Seal I.	2	ABO	Aug.-Sept.	widely	10 reports vars. obs.
Sept. 10	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 1	Sable I.	6 ZOL
Sept. 26 & 30	BPI	1 each day	ABO	Oct. 7	Baccaro & CSI, <i>Shel.</i>	a few thousand <i>vide</i> MUN
Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Oct. 7	Seal I.	400+ <i>vide</i> KJM
Oct. 2	BPI	1	ABO	Oct. 7	BPI	2800 ABO
Oct. 7	The Hawk, CSI	5	DOU, FLL	Oct. 9	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	hundreds TOK
Oct. 7	Baccaro, <i>Shel.</i>	4	DOU, FLL	Oct. 10	Prospect Village, <i>HRM</i>	25 BLM
Orange-crowned Warbler				Oct. 17&18	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	200+ TOK
Aug. 22	near Community College, <i>HRM</i>	1	unusually early! KGI	Oct. 17	Seal I.	249 ABO
Sept. 24	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM	Oct. 31	Kellys Pt., <i>HRM</i>	3 BLM
Sept. 26	Donkin mine site, <i>CBRM</i>	1	ALM, CAM	Black-throated Green Warbler		
Oct. 1 & 9	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Aug.-Sept.	Widely	13 reports of 87 birds var. obs.
Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN	Oct. 5, 25	BPI	16, 3 ABO
Oct. 7	Baccaro, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU, FLL	Oct. 7	Seal I.	14 ABO
Oct. 11	South Hd., <i>CBRM</i>	1	CAM, ALM	Oct. 13	Kentville	2 RBS
Oct. 13, 28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP, MIK	Blackburnian Warbler		
Oct. 14	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC	Aug. 14	Mahone Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	1 JAH
Oct. 14	Ketch Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC	Aug. 16, 19, 27	Seal I.	1 each day ABO
Oct. 14	Portuguese Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC	Aug. 27	Dartmouth	1 KGI
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM	Sept. 2	Mira, <i>CBRM</i>	2 BES
Oct. 22	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	3	TOK	Sept. 2, 11	Seal I.	1 each day ABO
Nov. 4	Seaview Park, <i>HRM</i>	2	RMA	Sept. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 TEP
Nov. 4-29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	3-4	several sightings TOK	Oct. 9	Seal I.	1 ABO
Nov. 17	Birch Cove, <i>HRM</i>	2	KGI, LUB	YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER		
Nov. 18	Dorothea Dr., <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK	Sept. 11	Sandy Cove Rd.	1 photographed HAT
Nov. 23	Point Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH	Sept. 16	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2 FLL, EGI, SGI, ULH
Nashville Warbler				Sept. 23	Brier I.	1 KJM
Aug.-Sept.	widely	22 reports	mostly 1-2 birds var. obs.	Sept. 23	Sable I.	1 ZOL
Sept. 13	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	10	FLL	Nov. 10 & 14	Windmill Rd., Dartmouth	1 CSS
Nov. 12	Grant St., Halifax	1	CJF	Nov. 19	Greenwich, <i>Kings</i>	1 BLF
Nov. 12, 17	Dorothea Dr., Dartmouth	1	TEP, MIK	Pine Warbler		
Nov. 13 & 14	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	1	LOC	Sept. 21	Seal I.	1 ABO
Northern Parula				Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1 TOK
Sept. 17, 30	BPI	8, 9	ABO	Oct. 5, 7, 13	Seal I.	1 each day ABO
Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	30+	TOK	Oct. 7	Seal I.	2 IAM, ELM et al.
Nov. 6	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO	Oct. 8	Dublin Shore, <i>Lun.</i>	1 JAH
Nov. 29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Oct. 9-26	BPI	4 reports of 5 birds ABO
Yellow Warbler				Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	3 TOK
Aug.-Sept.	widely	11 reports	vars. obs.	Oct. 25	Liverpool, <i>Queens</i>	1 BES
Aug. 28	BPI	45	ABO	Nov. 6-29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	4-5 TOK
Sept. 11	Seal I.	14	ABO	Nov. 12, 17-18	Bissett L., <i>HRM</i>	1 TEP, MIK
Sept. 22	Southdale, <i>HRM</i>	22	KGI	Nov. 12-13	Hantsport	1 JOB
Oct. 1	Sober I. <i>HRM</i>	1	KJM	Nov. 16	Elgin, <i>Pict.</i>	1 HAB, JEB
Oct. 31	Seaview Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK, DAC	Nov. 17	Lower Rose Bay, <i>Lun.</i>	dull fem. ELM
Nov. 2	Seaview Park	1	CSS, CLS	Nov. 20	W. Jeddore, <i>HRM</i>	2 B. & J. Max
Chestnut-sided Warbler				Nov. 22	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	drab fem. DPO
Aug. -Sept.	widely	13 reports of	1-2 birds var. obs.	Prairie Warbler		
Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Aug. 26	Sable I.	2 ZOL
Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	ABO	Sept. 1-30	BPI	6 reports of 6 birds ABO
Oct. 13	Masons Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH	Sept. 2	Brier I.	1 MUN
Magnolia Warbler				Sept. 4, 17, 25	Seal I.	1 seen each day ABO
Aug. 21	Brier I.	10+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Sept. 6	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1 BES, GEC
Aug. 27	Brier I.	10+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Sept. 10&14	Sable I.	1 ZOL
Sept. 1-30	widely	11 reports of	17 birds var. obs.	Sept. 15-16	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 MIK, TEP
Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK	Sept. 23	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1 MIK, FLL
Oct. 1	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Sept. 24	Daniels Hd., <i>Shel.</i>	1 MUN
Oct. 17	Seal I.	1	ABO	Sept. 24	Long I., <i>Digby</i>	1 KJM, ABM
Cape May Warbler				Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1 TOK
Aug. 21	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 1	BPI	1 ABO
Aug. 28	Sable I.	1	ZOL	Oct. 11	South Hd., <i>CBRM</i>	1 CAM, ALM
Sept. 5	Brier I.	6	ELM	Oct. 12	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1 EGI
Sept. 7	Brier I.	6+	LAL, ADL, PAC	Oct. 28	Chebucto Hd., <i>HRM</i>	1 TEP
Sept. 11	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU	Nov. 25	Williams Pt. <i>Ant.</i>	1 lifer for RFL NSBS <i>vide</i> RFL
Oct. 11	South Hd., <i>CBRM</i>	1	ALM, CAM	Palm Warbler		
Black-throated Blue Warbler				Aug. 1 -Oct. 31	widely	11 reports of 28 birds var. obs.
Sept. 2-30	Seal I.	11	ABO	Sept. 12, 18, 26	Seal I.	1 western each day ABO
Sept. 17	Sable I.	male	ZOL	Sept. 17&30	BPI	1 & 5 western ABO
Sept. 26	Somerseset	1 photographed	Marg Hiltz <i>vide</i> BBU	Oct. 1	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	1 western KJM
Oct. 6	BPI	11	ABO	Oct. 5-22	BPI	6 reports of 12 western ABO
Oct. 6-9	Seal I.	7	ABO	Oct. 7	Seal I.	117 ABO
Oct. 9	CSI	fem.	JAH, DPO, DAW	Oct. 7-9	BPI	200 yellow ABO
Oct. 11	South Hd., <i>CBRM</i>	1	CAM, ALM	Oct. 12-19	Seal I.	22 western ABO
Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	several	TOK	Nov. 2	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1 western KGI, LUB

Nov. 29	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK		
Bay-breasted Warbler					
Aug. 26	Dartmouth	1	KGI		
Aug. 27	Dartmouth	3	KGI		
Aug. 30	Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM		
Sept. 10	Seal I.	2	ABO		
Sept. 11	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU		
Sept. 15	Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	MIK		
Sept. 16	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU		
Sept. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP		
Oct. 11	Seal I.	1	ABO		
Blackpoll Warbler					
Sept. 11	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Sept. 11	Duncans Cove Rd.	# ?	FLL, DOU		
Sept. 13	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	15	BLM		
Sept. 14	Kelly Pt., <i>HRM</i>	15	BLM		
Sept. 17	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	6	KJM, M. Grant		
Sept. 17	Fauxburg trail, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JAH		
Sept. 18	Palmer Woods, <i>Kings</i>	many	RBS		
Sept. 19	Southdale, <i>HRM</i>	2-3	KGI		
Sept. 20	Graves L., <i>Lun.</i>	2	CJF		
Sept. 24	Daniels Hd., <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN		
Sept. 24	Seal I.	43	ABO		
Sept. 26	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Sept. 29	BPI	100 peak of migration	ABO		
Oct. 5	Seal I.	40	ABO		
Oct. 7	Seal I.	9	<i>fide</i> KJM		
CERULEAN WARBLER					
Sept. 12	Seal I.	1	ABO		
Black and White Warbler					
Aug. 23	Sable I.	2	ZOL		
Aug. 31	Fauxburg trail, <i>Lun.</i>	2	JAH		
Sept.	widely	7 reports of 10 birds	var. obs.		
Sept. 11, 12	Seal I.	44, 37	ABO		
Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK		
Oct. 7	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	2	ULH		
American Redstart					
Aug. 15	Sable I.	2	ZOL		
Aug. 31	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	3	JAH		
Sept. 6	BPI	40	ABO		
Sept. 10	Seal I.	23	ABO		
Sept. 14	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	DOU, FLL, TOK		
Sept. 17	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
PROTONOTARY WARBLER					
Sept. 14	BPI	1	ABO		
Oct. 9	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1 photographed	TOK		
Nov. 6	Glance Bay	male, observed for 5 min.	BES, GEC		
WORM-EATING WARBLER					
Sept. 19	Southdale, <i>HRM</i>	1	KGI		
Ovenbird					
Aug. 23	Brier I.	2	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Aug. 27	Brier I.	2	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Northern Waterthrush					
Aug. 12 & 21	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Aug. 23	Brier I.	15+	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Aug. 23	Seal I.	36	ABO		
Aug. 27	Brier I.	20+	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Aug. 28	Seal I.	32	ABO		
Aug. 29	Seal I.	2	ABO		
Sept. 3	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	1	DPO		
Sept. 5	BPI	14	ABO		
Sept. 9	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL		
Sept. 23	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	MIK, FLL		
CONNECTICUT WARBLER					
Sept. 20	Daniels Hd., <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN		
Sept. 30	CSI	1	<i>fide</i> MUN		
Mourning Warbler					
Aug. 23	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Sept. 1	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Sept. 10	Cape John, <i>Pict.</i>	1	KJM, M. Grant		
Sept. 13	Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM		
Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN		
Common Yellowthroat					
Aug. 16-20	BPI	5 reports of 52 birds	ABO		
Aug. 22	Brier I.	10+	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Aug. 31	Fauxburg trail, <i>Lun.</i>	6	JAH		
Sept. 11, 14, 30	BPI	22, 24, 34	ABO		
Sept. 11	Seal I.	41	ABO		
Sept. 13-14	Roseway Basin	2 on board	research ship	IAM	
Sept. 25	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	9	KJM		
Oct. 1	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Oct. 7	Seal I.	15	<i>fide</i> KJM		
Nov. 18	Bear Pt., <i>Shel.</i>	1	MUN		
Nov. 18	New Glasgow	1	KJM		
Nov. 24	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK		
HOODED WARBLER					
Sept. 2	BPI	1	ABO		
Sept. 10	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Sept. 15	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	bright male	<i>fide</i> LOC		
Sept. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	fem.	TEP		
Sept. 26	Spectacle L., <i>HRM</i>	fem./imm.	MIK		
Oct. 13	Seal I.	1	ABO		
Oct. 21	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	calling frequently	TEP, MIK	
Wilson's Warbler					
Aug. 26-29	Dartmouth	1-2	KGI		
Sept.	widely mainland	11 reports of 16 birds	var. obs.		
Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK		
Oct. 1	Sable I.	1	ZOL		
Canada Warbler					
Aug. 14	Fauxburg Trail, <i>Lun.</i>	1	JAH		
Sept. 6	Seal I.	1	ABO		
Sept. 16	Sandy Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	DOU		
Sept. 19	Dartmouth	1	KGI		
Sept. 26	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	GEC, BES		
Oct. 1	Seal I.	1	ABO		
Yellow-breasted Chat					
Aug. 31	Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC		
Sept. 3	CSI	1	MUN		
Sept. 5 & 14	Seal I.	2 each day	ABO		
Sept. 5, 9, 10	BPI	1 each day	ABO		
Sept. 12 & 23	BPI	1 each day	ABO		
Sept. 18	Duncans Reef, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT		
Sept. 22	Brier I.	1	<i>fide</i> KJM		
Sept. 23, Oct. 1	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	MIK, TOK, FLL		
Sept. 29	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	GDE, J. O'Brien		
Oct. 1	Sand L., <i>CBRM</i>	1	CAM, ALM		
Oct. 11-19	Edward St. Dartmouth	1	PMC		
Oct. 19, 22, 26	BPI	1 each day	ABO		
Oct. 19	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	2	TOK		
Oct. 22	Canso, <i>Guys.</i>	1	TOK		
Oct. 26	Duncan Cove	1	HAT		
Oct. 28	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	TEP		
Nov. 9	Woodlawn Rd., Dartmouth	1	DAC		
Nov. 10 & 18	Edward St., Dartmouth	1	PMC		
Nov. 12, 17-18	Dorothea Dr., Dartmouth	1	MIK, TEP		
Nov. 18	Spryfield, <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL		
Nov. 24	Jollimore, <i>HRM</i>	1	JEH, PLC		
Nov. 24	Ira Settle Field, Dartmouth	1	PEL		
Nov. 25	Point Pleasant Park, <i>HRM</i>	1	AGH, M. Leonard		
Nov. 27	Glance Bay	1	BES, GEC		

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Tanagers Through House Sparrows

By Ian McLaren

This fall fulfilled early predictions of a massive outpouring from the Boreal Zone because of poor crops of cones, seeds and berries. They found generally poor crops of cones, rowan berries, multiflora rose hips, etc. here as well. These were quickly cleaned out with the participation of waxwings. Another feature of this fall was the occurrence of much S.W. airflow as well as zonal winds across the continent that brought unusual numbers of both southern and western visitors.

The table below reveals distinct peaks of abundance among regular migrants and winter visitors, and the rarities largely speak for themselves, but some comments can be added.

Few AMERICAN TREE SPARROWS were reported; they nest largely beyond the Boreal Zone. This has been the biggest fall ever for CLAY-COLORED and VESPER SPARROWS, especially at Canso.

The peak of SAVANNAH (IPSWICH) SPARROW was late (early October in the 1970s); global warming? One junco at DAC's Dartmouth feeders (see photo) seemed to have features of two members of the "Oregon" group. Another curious little sparrow photographed at DAC's feeders seemed dwarfed and perhaps abnormal in other ways. It had a mixture of brown and streaked plumage, like a *Melospiza* sparrow, along with junco-like plumage, including a gray, but finely streaked, breast. Large flocks of SNOW BUNTINGS were widely noted, some on our beaches eliminating the Ipswich's primary fare of marram seeds.

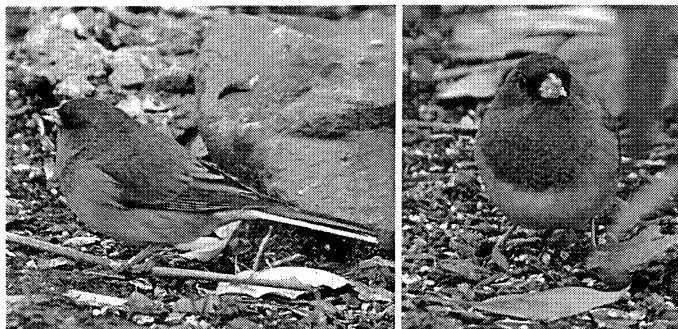
It was a banner fall for reverse-migrant BLUE GROSBEAK and INDIGO BUNTING, with extraordinary numbers of the latter around Canso in mid-October. Interestingly, this was preceded by strong S.W. airflow offshore, backing to onshore winds on the N. mainland – reminiscent of the pattern preceding the Great Fallout in S. Shelburne in early October 1998.

The count of BOBOLINK near Kentville was reassuring, but JET noted that they no longer breed on the Wolfville dykelands, although a few still do so near Hortonville. Two flocks of RUSTY BLACKBIRD on Seal I. were the largest reported in some years. BALTIMORE ORIOLE was unusually common, no doubt brought by both zonal and S.W. airflow.

Although BLF had found 20 nests of AMERICAN GOLDFINCH by August, they were reported less frequently than the winter finches which, as predicted, appeared abundantly – with more PINE and EVENING GROSBEAKS than for some years. It was obviously shaping up to a "redpoll winter," probably larger the expected peak (two-year intervals on CBCs).

I wonder if the HOUSE SPARROW show in Lunenburg is a sign of some recovery. I for one miss them. □

Summer Tanager									
Oct. 14	McNabs I., HRM	fem.	Cheryl Davis	Oct. 19	Cherry Hill, Lun.	1		CSS	
				Oct. 21	BPI	1		ABO	
Scarlet Tanager				Oct. 28-Nov. 1	N. City Yard, Halifax	1		DAC et al.	
Sept. 13	Seal I.	1	ABO	Nov. 14, 29	Canso	3, 1		TOK	
Oct. 13	Hartlen Pt., HRM	2	MIK, TEP	Field Sparrow					
Oct. 17	E. River Bch., HRM	1	CJF	Sept. 17	Seal I.	1		ABO	
Nov. 5	Woods Hbr., Shel.	male	DOC	Sept. 25	Seal I.	2		ABO	
Eastern Towhee				Oct. 14-21	Seal I.	1		ABO	
Oct. 18	Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 19	Cherry Hill, Lun.	1		CSS	
Oct. 20+	Fraserville, Cum.	1	fide Jane Mills	Oct. 22	BPI	3		ABO	
Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., HRM	2	FLL	Vesper Sparrow					
Oct. 25	Pubnico wind farm, Yar.	1	RSD	Sept. 30	CSI	1		MUN	
Nov. 18	Morden, Kings	male (photo)	Gary Myers	Oct. 7	Baccaro Peninsula, Shel.	1		DOU, FLL	
American Tree Sparrow				Oct. 7	CSI	4		MUN	
Oct. 1	Canso	1	TOK	Oct. 19	Second Peninsula, Lun.	1		G. Rhodenizer	
Oct. 4	Schooner Pond, HRM	2	BES	Oct. 21	Bissett Rd., HRM.	1		D. McQuestion	
Oct. 9-Nov. 30	widely	12 reports	Singles small groups	var. obs.	Oct. 27	CSI	1	MUN	
Chipping Sparrow				Lark Sparrow					
Sept. 17	Seal I.	1	ABO	Aug. 29- Sept. 1	Prospect	1		Peter Browne	
Sept. 29	Fairmont, Ant.	ad. (new to yard)	RFL	Sept. 17	Schooner Pond	1		BES, GEC	
Oct. 1, 10	Canso	12-15, "lots"	TOK	Sept. 23	E. Ferry, Digby	1		GDE, Judy O'Brien	
Oct. 5-8	Seal I.	up to 10	KJM, et al.	Sept. 24, Oct. 7	CSI	1, 1		MUN, DOU, FLL	
Oct. 12-30	widely	7 reports,,	8 inds.	var. obs.	Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 22	Canso	1, 2, 1 (diff.)	MIK, TOK	
Oct. 15	Seal I.	29	ABO	Oct. 14	Crystal Crescent Bch., HRM	1		HAT	
Nov. 19	E. Advocate, Cum,	1	at feeder Jane Mills	Oct. 22	Canso	1		TOK	
Nov. 26-30	Halifax	1	ad., 1 imm., feeder	SMB	Savannah Sparrow				
Clay-colored Sparrow				Sept. 6	Seal I.	30		ABO	
Sept. 26	Schooner Pond	1	BES, GEC	Sept. 7	Cherry Hill Bch., Lun.	3		JAH	
Oct. 1, 10, 14	Canso	2, 6+, 5	TOK et al.	Sept. 12	Seal I.	46		ABO	
Oct. 6, 8	CSI	3	NSBS, DOU et al.	Sept. 16	Three Fathom Hbr., HRM	5		SEM	
Oct. 17	Bayswater, HRM	1	CJF	Sept. 17-Oct. 22	widely	8 reports	12-33 inds.	var. obs.	

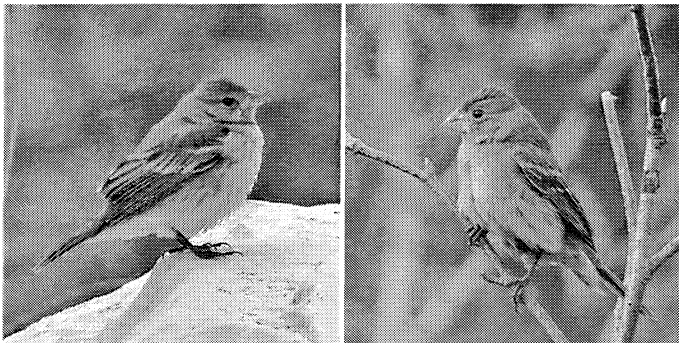


This junco, Nov. 1 at a Dartmouth feeder, is clearly of the "Oregon" subspecies group, probably a first-fall female judging from brown plumage on nape and crown on the original images. It can be distinguished from the nominal "Slate-colored" subspecies *cismontanus* of the Rockies (an intergrade zone with "Oregon") by the concave downward edge of the dark "hood." This is straight or concave upward in "Slate-colored" variants. The lores are darker and, on the original, the chestnut back and pinkish-buff sides are warmer-toned than on the usual vagrant "Oregon" here (*montanus* = *shufeldti*). Some members on the Colorado bird records committee, familiar with many kinds of juncos, have speculated that it might be an intergrade between "Pink-sided" and "Oregon," although breeding ranges of these don't overlap. [Photo David Currie]

Oct. 7	BPI	58	ABO
Oct. 27	Duncans Cove, <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Nov. 10	Rainbow Haven PP	1	BLM
Savannah (Ipswich) Sparrow			
Sept. 21	Duncans Cove Reef, <i>HRM</i>	1 (early)	HAT
Oct. 2	Duncans Cove Reef, <i>HRM</i>	1	HAT
Oct. 7	Seal I.	1	IAM, <i>et al.</i>
mid-October	Canso	1	TOK
Oct. 18	Crescent Bch., <i>Lun.</i>	"numbers"	SMB, RMA
Oct. 21	Crystal Crescent PP	8+	HAT
Oct. 21	BPI	3	ABO
Oct. 22	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	15-20	IAM
Oct. 22	Sober I., <i>HRM</i>	2	KJM
Oct. 23-Nov. 18	widely	6 reports, 1s and 2s	var. obs.
Grasshopper Sparrow			
Oct. 7	CSI	1	MUN
Nov. 23-30	Canso	1	TOK, <i>et al.</i>
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow			
Aug. 6	Wolfville Dykelands	1 singing male	JWW, <i>et al.</i>
Aug. 8-11	widely	3 reports,	3-8 inds. var. obs.
Aug. 15	Cherry Hill Bch., <i>Lun.sev. ads.</i>	12-15 young	ELM
Sept. 6-21	widely	4 reports,	1-8 inds. var. obs.
Oct. 7	Three Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1 James Bay race?	SEM
Oct. 14	Canso	1	TOK, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 15	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 21	Big I., <i>Pic.</i>	2	KJM
Fox Sparrow			
Oct. 6, 8	CSI	1	NSBS, DOU, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 12-30	widely	8 reports,	1s & 2s
Oct. 18	Crystal Crescent Bch, <i>HRM</i>	1 singing (!)	HAT
Nov. 2-11	widely	3 singles, feeders	var. obs.
Song Sparrow			
Aug-Nov.	widely	12 reports, of	1-5 inds. var. obs
Sept. 25	Seal I.	47	ABO
Sept. 30	BPI	84	ABO
Sept. 12-Oct. 19	widely	8 reports	4-7 inds. var. obs.
Oct. 7	BPI	52	ABO
Oct. 17	Seal I.	53	ABO
Oct. 18	BPI	50	ABO
Oct. 25	BPI	56	ABO
Oct. 19	Cherry Hill, <i>Lun.</i>	"hundreds"	CSS
Lincoln's Sparrow			
Aug. 21	early migrant	1	JON
Sept. 24	Seal I.	9	ABO

Sept. 10-Oct. 7	widely	9 reports, 1 to several"	var. obs.
Oct. 13	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC
Swamp Sparrow			
Aug. 19-Nov. 3	widely	17 reports	1-10, incl. feeders var. obs.
Oct. 1	BPI	27	ABO
Oct. 1	Seal I.	40	ABO
Oct. 5-8	Seal I.	up to 25	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 10	Seal I.	41	ABO
Oct. 17	Seal I.	29	ABO
Nov. 18	New Glasgow	1	KJM
White-throated Sparrow			
Sept. 11	Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 28	Big I., <i>Pic.</i>	50	KJM
Oct. 5-8	Seal I.	up to 50	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 9	Seal I.	82	ABO
Oct. 17	Seal I.	49	ABO
Oct. 1-Nov. 23	widely	7 reports of 1-15 mostly feeders	var. obs.
White-crowned Sparrow			
Sept. 17	Big I., <i>Pic</i>	1	ALD
Sept. 30-Oct. 23	widely	14 reports of 1-5	var. obs.
Oct. 5-7	Seal I.	up to 35	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 6	CSI	15	NSBS
Oct. 7	CSI	up to 200	MUN, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 8	CSI	20+	DOU, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 8	Seal I.	31	ABO
Oct. 9	Sable I.	70	ZOL
Oct. 13	BPI	12	ABO
Oct. 13	Seal I.	30	ABO
Oct. 17	Seal I.	131	ABO
Oct. 19	Brier I.	"still lots"	CAH
Oct. 21	Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	"most gone"	LOC
Nov. 19-30	Wolfville	imm. at feeder	JWW
Dark-eyed Junco			
Aug. 18-Nov. 28	widely	22 reports, up to 30, incl. feeders	var. obs.
Oct. 5-8	Seal I.	up to 40	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 9	Seal I.	71	ABO
Oct. 17	Seal I.	192	ABO
Oct. 25	Digby Neck, islands	1000++	CAH
Oct. 30	Brier I.	50+ arrivals	ELM
Oct. 31	Prospect Peninsula, <i>HRM</i>	small flocks	BLM
Nov. 1	N. Mt, Port George, <i>Kings</i>	large flocks	RBS
Nov. 6	Port George Rd.	25	PBG
DARK-EYED ("OREGON" INTERGRADE?) JUNCO			
Nov. 1	Dartmouth imm.	fem. (photo)	DAC
Lapland Longspur			
Sept 30	Waterside PP, <i>Pic.</i>	2	KJM
Sept. 30	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 15	BPI	1	ABO
Oct. 16	BPI	3	ABO
Oct. 18	Crystal Crescent Bch., <i>HRM</i>	"numbers"	HAT
Oct. 22	Cabot Landing, <i>Vic.</i>	1	FMC
Oct. 23	Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	FLL
Nov. 5	Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	150-200	LDE
Nov. 6	Crystal Crescent PP	1	HAT
Snow Bunting			
Sept. 29	Brier I.	4	ELM, NSBS
Sept. 30	Seal I.	1	ABO
Oct. 1	Brier I.	1	ELM
Oct. 13	Schooner Pond, <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, GEC
Oct. 14	Big I., <i>Pict.</i>	2	BRS
Oct. 21-30	widely	8 reports,	flocks 8-14 var. obs.
November	widely	10 flocks,	<15 var. obs
November	widely	13 flocks	20-200 var. obs.
Northern Cardinal			
Through season	Metro Halifax, Dartmouth	12 reports, 10+ inds.	var. obs.
Through season	Brier I.	2 pairs with young	var. obs.
Through season	Canning, <i>Kings</i>	3-4 pairs with young	MAG, <i>et al.</i>
Through season	Wolfville, Grand Pré, <i>Kings</i>	3-5 pairs, with young	JWW, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 8	CSI	2.	DOU, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 28-29	Brentwood, <i>Col.</i>	fem. "first"	Susan Stevenson
Oct. 28	Liverpool	male, fem.	BES
Oct. 29	Brier I.	male, migrant	ELM
Nov. 6-30	Milton, <i>Queens</i>	2 pairs	DPO
Nov. 15	Pictou Landing	male (new locale)	KJM

Nov. 15 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	fem.	KFS	Oct. 14-15 Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	"major movement"	RBS
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			Oct. 14 Canso	3 TOK <i>et al.</i>	
Oct. 2, 14 Canso imm.	Male, 1	TOK, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 18, 27 th Peninsula., <i>Lun.</i>	18, 24 JAH	
Sept. 19, 23 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, TEP	Early Nov. Pubnico	16, at feeder	EMU
Oct. 11-12 Wolfville	imm. male	JWW	Nov. 5 Brier I.	"more after Noel"	CAH
Oct. 19 Dartmouth	1	<i>fide</i> EGI	Nov. 7-25 widely 4 reports,	2-20+ at feeders	sev. obs.
Early Nov. Pubnico	1 at feeder	EMU	Yellow-headed Blackbird		
Nov. 5 Brier I.	"a few at feeders"	CAH	Oct. 19 Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	1	G. Rhodenizer
Nov. 8 Crystal Crescent PP	1	HAT	Oct. 22 Canso	1	TOK
Nov. 23 Lr. Sackville	imm.	<i>fide</i> LOC	Rusty Blackbird		
Blue Grosbeak			Aug. 22 Seal I.	12	ABO
Sept. 21-Oct. 8 Sable I.	2 fems.	ZOL.	Sept. 10 Seal I.	12	ABO
Oct. 1 Canso	fem.	TOK	Sept. 24 Canso	1	MIK, FLL
Oct. 14 Pt. Michaud,	1	WMA	Sept. 25 Seal I.	12	ABO
Oct. 15 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	1 imm. fem.	BLM	Oct. 5-7 Seal I.	25-35	KJM, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 22, Nov. 6 Canso	1	TOK	Oct. 7 BPI	43	ABO
Oct. 24 Dartmouth	fem.	MIK	Oct. 8 CSI, <i>etc.</i>	2	DOU, <i>et al.</i>
Oct. 31-Nov. 7 N. City Yard, Halifax	imm.	DAC, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 10 Browns Mt., <i>Pict.</i>	2	JOK
Nov. 10 Dartmouth	1 at feeder	DAC	Oct. 17 Seal I.	14	ABO
Nov. 12 Crousetown, <i>Lun.</i>	fem.	NSN	Nov. 5 Sand L., <i>CBRM</i>	1	BES, CAM, AAM
Indigo Bunting			Common Grackle		
Aug. 25 Brier I.	1	LAL, ADL, PAC	Sept. 18 Bear R., <i>Anna.</i>	80+	MCR
Sept. 19, 23 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	1	DAC, TEP	Sept. 27 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	75	BLM
Sept. 24-Oct. 1 Sable I.	1	ZOL	October widely 6 reports of	1-3 inds.	var. obs.
Oct. 6-24 widely 14 reports, 1-9 inds.	var. obs.		Oct. 7 Seal I.	12	ABO
mid-Oct. Canso area	up to 250	TOK	Oct. 10 Hubbards, <i>HRM</i>	"flock" (1 st for fall)	PST
Oct. 27-Nov. 30 N. City Yard, Halifax	1 (2 on Oct. 31)	DAC, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 14-15 Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	"major movement"	RBS
16-18 Nov. Bear Pt., <i>CSI</i>	1 at feeder	MUN	Oct. 18-19 Bridgewater	c. 40	JAH
Dickcissel			Oct. 19 Plymouth, <i>Pict.</i>	1,200+ (to roost?)	KJM
Sept. 30 Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 25 Brier I.	Huge flocks"	JUS
Oct. 10-23 Canso	male, 2 fem. (photos)	TOK, <i>et al.</i>	Oct. 26 Nappan, <i>Cum.</i>	c. 1000	Jane Mills
Oct. 20 Pt. Michaud,	imm. male (photos)	WMA	Oct. 28 Tremont, <i>HRM</i>	30+	SLH
Oct. 23 Port Hawkesbury	1 (photos)	DJO	Oct. 30, Nov. 10, 17 Apple R., <i>Cum.</i>	200, 150+, 80+	KFS
Oct. 24 Westmount, <i>CBRM</i>	imm. male (photos)	J. & R. Beresford	Nov. 15-19 widely 3 reports, 1-2 at feeders		var. obs.
Nov. 6 Canso	2 (same?)	TOK	Brown-headed Cowbird		
Bobolink			Aug. 19 Lunenburg	juv.	<i>fide</i> JAH
Aug. 24 N. Kentville Dykelands	c. 100, all fall plum.	RBS	Aug. 22 Dartmouth	1	KGI
Sept. 7 Sable I.	2	ZOL	Sept. 24 Canso	1	MIK, FLL
Sept. 16 3-Fathom Hbr., <i>HRM</i>	1	SEM	Sept. 30 Seal I.	2	ABO
Oct. 2 Canso	6-7	TOK	Oct. 13 Seal I.	2	ABO
Oct. 5 Seal I.	1	ABO	Oct. 27 Second Peninsula, <i>Lun.</i>	5	JAH
Oct. 14-27 widely 5 reports,	1-4 inds.	var. obs.	Nov. 24 Canso	4	BLM, <i>et al.</i>
Eastern Meadowlark			Nov. 25 E. Advocate	3, feeder	Jane Mills
Oct. 14-15 BPI	1	ABO	BULLOCK'S ORIOLE		
Meadowlark sp.			Oct. 30-Nov. 30 Canso	imm. male, feeder	TOK
Oct. 11 Near Brookfield, Co.	1	AAM	Baltimore Oriole		
Red-winged Blackbird			Sept. 7 Sable I.	1	ZOL
Sept. 19 Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	"numbers" on move	RBS	Sept. 13 Wagners Bch., <i>HRM</i>	1	BLM
Sept. 24 Seal I.	5	ABO	Sept. 14 Sable I.	8	ZOL
			Sept. 17 BPI	4	ABO
			Sept. 17 Seal I.	5	ABO
			Sept. 19 Hartlen Pt., <i>HRM</i>	"several"	DAC
			Sept. 23-26 widely 8 reports	1s, 2s	var. obs.
			Sept. 23 Brier I.	1 red plumage	RBS
			Oct. 1-25 widely 7 reports	singles	var. obs.
			Oct. 2, 10, 14 Canso	3-6	TOK
			Oct. 14 Duncan-Sandy Cove	"several"	DAC
			Oct. 21 Seal I.	1	ABO
			Oct. 29; Nov. 3 Sunrise Valley, <i>Vic.</i>	1 ad. male; 2 imm.	FMC
			Nov. 6, 9, 18, 30 Canso	7, 13, 19, 8, at feeders	TOK
			Nov. 9-25 widely 8 reports,	1s, 2s, feeders	var. obs.
			Nov. 25 Halifax	5	PEL
			Pine Grosbeak		
			Sept. 7-11 St. Peter's, <i>Rich.</i>	male, 4 fems./imms.	BID
			Oct. 30 Brier I.	1	ELM
			Nov. 2-30 widely 12 reports,	up to 14, some feeders	var. obs.
			Purple Finch		
			Aug. 12 <i>Lun.</i>	"a lot"	JAH
			Aug.-Sept. Tremont, <i>HRM</i>	2-8 daily	SLH
			Sept. 19 Port Williams, <i>Kings</i>	"numbers" on move	RBS
			Sept. 28 Lr. Sackville, <i>HRM</i>	"families"	LOC
			Sept. 25 Sable I.	1	ZOL
			Sept. 30 Whites L., <i>HRM</i>	35	BLM
			Oct. 8 Seal I.	45	ABO



Some Indigo BUNTINGS, like the one at left (Lr. Sackville, *HRM*, 14 Oct. 14.) are quite thick billed, but not so massive as the BLUE GROSBK'S (right, N. Halifax Yard, Oct. 27). This bunting also had conspicuous buff wing bars, rather thin, not blurry, flank streaks, a warm-toned breast, and a distinctly arched culmen, sometimes noted as features of Lazuli Bunting, but these are not diagnostic, and it lacked the greyish tones of nape, head and chin expected on first-fall Lazuli. [Photos: left, Rita Viau; right, David Currie]



Five BALTIMORE, including a beautiful adult male (centre), and a young male BULLOCK'S ORIOLE (upper right and insert) were a fraction of the swarm of orioles attending a Canso feeder this autumn (here Nov. 11) [Photo Tom Kavanaugh]

October	widely	22 reports,	1- 20+, most at feeders	var. obs.
November	widely	20 reports,	1-small groups	var. obs.
House Finch				
Aug.-Nov.	S. & W. Halifax		singles & groups of 3-6	IAM
Sept. 3	Halifax		1 still downy, feeder	ABM
Nov. 9	Apple R., Cum.		male	KFS
Red Crossbill				
Oct. 6	CSI		1	NSBS
White-winged Crossbill				
Aug. 15	Sable I.		male	ZOL
Aug. 26	Dartmouth		4	KGI
Sept 17	Schooner Pond		10	BES
Oct.-Nov.	widely		6 reports 1- 4 inds.	var. obs.
Oct. 2	Schooner Pond		100+	BES, GEC
Oct. 10	Near Dingwall, Vic.		small flock	AAM
Oct. 17	Seal I.		117	ABO
Oct. 18	BPI		88	ABO
Oct. 20	Waterside PP, Pict.		60+	KJM
Oct. 22	Sober I., Ecum Secum, HRM		60 +	KJM
Oct. 23	Canso		flocks 800-1000	TOK
Oct. 26	BPI		82	ABO

Late Oct.-Nov. 4	Victoria		"everywhere"	FMC
Nov. 6	Canso		"everywhere"	TOK
Nov. 10-30	widely		4 flocks, 10-65	var. obs.
Common Redpoll				
Oct. 18	Brooklyn, Queens		1	DPO
Oct. 19	BPI		5	ABO
Oct. 23	Sober I., HRM		3	KJM
Oct. 22	(Brennan feeder)		3	KJM
November	widely		11 reports, 1 to a few	var. obs.
Nov. 7-25	widely		13 reports, 15-100+ (median 50)	var. obs.
Pine Siskin				
Aug. 13-15	Mid. Musquodoboit		1	VJH
Sept. 21-Nov. 30	widely		11 reports, 1-6, incl. feeders	var. obs.
Oct. 7-8	Seal I.		up to 20	KJM, et al.
Oct. 7	BPI		22	ABO
Oct. 18	BPI		108	ABO
Oct. 28	Kingston		20+	PBG
Nov. 5	Brier I.		c. 40	JUS
Nov. 14	Glace Bay		6	BES, GEC, feeder
American Goldfinch				
Mid-Aug.	widely		sev. reports of breeding	var. obs.
Aug.-Nov.	widely	10 reports,	small nos., feeders	var. obs.
Oct. 4	Apple R., Cum.		25+ at feeder	KFS
Oct. 5-8	Seal I.		up to 50+	KJM, et al.
Oct. 7	Seal I.		295	ABO
Oct. 8	Sable I.		6	ZOL
Oct. 17	BPI		215	ABO
Oct. 19	Seal I.		250	ABO
Nov. 1-25	Barrington, Shel.		40-70 at feeder	RMC
Evening Grosbeak				
August	Tremont, HRM		1-2 occasional	SLH
Sept.-Oct.	Tremont, HRM		1 occasional	SLH
Sept. 6	Hartlen Pt., HRM		40	BLM
Oct.-Nov.	Bridgetown, Anna.		up to 12, feeder	MCR
Oct. 8	Seal I.		2	KJM, et al.
Oct. 18	Seal I.		3	ABO
Oct. 21	Sambro, HRM		30	BLM
Oct. 24	BPI		1	ABO
November	widely		14 reports, 1-30+ inds	var. obs.
Nov. 20-30	Carleton, Yar.		great numbers	R. Hoogenbos
House Sparrow				
Aug.-Nov.	W. end Halifax		small flock, c. 8-10	IAM
Aug. 14	Second Peninsula, Lun.		30 (far above normal)	JAH
Sept 5	Brier I.		still 6 breeding	ELM
Oct. 27	Second Peninsula, Lun.		22	JAH
Nov. 15-16	Milton, Queens		1 "yard wonder"	DPO
Nov. 17	Wolfville (donut shop)		several	RMA

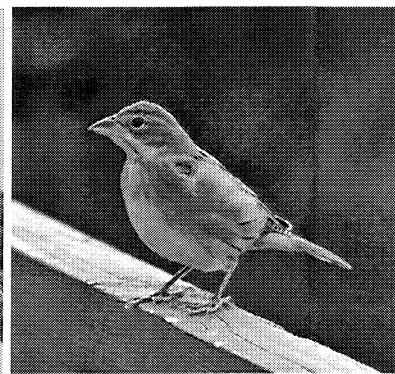
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One of two GRASSHOPPER SPARROWS this autumn arrived late (here Nov. 25) at Canso. [Photo Tom Kavanaugh]



Among small numbers of DICKCISSELS this autumn were these two: at Pt. Michaud, Rich., Oct. 20 (left), and Westmount, CBRM, Oct. 24. [Photos: left, Weldon Macphail; right, Janice Beresford]



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President's Report – 2007

Two major tasks occupied a good deal of the Board's time this past year. The first was finalizing the Agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources to make Hertford Island part of a proposed Wildlife Management Area, while leaving ownership and rights of access in our hands. This endeavour took two years and a seemingly endless stream of e-mails between all the parties involved. I'm pleased to announce that this Agreement has been signed, sealed, and delivered, by our lawyer, to DNR and we are now awaiting a public announcement from the Minister. A copy of the Agreement will be printed in the next issue (Autumn) of Nova Scotia Birds, and a few copies are available at the front of this room.

The second task was every bit as challenging. After the resignation of our Sanctuary and Scholarship Trust Fund members, a new Board had to be formed. A new Charter leading to the Special Resolution you are being asked to adopt this evening was indicated even before they stepped down. Our lawyer had already noticed that the original resolution creating the Sanctuary Trust in 1968 lacked clear definition; and DNR was having difficulty understanding their precise role in the proceedings. The former Trust members were involved in the preliminary work of drafting the new Charter, but the bulk of it was carried out by the Executive and the new acting Chairman of the Trust, Bob McDonald.

A new Trust Committee is now in place. Joining Bob McDonald are Mary Alward as Treasurer, Patrick Kelly as Secretary, George Digout as Director and Andy Horn as Director. Our thanks and our congratulations go out to all five new members. And a special thank you goes to Ken Gregoire who has agreed to be our first Sanctuary Warden.

Certificates of Appreciation have been prepared and delivered to the four retiring members: Ken Gregoire, Dave Currie, Shirley Cohrs and Peter Bell.

In other news, the Nova Scotia Bird Records Committee was finalized shortly after last year's AGM. Wayne Neilly joined Ian McLaren, Eric Mills, Dave McCorquodale, Richard Stern, Patricia Chalmers, and Andy Horn as the seventh member of this committee. They've had one official meeting, at which they appointed a Chair: Ian McLaren, and they produced an operational plan. They are working on the historical records from past issues of Nova Scotia Birds so as to authenticate the reported sightings. This is an essential first step before proceeding to current records. We wish them well in their efforts.

The Charitable Tax Receipt program is being offered again this year to Bird Society members who have accrued atlasing expenses. The claim form and travel log are available on our website and some forms are also available here tonight. Birders submit their expenses via these forms along with a cheque matching the amount claimed. This cheque constitutes a donation to the Bird Society. The expenses are then reimbursed by the Society and a Charitable Tax Receipt is issued for the donation. The net advantage for the claimant is the tax receipt.

Last year we ran a "Big Year" competition which was very successful. Tallies of the total number of species seen in the province throughout the year, as well as tallies of species seen in any individual county were submitted and posted in the winter issue of NS Birds. Johnny Nickerson of Cape Sable Island and Clarence Stevens of Dartmouth tied for first place with 236 species each! The biggest competition, however, turned out to be in the Counties! Cape Breton County and Halifax County tied with six submitted tallies each. Every county submitted at least one tally. This year, 2007, we are having a "Yard List" competition. I'll be asking you to submit your total number of species seen in your yard by January 15th, 2008. Results will be posted in our winter issue. For 2008 we're having a habitat creation competition. We'll be asking you to work individually or in teams to create a sanctuary for local birds. Descriptions and/or photos can be submitted. Sterling Levy, past President of the Nova Scotia Garden Club and a longtime member of the Bird Society has volunteered to judge the entries and select a winner. We'll be looking for sources of food, water, cover, nesting and roosting spots, as well as overall attractiveness. Size will not be a factor!

The Board has initiated a new program to encourage participation in Christmas Bird Counts. We will be covering one \$5.00 Audubon fee per Individual and Student membership, and two \$5.00 fees per Family membership. Detailed instructions will be issued in my "President's Corner" column in the next issue of our magazine.

Our out-of area meeting last May was combined with an Atlas Workshop and was held at Liscombe Lodge in Guysborough

County. It was so successful that we've decided to do it again next May in support of three regions: 17 – Southwest Shore, 18 – Lower South Shore, and 19 – Mersey–LaHave. Details are forthcoming.

We awarded five Certificates of Appreciation this year, and offered 48 field trips. We also redesigned our Life Member Certificates, and we're looking into having pins made for our Life Members.

A special thank you goes out to Peter and Linda Paysant who redesigned our website; to Bernice Moores for collecting and archiving back issues of our magazine; to Ralph MacLean for carving this year's Puffin; to Tony Robinson, our Honorary Solicitor, whose help with the Agreement and the Special Resolution was indispensable; and to Harold Forsyth, our Honorary Auditor, who provided excellent advice on both Bird Society finances and Sanctuary Trust finances. A huge thank you goes to all the people responsible for our quarterly publication, Nova Scotia Birds: Blake Maybank, our Editor, Sterling Levy, our copy and layout editor, Ian McLaren, our photo editor, Lance Laviolette, our records editor, all our seasonal editors, and of course, Peter LeBlanc who handles the mailings.

Most of all, I'd like to thank the members of the Executive. We've had a particularly challenging year, and everyone pulled together and gave generously of their time and expertise. David Hughes, our new Conservation Chair, has been very busy this past year. He's written several letters detailing our position on various issues, attended meetings, and is planning to form a Conservation Committee. Mary Alward, after putting in a second year of meticulous bookkeeping for the Executive, is stepping down as Treasurer in order to devote her talents as Treasurer of the new Sanctuary Trust. She also provided the refreshments at our monthly meetings. Janey Hughes has done a fantastic job as our Membership Secretary and will be taking over from Mary as Treasurer of the NSBS. Pat McKay has done an outstanding job as our Secretary, and has hosted most of our Executive meetings. Patrick Kelly has written a Privacy Policy for the Bird Society as well as setting up a database for volunteers. Susann Myers continues to be an invaluable member of the Executive by volunteering to be on several different committees and offering her insightful expertise on any number of issues. Her assistance on the wording of the Agreement is deeply appreciated. Jennifer (LeBlanc) Doucette got married and moved to Saskatchewan, but before she left she assisted me with coordinating field trips, for which I am truly thankful! Barbara Hinds was perhaps the greatest asset to the Executive this year. Her knowledge of the history of the Society provided much needed answers time and again. Andy Horn continues to offer counsel in his capacity as Past President. His advice and encouragement serve to remind me of all the great people who have held this office before me! And finally, our newest member of the Executive, by virtue of being the Chair of the Sanctuary Trust, Bob McDonald not only volunteered to take on this new position, but he jumped right in and joined a committee to help write the Special Resolution being presented this evening. We worked together as a team this year, offering support and encouragement to each other in all our endeavours. My thanks to each and every one of you for a most productive year!

Suzanne Borkowski
President, Nova Scotia Bird Society

Autumn Migration at the Atlantic Bird Observatory: Fall 2007

By Trina Fitzgerald

Monitoring efforts commenced 16 August on Bon Portage Island (BP) and 15 August on Seal Island (SI). Overall, 72 species were banded, 153 were censused, and a grand total of 186 species were detected (both island sites combined).

Through constant-effort mist-netting, 1468 individuals (comprising 66 species) were banded on BP and 765 individuals (comprising 60 species) were banded on SI. The top ten species banded at BP are listed in Table 1, along with corresponding dates that peak movements were detected. Banding totals for the past six years are also presented for comparison.

On BP, movements of Traill's Flycatchers (likely all Alder Flycatchers *Empidonax alnorum*) and Yellow Warblers (*Dendroica petechia*) were observed on 28 August (approximately 40 and 45 individuals respectively). 6 September brought a small wave of Black-and-white Warblers (*Mniotilta varia*), American Redstarts (*Setophaga ruticilla*) and another wave of Traill's Flycatchers (approximately 35, 40, and 25 individuals respectively). Numbers of Black-and-white Warblers peaked on 14 September with approximately 80 individuals observed. Peak numbers of Cedar Waxwings (*Bombycilla cedrorum*), with approximately 110 individuals observed, occurred on 17 September.

Blackpoll Warbler (*D. striata*) numbers peaked on 29 September (approximately 100 individuals were observed) and Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*) numbers peaked on 30 September, approximately 35 individuals were detected. Early October was marked by significant migratory movements of several species. Approximately 2800 Yellow-rumped Warblers (*D. coronata*) were observed on 7 October. Yellow Palm Warblers (*D. palmarum hypochrysea*) were also quite numerous during this period, approximately 200 individuals were observed between 7-9 October. Our first wave of Slate-colored Juncos (*Junco hyemalis*) and White-throated Sparrows (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) occurred 8 October with approximately 80 individuals observed for each species.

Approximately 30 Brown Creepers (*Certhia americana*) were noted on 8 October. Another wave of Slate-colored Juncos and White-throated Sparrows occurred on 17 October with similar numbers detected as during the first wave. American Pipits (*Anthus rubescens*) were very numerous during 14-19 October with approximately 1300 individuals observed.

Similar species-specific patterns were observed on SI, which typically involved fewer individuals. However, there were a few exceptions. White-crowned Sparrows (*Z. leucophrys*) were very numerous 17 October with approximately 120 individuals detected. This species was scarcely detected on BP. Additionally, Ruby-crowned Kinglets (*Regulus calendula*) were detected in higher numbers on SI. Approximately 120 individuals were observed, whereas on BP only 40 individuals were detected.

Numerous vagrant species were banded and spotted throughout the season (Table 2 & 3).

Table 1. Top ten species banded during fall 2007 on Bon Portage Island and corresponding dates of peak movement. Banding totals are for the entire season. Peak date refers to the date during the season when high 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	Species	Bon Portage – Fall 2007		Past Years					
		Peak	Band	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
1	Yellow-rumped Warbler	7 Oct	232	213	64	59	129	392	378
2	Blackpoll Warbler	29 Sep	124	111	156	31	124	70	127
3	Traill's* Flycatcher	21 Aug	112	246	80	90	115	76	59
4	Red-eyed Vireo	17-18 Sep	90	116	77	70	97	73	111
5	Black-and-white Warbler	14 Sep	83	83	40	52	65	71	168
6	White-throated Sparrow	8-9, 17-18 Oct	74	10	27	25	18	24	47
7	American Redstart	6 Sep	52	87	44	69	73	71	142
8	Northern Waterthrush	23 Aug, 5 Sep	51	92	67	51	98	68	88
9	Black-capped Chickadee	18-19 Oct	45	0	1	6	4	5	204
10	Brown Creeper	8 Oct	42	14	24	10	11	16	30

Table 2. Vagrants and unusual birds detected on Bon Portage during fall 2007. Subscript indicates the number of individuals noted on that particular day.

Species	Banded	Observed	Dates
Baird's Sandpiper		5	22 Sep ₍₂₎ ; 10 Oct ₍₃₎
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	4-6 Sep
Brown Thrasher		2	14, 17-19 Oct
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		3	2 ₍₂₎ , 22 Sep
Clay-colored Sparrow		1	21 Oct
Field Sparrow		3	22 Oct
Hooded Warbler		1	2 Sep
House Wren		1	1 Oct
Iceland Gull		1	10 Oct
Indigo Bunting		4	5 ₍₁₎ , 13 ₍₃₎ Oct
Ipswich Sparrow		8	7, 11, 15, 19 ₍₂₎ , 25 ₍₃₎ Oct
Little Blue Heron		1	25 Aug
Olive-sided Flycatcher		4	2 ₍₂₎ , 10, 17 Oct
Pine Warbler		5	9, 17, 23, 26 ₍₂₎ Oct
Prairie Warbler	1	6	1, 4, 11, 22, 25, 30 Sep; 1 Oct
Prothonotary Warbler		1	14 Sep
Red Knot		1	22 Sep
Red-throated Loon		7	13 ₍₃₎ , 23 ₍₂₎ , 25 ₍₁₎ , 26 ₍₁₎ Oct
Western Palm Warbler	2	16	17 ₍₁₎ , 30 ₍₅₎ Sep; 5 ₍₁₎ , 13 ₍₃₎ , 16 ₍₄₎ , 19 ₍₁₎ , 21 ₍₂₎ , 22 ₍₁₎ Oct
Yellow-breasted Chat	3	5	5 ₍₁₎ , 9 ₍₁₎ , 10 ₍₁₎ , 12 ₍₁₎ , 23 ₍₁₎ Sep; 19 ₍₁₎ , 22 ₍₁₎ , 26 ₍₁₎ Oct
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2	16	21 ₍₁₎ , 24 ₍₁₎ , 30 ₍₇₎ Sep; 8 ₍₅₎ , 17 ₍₂₎ , 25 ₍₂₎ Oct

Table 3. Vagrants and unusual birds detected on Seal Island during fall 2007. Subscript indicates the number of individuals noted on that particular day.

Species	Banded	Observed	Dates
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		2	20 Aug; 13 Sep
Blue-winged Warbler		1	16 Sep
Caspian Tern		1	5 Oct
Cerulean Warbler		1	12 Sep
Clay-colored Sparrow	1		17 Sep
Dickcissel		1	30 Sep
Field Sparrow		7	17, 25 ₍₂₎ Sep; 14, 15, 17, 21 Oct
Hooded Warbler		1	13 Oct
House Wren		5	25 ₍₃₎ Sep; 15, 19 Oct
Indigo Bunting	1	2	1, 7 ₍₂₎ Oct
Ipswich Sparrow		4	21 Aug; 5, 13, 25 Sep
Marsh Wren		1	18 Oct
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1	6 Sep
Pine Warbler		4	21 Sep; 5, 7, 13 Oct
Prairie Warbler		3	4, 17, 25 Sep
Western Palm Warbler	1	25	12, 18, 26 Sep; 7, 12-19 ₍₂₂₎
White-eyed Vireo		1	27 Sep
Yellow-breasted Chat	4	1	5 ₍₂₎ , 6, 14 ₍₂₎ Sep
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			10, 18, 23, 27, 28, 30 Sep; 1, 5-9 ₍₉₎ , 17, 18 ₍₂₎ Oct
Yellow-throated Vireo		1	2 Sep



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Report on the 2007 Piping Plover Breeding Season in Nova Scotia

By Sue Abbott Bird Studies Canada

Good News & Bad for Piping Plovers in 2007

There was good news and bad news for endangered Piping Plovers on beaches in Nova Scotia this year. The good news was an increase in overall numbers of breeding pairs since 2006. Every year in early June, a two-week 'window count' is conducted on beaches to assess the breeding population. In 2007, 40 pairs were counted compared to 37 pairs in 2006. This is encouraging, but we still have a long way to go to reach the recovery target of 60 breeding pairs for Nova Scotia.

In 2007, 61 nests were monitored across the province, half of which hatched. Plovers in northern Nova Scotia had a fairly productive breeding season producing, on average, over two fledglings per pair. In contrast, southern Nova Scotia had another year of poor breeding success with an average of less than one fledgling per pair. The high rate of nest failure in southern NS (nearly two-thirds of nests failed) continues to hamper plover productivity in this region.

Outreach & Volunteers in 2007

Educational outreach was conducted on all but one plover beach in NS and volunteer involvement increased over 2006. In total, 69 people spent almost 1000 hours surveying beaches, protecting habitat, and sharing plover-friendly messages with beach goers. We tracked a 47% decrease in the proportion of off-leash dogs between the start and end of the plover breeding season. Volunteers also worked with program staff to protect a nest in Shelburne County from flooding using sandbags. This nest escaped the high tides and fledged 3 chicks.

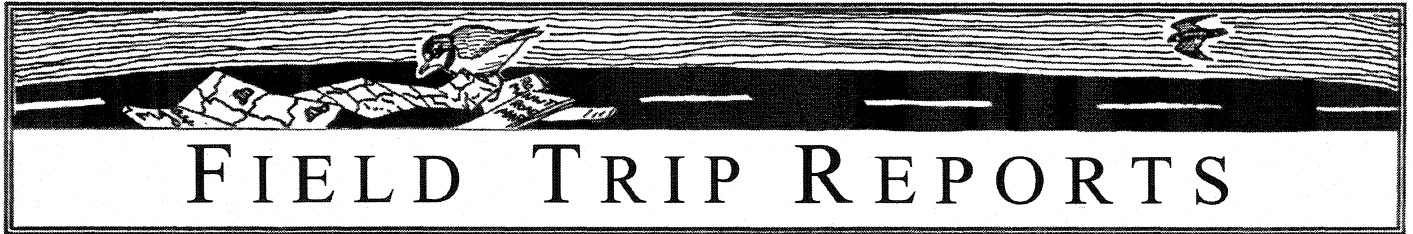
Given these positive results, we're very excited about building our volunteer program and enhancing the role of volunteer Piping Plover Guardians in Nova Scotia. Through additional training, volunteers can assist with nest and chick monitoring in addition to ongoing education efforts on beaches. There are many challenges ahead to recover Piping Plovers and it will take a strong team, so please join us on the beach in 2008!

Bird Studies Canada's Nova Scotia Piping Plover Conservation Program

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) is a national, non-profit organisation dedicated to advancing the appreciation, understanding and conservation of birds and their habitats. The NS Piping Plover Conservation Program links plover monitoring and protection efforts with habitat stewardship activities conducted by volunteers (such as Piping Plover Guardians) and other conservation partners. We are pleased to share program highlights and a synopsis of 2007 Piping Plover breeding season in Nova Scotia. For more information about the program and how to get involved, please contact Sue Abbott nsplovers@gmail.com; 902/426-4055) or visit us online at: <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/regional/nsplover.html> □



Incredibly huddled masses of SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPERS during fall migration (here Aug. 25), are reliably witnessed at Grand Pré, Kings. [Photo Richard Stern]



Cape Breton Shorebirds

09 September 2007, Leader: Susann Myers

Nineteen Cape Breton birders met at Sydney airport at 09:00 on a clear fall day. We spent a productive hour birding on the airport runways, always a fun experience, with the generous help of the staff of the Sydney Airport Authority. Strong winds kept birds grounded and we had good looks at a variety of shorebirds that make use of this short-grass habitat, including 60 American Golden-plovers, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plovers, Whimbrel, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Killdeer, Pectoral Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitchers, and a single Baird's Sandpiper. Other birds included a Northern Harrier and a Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

Due to the wind we avoided Schooner Pond Beach, and instead took advantage of the sheltered conditions at the Tower Road Settling Pond in Glace Bay, where ducks abound. Present that day were a pair of Wood Ducks, numerous Ring-necked Ducks, Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal, and a trio of Black Ducks.

We continued on to the sandbar at Port Morien, adding seven shorebird species to the day's tally. This is an excellent spot for shorebird viewing by a large group, as the birds are close at mid-tide and field marks can be compared and discussed. There were also eight non-shorebird species, bringing the day's tally to 37. We enjoyed a bountiful lunch at Morien Bar in warm sunshine and the good fellowship that is a trademark of Cape Breton field trips.

Antigonish Coastal Waters

25 Nov 2007, Leader: Randy Lauff

An even dozen birders shared a glorious autumn day to observe the bird life of coastal Antigonish County. It's not often that the trip leader gets a life bird on his own trip, but the highlight of the day for many of us (including being the lifer for me) was a **Prairie Warbler** at Williams Point.

We had at least 66 species for the group...sorry to disappoint those going for 75...Although Gannets were seen offshore, they were not in Ogdens Pond, which has sometimes been a highlight of this trip.

We had 19 species of ducks and geese, with Greater Scaup being notably absent. We had five raptors including a Barred Owl that hooted in response to the playback of a N. Saw-whet Owl. We also counted six species each of gull and sparrow.

A **Marsh Wren** was seen by one and heard by several. One **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** was probably wondering where all of its buddies were...

Finches were not abundant, but diverse...we only missed Pine Siskin of the expected finches, though some, like Purple Finch, were only seen at one feeder.

Metro "Hot Spot" Birding

01 Dec 2007, Leader: Terry Paquet

NSBS's Metro "Hot Spot" Birding fieldtrip was run in less than ideal conditions. Cold, intermittent, blowing snow and very windy conditions made for difficult birding at times. Highlights included:

Sullivan's Pond - 3 American Coots, 2 Eurasian Wigeon, 1 Gadwall

Brookdale Crescent - 1 Orange Crowned Warbler, 1 Yellow-throated Warbler, 1 Black-and-white Warbler

Day Ave - Yellow-breasted Chat, 2 Northern Cardinals

Clifford St - Yellow-breasted Chat

Dorothea Ave - Yellow-breasted Chat, 2 Northern Cardinals

Bissett Lake - 3 American Coots, 1 Pied-billed Grebe, 1 Ruddy Duck, Greater & Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Ducks, and a Pine Warbler.

Middle St - White-eyed Vireo

Thanks to those who came out and helped spot all the good birds.

Sewer Stroll I**06 January 2008, Leader: Bob McDonald**

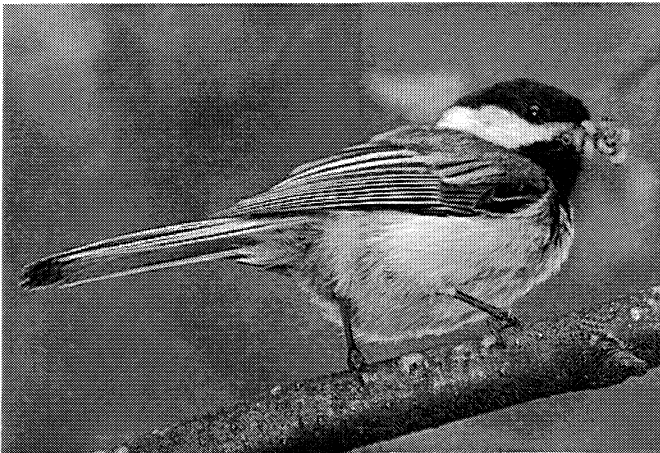
Here is a report on places we visited and the highlights on Sunday's NSBS field trip:

- McCormack's Beach (Eastern Passage) -Iceland Gulls, but no Mew (Common) Gull seen, White-winged Scoter, Common Eider.
- Hartlen Point - Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Harrier, and 2 adult Bald Eagles on Devils Island, Lapland Longspurs and a Horned Lark flying along the kelp beds. A flock of Snow Buntings flew over, and a Dovekie (far out).
- Dartmouth Cove (bottom of Old Ferry Rd) - Double-crested Cormorant, Black Guillemot (at least 4), flock of Scaup (mostly Greaters with a few Lessers mixed in)
- Sullivan's Pond/Findley Park - American Coot, Northern Flicker, Northern Cardinal.
- Birch Cove Park (lower parking lot) - Pine Grosbeaks were heard flying over.
- Brookdale Crescent - Orange-crowned Warbler (a very bright yellow bird), Yellow-throated Warbler (WOW! We lucked out on this one!), Brown Creepers.
- Pat McKay's (35 Edward St) - Yellow-breasted Chat.
- Bedford Bay (mouth of the Sackville River) - Barrows Goldeneye (M + F), and a Sharp-shinned Hawk circled over our heads.

Rather than visiting local Halifax hot-spots on the Peninsula we headed out to Chebucto Head. I'm delighted that we did. Never have I experienced such good conditions for observing from the lighthouse. Here we saw Razorbills (at least 15 birds and several quite close), Black-legged Kittiwakes, and a distant Common Murre (a life bird for NS for the leader!!). Thanks to Fulton for finding this one for us.

Although I had to head for home at 4:30 p.m. when we were asked to leave, others stopped at Herring Cove to pick up a Red-necked Grebe and another Dovekie.

All in all an excellent day with respect to the weather, the company and the birds. Birders from at least 6 counties were present including visitors from Cape Breton, Shelburne, Kings, Queens and Lunenburg. My checklist shows 62 species tallied by the group during the field trip. □



This BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE was still feeding young – probably a second brood – early August in Halifax. [Photo Brian Bartlett]



For some reason, the Dartmouth lakes have become a traditional autumn stopover for CASPIAN TERN (same individual[s]?) during autumn, this one Sept. 15 on Albro L. [Photo Mike King]

NOVA SCOTIA BIRD SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET As at September 30, 2007

(With comparative figures as at September 30, 2006)

	<u>2006/07</u>	<u>2005/06</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank account	6,387	5,143
Term deposits	28,000	28,000
Total cash	34,387	33,143
Accounts receivable	596	576
Accumulated interest	2,249	1,538
Prepaid expense	647	1,028
	3,492	3,142
Total Current Assets	37,879	36,285
Total Assets	37,879	36,285
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	752	40
Deferred revenue	-	-
Total Liabilities	752	40
Reserve	2,305	2,305
Members' equity		
Opening balance	33,940	29,888
Transfers from/to reserve		
Surplus (deficit)	882	4,052
Total members' equity	34,822	33,940
Liabilities and equity	37,879	36,285
S. M. Borkowski, President	M. Alward, Treasurer	
H. Forsyth, Auditor		

NOVA SCOTIA BIRD SOCIETY

INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended September 30, 2007

(With comparative figures for the year ended September 30, 2006)

	2006/07	2005/06
Revenue		
Memberships	7,229	7,590
Product sales	529	246
Nova Scotia Museum grant	2,000	2,000
Advertising	40	100
Donations	18	-
Atlas Donations	8,578	-
Interest	990	909
Foreign exchange	37	25
Other	107	17
	19,529	10,887
Total Revenue	19,529	10,887
Expense		
Cost of Items for Sale	-	114
Nova Scotia Birds	7,476	4,928
Committees	-	-
Atlas Donations	8,578	-
Printing and stationery	557	-
Promotion	1,369	1,252
Insurance	519	509
Miscellaneous expense	148	33
		-
	18,647	6,836
Total Expense	18,647	6,836
Net Income	882	4,051
(Excess revenue over expenses/expense over revenue)		



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: suzanneborkowski@yahoo.ca

Thu 28 Feb 2008 – Regular Meeting

NSMNH, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia; 7:30 p.m.
"North of Norway, North of 80 - voyages in Svalbard and Greenland". Guest Speaker: Blake Maybank. Join Blake for an illustrated talk on birds, flowers, and gorgeous scenery of the high Arctic region.

Sat 01 Mar 2008 - North Sydney and Area

Leaders: Barb Glassey and Maureen Cameron-MacMillan 727-2733
E-mail: maureen_cameron@excite.com

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the duck pond across from the Clearwater Fish Plant, 139 Queen Street, North Sydney. At our meeting place we'll look for Mallards, Am. Black Ducks and gulls, and hopefully an "odd duck" or two. We'll then work our way north along the harbour, with stops at the Lobster Pound restaurant parking lot on Queen Street, Archibald Park on Commercial Street, and Indian Head Beach and the Purves Street Look-off to check out the harbour birds. Storm date: 08 March.

Sat 08 Mar 2008 – Valley Birding

Leader: Bernard Forsythe 542-2427

Meet at 9:00 am at the town Wharf, east end of Front Street in Wolfville. We'll be looking for raptors, lingering winter visitors, and rarities in and around Canning and Grand Pre. Dress warmly and bring a lunch. No storm date.

Sat 22 Mar 2008 - Along the Fundy Shore

Leader: Wayne Neily 765-2455 E-mail: neilyornis@hotmail.com

Focusing on the winter birds of the Bay of Fundy and the ecozones from it to the Annapolis Valley; this will be a joint trip with the Nova Scotia Bird Society, the Blomidon Naturalists and the Annapolis Field Naturalists. Meet at 9:00 am in Aylesford, just on the south side of Exit 16 on Hwy #101. We'll visit the shore at Morden, Margaretsville, Port George (arriving at Cottage Cove by 11:00 am for those wishing to join at that point), and perhaps Port Lorne and Hampton, before heading back into the Valley to check some sites on the way to Annapolis Royal. Dress warmly with layers; the Fundy shore can be cold and windy at that time of year, and bring a lunch. In the event of a storm, contact Wayne for an alternate date.

Thu 27 Mar 2008 – Regular Meeting

NSMNH, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 7:30 p.m.
"Birding Around Iquazu Falls, Argentina". Guest Speaker: Chris Field. Chris will give an illustrated talk on his trip to Argentina this past year, highlighting nature as well as birds.

Thu 28 Mar to Sun 30 Mar 2008 – Shelburne County Birding and Nature Conference

Enjoy 3 days of food, nature talks and birding in Shelburne County. For more program information and to register: <http://www.discovershelburnecounty.com>

Sat 05 Apr 2008 – Baccaro & Blanche Peninsula

Leader: Donna Ensor 875-4269 E-mail: smokeytow@yahoo.ca

Early spring birding with Donna. Rarities have shown up here quite often at this time of year. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot at exit 28 off Hwy #103 (Port Clyde). Dress warmly and bring a lunch. Rain date Sun 06 April.

Sat 12 April 2008 – 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.

Sat 12 April 2008 - Baddeck & St. Ann's Area

Leader: Bethsheila Kent 295-1749 E-mail: floydo@ns.sympatico.ca

Meet at 9:00 am at 4296 Highway 105 (just west of Exit 11 to the Cabot Trail)

We will carpool from our meeting place and scour the St. Ann's area for birding hotspots. Alcids, scoters, and teal are among the sights we can expect to see. Bring a lunch, and if weather permits, we will enjoy it on the trail. No rain date

Thu 24 Apr 2008 – Regular Meeting

NSMNH, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 7:30 p.m.
"Birding Down Under". Guest Speaker: Ken McKenna.

In 2003, Ken McKenna and Joan Waldron traveled to Australia and birded several different areas both on land and at sea. Join Ken for an illustrated account of their fabulous journey!

Sun 27 Apr 2008 – 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. No rain date.

Sat 03 May 2008 - Cape Sable Island dowitcher@eastlink.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 10 May 2008 – Spring Migration Counts

Contact Hans Toom 868-1862 htoom@hfx.eastlink.ca or your Regional Coordinator to participate.

Mid May 2008 – Owling in Southeastern Cape Breton

Leaders: Barc Cunningham 564-6063 E-mail: barcc@eastlink.ca and John W. MacInnis 539-6451. **Pre-Registration is Necessary!**

Meet at 8:30 p.m.; exact date and location (Rear Irish Cove Rd. or Glengarry Rd.) to be determined. This is a great opportunity to experience Cape Breton's remarkable wealth of owl species and numbers. The date will be set later because an exceptionally calm and clear evening is required. Please give your contact information to the trip leaders if you would like to participate, and they will provide you with the details as soon as they are determined.

Fri 16 May – Mon 19 May 2008 – 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.

Please Note: If getting on or off the island cannot be done safely, the trip will be moved to Brier Island.

Sat 17 May 2008 – Dartmouth Lakes

Leader: Mike King 434-6099 (H), 430-2748 (Cell)
E-mail: mikenjenn1@hotmail.com

Meet at 8:00 am at Tim Hortons on Ilesley Ave. in Burnside. We'll spend an hour at Spectacle Lake looking at warblers and other spring migrants; then move on to other lakes in the Dartmouth area. Bring a lunch, if you wish, and sunscreen and insect repellent. Wear rubber boots or hiking boots. No rain date.

Sun 18 May 2008 – Beginning Birders' Field Trip

Leader: Suzanne Borkowski 445-2922
E-mail: suzanneborkowski@yahoo.ca

Pre-registration is Necessary!

Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot of 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 in Jollimore. Rain date Sun 18 May.

Mon 19 May 2008 – Historic Hants County

Leader: Suzanne Borkowski 445-2922
E-mail: suzanneborkowski@yahoo.ca

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. Uniacke House is on your left. The main gate will be locked, but the 2nd gate (coming from Halifax) will be open. 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.

Sat 24 May 2008 – Port L'Hebert

Leaders: Dorothy Poole 354-4844 E-mail: dpoolex@ns.sympatico.ca and Clyde Stoddart 745-2105.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Grub and Grog Restaurant on Hwy #103 at Sable River. We'll explore the areas in and around Port L'Hebert. Wear sturdy footwear and bring a lunch. No rain date.

Sat 24 May – Sun 25 May, 2008 - Out-of-Area Meeting and Atlas Workshop

White Point Beach Resort will be the setting for this year's annual out-of-area meeting. It will once again be combined with an Atlas Workshop. The meeting will begin at 7:30 on Saturday night with Guest Speaker Becky Stewart and Atlas RC's Donna Ensor, Peter Hope and James Hirtle. It will be followed by a walk about the grounds to learn how to atlas for owls and rails. The next morning at 6:00 am there will be a Point Count demonstration, and after breakfast there will be a choice of field trips. To book your room at White Point on Sat. May 24th, call 1-800-613-2172. Be sure to say you're with the Nova Scotia Bird Society to get your discount rate of \$120.00 for a double room in the Lodge or \$135.00 for a one-bedroom cottage on the beach. These rates are guaranteed for us until April 24th.

Sun 25 May 2008 – Conquerall Mills

Leader: James Hirtle 693-2104 E-mail: jrhbirder@hotmail.com

Meet at 9:00 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.

Wed 28 May 2008 – 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) near exit #2 on Hwy #103. Duration: 3 hours. Waterproof footwear and fly repellent are recommended.

Sat 31 May 2008 – Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct

Leader: Peter Davies 354-5389 E-mail: p.davies@ns.sympatico.ca and 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.

Sat 31 May 2008 - McNab's Island

Leader: Cheryl Davis 435-5886 E-mail: nuthatch@ns.sympatico.ca
Pre-Registration is Necessary!

Meet in the parking lot of Fisherman's Cove in Eastern Passage at 7:00 am. Space on the boat to McNab's is limited (approx. 8 people). A second trip will probably be necessary. There is a charge of \$11.00 for the round trip. With a group discount it may only be \$10.00. Bring a lunch, water, rubber boots or hiking boots; sunscreen and insect repellent. You'll be returned to the mainland by 4:00 pm.

Sat 31 May 2008 – Lake Ainslie and Area

Leader: Barrie Fraser 258-2364

Meet at 1:00 p.m., Kirkwood Art Studio, East Lake Ainslie, Cape Breton (Route 395). This afternoon trip will include some lakeshore and forest birding and a spectacular look at an eagle's nest, and possibly even a visit to the Kenlock Dump! Pack a lunch, as we will be stopping for a picnic on the trail! Rain date: Sat 07 June.

Sat 07 June 2008 - Amherst Point Bird Sanctuary

Leader: Kathleen Spicer 392-2815 E-mail: kbpicer@ns.sympatico.ca

Meet at 9:00 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. No rain date.

Sat 07 June 2008 - Baille Ard Trail, Cape Breton

Leaders: Laura Saunders (727-2894) and Bill Bussey (733-2799)

Meet at 8:00 am at the trail entrance, located on Cottage Road between Champlain Avenue and Cedar Court. This three kilometer trail is located close to downtown Sydney and boasts two freshwater brooks and 14 acres of mixed forest. Over 100 bird species have been recorded in the diverse habitats of the Baille Ard Trail. No rain date.

Sat 07 June 2008 – 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 08 June.

Sat 14 June 2008 – Herbert River Trail

Leader: Patrick Kelly 798-3329 patrick.kelly@dal.ca

This easy walk follows the rail bed of the former train line that ran from Windsor to Truro via Kennetcook. It runs along the Herbert River for a good part of its length. Meet at the Newport Rink parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Take Exit 5 from Highway 101 and follow Highway 14 east for about 10 km to the village of Brooklyn. At the cenotaph, keep left and follow Highway 14 north for just under 1 km. At the intersection (Petro Canada station) Highway 14 turns right. Continue straight on Highway 215 (Note the YEILD sign. you do NOT have the right of way!) The rink is on the right as soon as you exit the intersection. Bring insect repellent. We should be done by lunchtime. Rain date Sun 15 June.

Sat 21 June 2008 – Shubenacadie

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

Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the back parking lot of the 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. No rain date.

Sun 22 June 2008 – Dawn Chorus on the Shearwater Flyer 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.

Sat 05 Jul 2008 – 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.

Sat 12 July 2008 - Bird Islands

Leader: Maureen Cameron-MacMillan 727-2733
E-mail: maureen_cameron@excite.com

Pre-Registration is Necessary!

Meet at 1:00 pm at the Bird Islands Boat Tour office, 1672 Old Route 5 in Big Bras d'Or. Travel by boat with fellow birders to see an important local seabird colony, part of which we own, and now a Wildlife Management Area, where Puffins, Guillemots, Great Cormorants, and many other species breed. Space is limited to 28 people. Please pre-register with Maureen by June 28th. Cost: approx. \$37 plus tax (group rate to be determined). No rain date. □