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Cover Illustration:

Two of three Orange-crowned Warblers captured at Cameron's Island Banding Station this October by Wildlife Conservation Technology students . Only fifteen have been reported on PEI to date. Photo by Kailum Rogers.

SOCIETY NEWS AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

Nature PEI, the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island's Annual Meeting has been set for Jan. 7th, 2014 (see Environmental Calendar). The Society's Executive established Ian Scott, Diane Griffin and Rosemary Curley as the **Nominating Committee**. If you would like to have your name stand for a position on the Executive Committee or one of the subcommittees, please contact one of the committee members (see inner cover for phone numbers and Email addresses). The proposed bylaw changes required to make the Society's Newsletter Editor a member of the Board will be brought up for a vote at the annual meeting as well as potential bylaw changes being imposed on registered charities.

Eight members of Nature PEI attended a field trip to Joggins, Nova Scotia on October 27th. They met at the Indigo parking lot in Charlottetown to car pool to the site outside of Amherst. The Joggins Fossil Cliffs are located on the Bay of Fundy and are the country's 15th location to be declared an UNESCO World Heritage Site. A trained guide led us through the museum with an interpretative tour that continued onto the shore where fossils were on all sides of us. The coastal section at Joggins contains an unrivalled fossil record preserved in its environmental context, and is recognized as, "the finest example in the world of the terrestrial tropical environment and ecosystems of the Pennsylvanian 'Coal Age' of the Earth's history." It was a great field trip and, since it is so close to Charlottetown and accessible for an easy day trip, hopefully we can organize another trip to the area for others interested in attending. Some participants suggested that we should plan a visit to the Fundy Geological Museum in nearby Parrsboro as a similar field trip in the future. We appreciated all the effort that Ron Arvidson, Director for Field Programs with Nature PEI, put into organizing this successful trip to Joggins Fossil Cliffs.

Thirteen members of the Society spent the morning birding at the waterfowl hot spots around Charlottetown on November 17th. They picked up a good variety of waterfowl as well as a few other species and ended up with 30 bird species. (See Sightings reports).

Several Nature PEI Executive members met with Dr. David Keenlyside and Boyde Beck of the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation to discuss the proposed Island Magazine Collection, an anthology of natural history articles from the Island Magazine. A number of production issues were identified that will require resolution before this project could be completed and work is underway on resolving these challenges.

The Executive Subcommittee on the proposed exhibition "Birds of PEI" will be deferred until 2015 as the PEI Museum and Heritage Eptek Exhibition Centre's space is now booked for 2014.

The raffle for the spotting scope and monopod is underway. The draw will be held at the Nature PEI December 3rd meeting. Tickets are available from the members of the Executive.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP:

Unless you have a multi-year membership, January is the time to renew your membership. Please take a moment to renew. Thanks!

THE 14th NEIL BENNETT AUTUMN BIRDING CLASSIC: by Dan McAskill, Dwaine Oakley, David Seeler, Ron Arvidson, Ian Scott, Ian Manning, Sharon Clark, Kathleen MacAulay, Jackie Waddell, Fiep de Bie, Shirley Gallant, and Julie-Lynn Zahavich

Designed as a long-term fund raising partnership for the Trust's land conservation program and as a bird migration monitoring count for early autumn, Nature PEI (Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island) and the Island Nature Trust commenced the Autumn Birding Classic in 1995. The Autumn Birding Classic was renamed the Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic in 1999 in memory of Neil's significant contributions to the Trust.

Three birding teams participated this year with the count being held on September 28th. The Society's lead team of David, Dwaine, and Dan started at 3:00 AM amidst a clear sky and dead still conditions. It was 7 degrees Celsius to start the day but dropped down to 2º C before dawn. This caused some heavy mists slowing the driving speed but this cleared rather quickly and conditions were excellent by the time the lead team arrived at East Point. The heavy jackets were being removed by 7:30 am and, before the afternoon was done, the temperature peaked at 22º C. There was a light

breeze at East Point but winds dropped in the afternoon. Conditions were excellent for owling with no wind either in the wee hours of the day and the evening. Sunny conditions dominated the daylight hours. This was a rather nice change from the weather last year which included heavy rain squalls and wind. The last team finished their birding day at 8:41 PM.

The Society's Lead Team's first birds were Double-crested Cormorants on the Hillsborough River bridge piers. The first birds heard were those migrating overhead and included Swainson's Thrush and White-throated Sparrow. These were heard at Watervale although Dwaine also heard them on his step before the team assembled. CD players were used for owl play backs and, before dawn, Barred Owl were picked up at Watervale and Peakes and two Northern Saw-whet Owls were picked up at Peakes. During the evening owling, two members picked up a single Long Eared Owl note as well as an owl's scream call at Emyvale. The team had no success with Great Horned Owls. All members of the Society's Team were successful in obtaining the Barred and Northern Saw-whet Owls in response to the tapes and all were entertained by a coyote chorus at both Watervale and at Riverton.

Around first light, we started picking up more birds but it was not until we reached East Point Road around 7:30 am that we started finding woodland birds in earnest with various species of sparrows, warblers, kinglets, woodpeckers, and raptors present in the woodlands and air around them. We arrived at East Point itself at 9:20 AM and viewing conditions were excellent! All three species of scoter and Common Eider were present. Shortly after the scopes were set up, a Razorbill was located and a Parasitic Jaeger was seen harassing a Black-legged Kittiwake into regurgitating its food prizes. A Red-necked Grebe was picked up by one member and all observed a flock of 130 Black-legged Kittiwakes. However, this year, there were neither peregrine or harlequin present. There was a steady movement of cormorant, gannets, and gulls and some small flocks of Blue Jays, American Robin and Cedar Waxwing circling over the point until they dove back into the woodlands to escape. The team finished its count listening for owls in the Bonshaw Hills with Dave and Dwaine picking up a Long-eared Owl. The Society's lead team traveled 464 km by auto, walked about 1.5 km and observed or heard 94 bird species. This was slightly below the aggregate totals for all teams of 96 seen or heard in 2011 but well above the 81 seen in 2010 or 79 seen in 2012 and again well below the 108 observed in 2008.

Besides those listed above, the highlights of the Society's Lead Team for the day's outing were a Great Egret at Savage Harbour, several Red Knot at Souris Harbour, an American Golden Plover amidst nine Hudsonian Godwits feeding in skunk grubbed lawn at Malpeque, four Merlin at East Point, Oyster Bed Bridge and Indian River, and Lincoln's Sparrows at East Point Road.

In addition to the birds seen below, the Society's team also observed eight foxes, three striped skunks, three raccoons, dozens of grey seals, a muskrat and several red squirrels. There were small numbers of dragonflies seen and good numbers of clouded sulphur (100s) and a few cabbage white butterflies this year. New York aster, fall dandelion, ox eye daisy, clovers, and a few evening primrose and yarrow were in flower. There was an abundant crop of white spruce cones and a very good crop of mountain ash and viburnum berries. As well, there were some wild apples with a good crop of apples.

Ron Arvidson's team was composed of Ron, Bonnie McOrmand, Ian Manning, Ian Scott, Kathleen MacAulay and Sharon Clark. They started their day at 7:30 AM and birded through the National Park beginning in Rustico. They travelled to Cavendish and then proceeded to Stanhope's Bubbling Springs Trail and Long

Hudsonian Godwits at Malpeque in Sept. 2013
Photo by Greg Feetham

Pond picking up 64 bird species. Their highlights were: a jaeger seen at Cavendish shore chasing gulls and terns, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at Homestead Trail in Cavendish, a Palm Warbler and a Brown Creeper at Clark's Pond in Cavendish, an American Kestrel at York, a Wilson's Snipe at Chapel's Creek, a Bufflehead at Long Pond, a Northern Goshawk at Bubbling Springs Trail and seven Red-throated Loon off Cavendish. A sad highlight during the count was finding a road killed Leach's Storm Petrel at North Rustico Harbour. The team covered 115 km by vehicle and 3.0 km walking. They finished their birding day at 3:30 PM. Ron summed the day up as a great day of birding that they hope to repeat it again next year.

The Trust's Team Dodo consisted of Jackie Waddell, Fiep de Bie, Shirley Gallant, and Julie-Lynn Zahavich. They started their day at the Friston Road in Pleasant Grove at 6:00 AM although Jackie listened for owls at Green Bay for a short period at 5:15 AM. This team covered various sites including Pleasant Grove, Grand Tracadie, Oyster Bed Bridge, and Grand Pere, Dalvay, Robinson's Island and causeway, Rustico Beach, Orby Head in PEI National Park, Tracadie Harbour and beach, Thompson Shore Road and surrounds in Malpeque, lagoons and Noonan's Marsh at Borden-Carleton and they finished at their starting point at 5:30 PM covering 231 km by vehicle and 3.0 km walking. They observed 60 species during their field outing and their high lights included a Long-tailed Duck off Dalvay, a Black-and-white Warbler at Robinson's Island, a Northern Shoveler at Borden Lagoons, an American Coot at Noonan's Marsh, a Willet calling at Covehead Harbour, and Lesser Yellowlegs at Indian River.

Over the past 14 years, the Nature PEI and Island Nature Trust partnership has raised more than $29,126.25. Thanks to the generosity of this year's many donors, so far the Trust's pledge collectors and team members collected pledges of $3,016 and five Corporate Sponsors, PEI Department of Environment, Labour and Justice, Fitzpatrick & Company, Hillside Motors, Faire Isle Ford, and DCD Auto Electric contributed $1,120 for the 2013 Neil Bennett Autumn Birding Classic.

In total, 106 species of birds were either seen or heard during the day. These are listed below.

Canada Geese
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Common Eider
Surf Scoter (3)
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruffed Grouse
Red-throated Loon
Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Northern Gannet
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Osprey (1)
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Northern Goshawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Black-bellied Plover
American Coot
American Golden Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
Whimbrel
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Dunlin
Short-billed Dowicher
Wilson's Snipe
Black-legged Kittiwake (~135)
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern (50+)
Parasitic Jaeger (2)
UID Jaeger
Razorbill (2)
Black Guillemot
Rock Pigeon (Dove)
Mourning Dove
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl (1)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (1)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
American Kestrel (1)
Merlin (5)
Blue-headed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Horned Lark
Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Brown Creeper
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3)
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Black-and-White Warbler (1)
Common Yellowthroat (2)
Northern Parula (1)
Magnolia Warbler (2)
Palm Warbler (1)
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow (2)
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Rusty Blackbird
Common Grackle
Purple Finch
Pine Siskin

Note: Species in italics are rarely seen here at this time of year. Numbers in brackets denote the number of birds where it was unusual for this time of year.

FEEDING OUR BIRDS AWARD: By Liz Townsend (WI) and Diane Griffin (Nature PEI)

The Mount Buchanan – Point Prim Women's Institute and Nature PEI (also known as the PEI Natural History Society) started two $25 ***Feeding our Birds Awards*** to encourage bird feeding. A great variety of feeders were viewed from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 23rd. The weather hovered just below zero and was overcast with occasional flurries. D riving through Mt. Buchanan and onward to the tip of Pt. Prim, we gathered photos, made notes and talked with residents about their bird feeding stories. It was wonderful to find 15 homes with enthusiastic bird feeders! Adding to the enjoyment of the day were sightings of an adult bald eagle and a red tailed hawk, both of which flew over the road mid-way down Point Prim.

Many homes had more than one feeder. Some were very innovative including a green pop bottle hung from a tree, feeding stands made from plumbing pipe, and a couple of lighthouse-style feeders which are a good match with the famous Point Prim Lighthouse down the road. Honourable mentions go to two homes. **Albert and Barbara Larsen** (Mt Buchanan) have four types of feeders that are well sheltered near their house among a variety of lilac and evergreen bushes. **Donald and Doris MacDonald** (Mt Buchanan) have a very efficient looking feeding station that holds two hanging feeders and four colourful, house-style feeders on the arms of the frame. One Feeding our Birds Award 2013 goes to **Lowell and Evelyn Large** (Pt Prim) for the most visible variety of feeders from the road to attract enthusiastic birders. Birds can feed on a variety of platform, hanging and suet box feeders that can be seen amongst the trees and bushes near the road. The other Feeding our Birds Award 2013 goes to **Ernie and Joan Dollar** (Pt Prim) for the most innovative design to attract a large variety of birds. Their one-of-a-kind design uses a wooden ladder standing under a platform that holds a post and beam house with a chimney and feeding verandah. Attached to the sides of the platform are branches with red berries for perching birds and a buoy cut open to hold water. Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in Feeding our Birds 2013!

Lowell & Evelyn Large Feeders Sept. 2013
Photo by Diane Griffin

Ernie & Joan Dollar Feeders Sept. 2013
Photo by Liz Townsend

ITS TIME TO BEGIN THE WINTER BIRD LIST EXTRAVAGANZA: By David Seeler

On Sunday, December 1st at 00:00 hours it will be time to begin our PEI Winter Bird List endeavours. It will continue to the end of February. It will be our task to keep track of all species observed here on PEI - hopefully we can outdo our sister provinces and others who are now preparing to begin this yearly endeavour. I would ask that you immediately send all reports of any and ALL species observed to the PEI Bird List Server.

To aid in data collection, please place the term "WBL: " (winter bird list) in the subject line so that I do not miss any of your reports. I will keep track of the species observed and reported and provide an update to the bird list server at the end of each month. If you're not already on the Bird List Server mailouts, please contact me. You can submit sighting by sending an email to peibirders@lists.upei.ca

HUMAN RELATED BIRD MORTALITY ESTIMATES: Adapted from BSC Latest News Oct. 1/13 and *Avian Conservation and Ecology*

The bad news has been compiled over the last four years and it is estimated that some 269 million birds and 2 million bird nests are destroyed in Canada each year by human-related activities. Land birds were the most affected species. The extensive analyses to produce these first-ever estimates of annual direct bird mortality from human-related sources were implemented by 20 Environment Canada scientists. The activities they assessed range from home and office bird window strikes to oil and gas exploration. Their findings are available in *Avian Conservation and Ecology*, the electronic scientific journal of Bird Studies Canada and the Society of Canadian Ornithologists.

Greater than 95% of human-related bird deaths in Canada are caused by feral and pet cats, and collisions with transmission lines, buildings, and vehicles. Cats appear to annually kill 2 to 7% of the birds in Southern Canada each year i.e. between 100 and 350 million birds annually in Canada. Thus, cat predation represents as many bird deaths as all other sources combined with birds that nest or feed on or near the ground being especially vulnerable. Collisions with electricity transmission and distribution lines were identified as the second-largest human-caused source of bird mortality in Canada, causing between 10-41 million bird deaths per year while collisions with residential and commercial buildings were the third-highest of the human-related sectors, killing an estimated 16-42 million birds each year - mostly at houses. Other causes of mortality that were analyzed included marine commercial fisheries, offshore oil and gas production, oil and gas exploration in the western Canadian sedimentary basin, industrial forestry operations, and mowing and other mechanical operations in Canadian agricultural.

NEWS FROM ABOUT: Compiled by Dan McAskill

Congratulations go out to Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. Since its inception, DUC has conserved 120,000 acres in Atlantic Canada and 6.3 million acres in total in Canada. In conjunction with this anniversary, DUC has released a history written by Dr. Bruce Batt titled "The Marsh Keepers Journey" which can be viewed or purchased on line at www.ducks.ca/store. (Adapted from ASFWB Newsletter)

The new season for the Project FeederWatch Citizen Science monitoring program began in November. You can share your observations about the birds coming to your feeders between November and April, and help reveal important patterns in bird numbers and distribution over time. The FeederWatch website has a fresh look for the program's 27th season as a North America-wide initiative, and offers new web tools to make participation and exploration even easier and more fun. You can check out the interactive Common Feeder Birds online tool to explore food and feeder preferences for nearly 100 species of common feeder birds! This exciting new resource is cross-referenced and searchable by region, bird species, food type, and feeder type. (Adapted from BSC Latest News Nov. 1, 2013)

The Plan B Trans Canada highway route was opened at Bonshaw-New Haven in late October (JDM) but grading, stabilization, additional paving and other activities were still underway in late November as this issue of the Island Naturalist went to press. A number of significant erosion events happened during construction despite assurances issued during the environmental reviews. (JDM)

It has been estimated up to 1 billion birds are killed in North America each year as a result of bird window collisions! This is one of the largest threats to bird populations, with residential homes representing the majority of building-related mortality. To better understand what can be done to reduce bird window collisions, the University of Alberta has developed the Birds and Windows project to actively involve YOU in data collection. We are asking you to think about bird window collisions you have observed in the past and would like you to regularly search around your residence for evidence of bird window collisions in the future. By collecting this data we hope to identify the factors that make some windows more risky for birds than others. As a citizen scientist you can help! Visit the website for more information: http://birdswindows.biology.ualberta.ca/

The Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists celebrated its 50th anniversary this autumn. The Society keeps its members informed about current problems and issues in fisheries and wildlife biology and provides for an exchange of expertise and information between Atlantic area biologists working in these fields, encourages the training and development of fisheries and wildlife biologists in Atlantic Canada, promotes the wise use and management of fish and wildlife resources in Atlantic Canada and provides professional group services to

member biologists such as access to journals, and information exchange. It hosts spring and autumn workshops, produces a newsletter and provides a Fish and Wildlife Research Grant. In addition, ASFWB has fund raised and established an annual scholarship for a student at the University of New Brunswick (the David Cartwright Memorial Scholarship) and a student at Acadia University (the Dr. Donald G. Dodds Memorial Scholarship). It is currently fund raising for a third scholarship which will focus on PEI (see article on wildlife - biology scholarships).

The Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists held their 50th Annual General Meeting the last week of October in Sackville, New Brunswick. The almost 30 scientific talks and several posters provided excellent opportunities to discuss current research in the Atlantic Region. Three staff from Bird Studies Canada's Atlantic office participated and two members of our National Science Advisory Council, Dr. Phil Taylor and Dr. Diana Hamilton, gave talks on their research using automated telemetry arrays to track migratory songbirds. (Adapted from BSC Latest News Oct. 31, 2013)

Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists 50th Anniversary Meeting in Sackville, NB
Photo by ASFWB September 2013

Northern Gannet Feeding Frenzy:

This flock of Northern Gannets was estimated to be some 2,500 to 3,000 birds. They were in a feeding frenzy for small fish on November 19th, 2013. The picture was taken by Nicole Murtagh of Holland College's Wildlife Conservation Technology Class.

TWO SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGNS FOR BIOLOGY STUDENTS ON PEI UNDERWAY:

The mandate of Nature PEI includes education and knowledge enhancement on the plants and animals on PEI. It is thus rather fitting that two opportunities to promote both education and studies in biological science are being promoted. The Society encourages you to review these initiatives and hopes members will support these projects which should have a lasting impact on wildlife knowledge on PEI and beyond.

NEW ASFWB SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED:

The Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists is pleased to announce that its next scholarship fund will be set up as a joint scholarship between Holland College and the University of Prince Edward Island (see article under News from About above). The anticipated award of $1,000 annually will be given to a student completing their diploma in Wildlife Conservation Technology at Holland College and that has been accepted to the Bachelor of Wildlife Conservation program at the University of Prince Edward Island. This joint conservation program is a recent partnership between the two institutions that allows students who have successfully completed the Wildlife Conservation Technology (WCT) diploma at Holland College to enter the degree program at UPEI, where they will be able to complete the program with 20 courses offered through UPEI Faculty of Science's Department of Biology. This essentially means that a student can obtain a WCT diploma and a degree in Wildlife Conservation in a total of four years.

Details of the scholarship (name, criteria, etc.) are being finalized. In the meantime, please help us get a good start to fund raising for this scholarship! Your donations via cheque should be sent to Holland College Foundation, 140 Weymouth Street, Charlottetown, PE C1A 4Z1. Make cheques payable to Holland College Foundation but note on the memo line that it is for the "Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists Scholarship". For credit card donations, please call (902) 566-9590.

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for scholarships is to make an award of 3.5% of the capital in the fund. Charitable receipts will be issued to donors.

If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact Kim Roach (karoach@upei.ca or 894-2888) to make a pledge or make a copy of the information below and mail it with your cheque or credit card information to: Kim Roach, Gift Processor, UPEI Steel Building, 550 University Ave., Charlottetown, PE C1A 4P3. Make cheques payable to UPEI, but note on the memo line that it is for the 'Guignion – MacQuarrie Scholarship.' If you are a regular donor to UPEI, you can direct your donation to this scholarship initiative by advising that your gift is for the 'Guignion – MacQuarrie Scholarship.'

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native bees on PEI (RA). Paper wasp nests being reported from ground level to ~10 metres (SGC).

AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES: 1 garter snake sunning at Hardy's Pond on Nov. 1 (JtR).

MAMMALS: 2 flying squirrels in a nest box at Hardy's Pond on Oct. 23 (JtR). 5 seals at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH). 1 to 3 Eastern Chipmunk seen most days until at least Nov. 28 (JDM). Frequent sightings of red fox as well as silver (red) fox sightings at Stratford (DFG, JDM), Charlottetown (W&SF, WFB, EM), and North Rustico (JDM). 2 coyotes on Confederation Trail adjacent to UPEI (via FRC). Mink at Charlottetown cruise ship wharf in Oct. (S&JW).

Flying squirrels at Hardy's Pond
Photo by John te Raa 2013

BIRDS: Pink-footed Goose - hunters reported 1 in Village Green and 1 at an undisclosed site this hunting season (Conservation Officers, DO); **Greater White-fronted Goose** - 1 reported shot by a hunter in early Sept. at Milltown Cross (UID), adult photographed at Dover on Nov. 17 (GSa) & 1 seen on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Snow Goose** - 1 reported at Wilmot River in mid October (GMal); **Canada Geese** - first geese between sand bars at Argyle shore on Sept. 18 (LY), ~1,000 at just after dawn at Lake Verde on Sept. 25 and ~400 at Lund's Pond in Bethel on Sept. 25 in late afternoon (JDM), low numbers of geese at Wilmot River estuary in much of Oct. but large numbers at Summerside West (1,000+) (JDM), ~350 at PEINP field in Cavendish on Oct. 7 & ~1,000 on Oct. 21 (JDM), ~1,000 geese at Long Pond going to a grain field and corn field in late Oct. (BH), 95 at Savage Harbour Bay, 200 at Pisquid River WMA, & 30 flying at Webster's Corner on Oct. 18 (JDM), ~1,100 in St. Eleanors grain field & lagoon on Oct. 19 (JDM), 150 0ffshore at Savage Harbour on Oct. 20 (JDM), ~500 at Stanley Bridge near the wharf and 200 in Hunter River corn field on Oct. 21 (JDM), 200 to 600 at Covehead Bay in Oct. (DCS), ~500 at West Royalty field on Nov. 3 (DCS), ~200 at Hunter River pond and ~600 at New Glasgow pond on Nov. 22 (LY), ~600 at North Rustico Harbour on Nov. 22 (HY, LY, JDM); **Wood Ducks** - 3 males at Borden lagoons on Sept. 14 (DCS); **Gadwall** - 100+ at Rollings Pond on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT), 1 at Indian River on Sept. 22 (JDM), 5 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **American Wigeon** - 25 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 8 (RA), several at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **American Black Duck** - ~300 at Lake Verde just after dawn on Sept. 25 (JDM), 180 at Tracadie Harbour, 40 at Long Pond & 40 at Covehead Marsh on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Mallard** - 15 in small pond at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 24 (JDM), few at Hyde Park lagoon and 15 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **Mallard X Northern Pintail hybrid** - 1 at Leslie's Pond on Nov. 5 & 19 (DO, WCT); **Blue-winged Teal** - female at Rollings Pond on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT); **Northern Shoveler** - 4 at Hyde Park lagoons on Nov. 12 (SGC, RA), male & female at Hyde Park lagoons on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **Northern Pintail** - 20 at Tracadie Bay sandbar on Nov. 3 (DCS), 25 at Long Pond on Nov. 3 (SGC), 16 at Long Pond and 16 at Stanhope marshes on Nov. 9 (DCS), 20 at Covehead Bay on Nov. 11 (DCS), drake at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 7 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Green-winged Teal** - 12 at small roadside cattail pond at Desable on Oct. 11 (JDM, LY), 20 at Hardy's Pond on Oct. 20 (JtR), 8 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 8 (RA), 4 at Stanhope marshes and 7 at Covehead marshes on Nov. 11 (DCS), 2 males at Hyde Park lagoons & 16 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 2 at Covehead Harbour on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB), 52 at Dover pasture field in Dover on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Redhead Duck** - 2 females at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 9 (DCS); **Ring-necked Duck** - ~200 at Lake Verde just after dawn on Sept. 25 (JDM), 6 at Dalvay Lake on

Greater White-fronted Goose at Dover Nov. 17/13
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Nov. 1 (JtR), 5 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 10 (DCS), 2 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB), 15+ at Leslie's Pond in Souris West on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Greater Scaup** - 500+ at Long Pond in Dalvay on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT), 50 at Brackley Bay and 37 at Robinson's Island on Oct. 27 (DCS), 2 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Lesser Scaup** - 1 male & 1 female at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 10 (DCS), 1 at Hyde Park lagoon on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **Common Eider** - 15 to 20 at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH), 5 off Dalvay on Nov. 11 (FdB), 90 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Harlequin Duck** - 4 at East Point in Souris West on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Surf Scoter** - male at Pownal Bay on Oct. 13 (DCS); **White-winged Scoter** - 5 at Pownal Bay on Oct. 13 (DCS), 2 at Rustico Bay on Oct. 27 (DCS), 3 off Dalvay on Nov. 11 (FdB), 4 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Black Scoter** - 3 at Pownal Bay on Oct. 13 (DCS), 250+ at East Point on Nov. 6 (DO, WCT), 10 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Long-tailed Duck** - 5 at Cavendish East on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT), 4 off Dalvay on Nov. 9 (DCS), 3 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB), 100+ at East Point in Souris West on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Bufflehead** - 1 male at Long Pond in Dalvay on Oct. 17 & 1 on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT), 21 at John Archies Pond on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT) 1 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 1 (JtR), 1 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 2 (JtR), 6 males & females at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 10 (DCS), 3 males & a female at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Common Goldeneye** - first of autumn at Fullerton's Creek on Nov. 12 (JDM), 4 off Victoria Park on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 17 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Barrow's Goldeneye** - 12 at Hyde Park lagoons on Nov. 8 (RA), 4 at Hyde Park pond and lagoon on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 1 male at Leslie's Pond in Souris West on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Hooded Merganser** - 2 at East Lake on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS), 3 males & 1 female at Covehead Pond on Oct. 26 (DCS), 1 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 1 (JtR), 12 - mix of males and females at Moore's Pond in Stratford on Nov. 2 & Nov. 8 (SGC), 10 at Moore's Pond in Stratford on Nov. 5 & 3 on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT), 6 males & females at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 10 (DCS), 9 at Moore's Pond in Stratford on Nov. 8 (RA), 4 at Aptos Lane pond in Stratford on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 4 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Red-breasted Merganser** - 45+ at Pownal Bay off Earnscliffe on Oct. 13 (DCS), 10 at Dalvay Lake on Nov. 9 (DCS), 3 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB), 20 at Victoria on Nov. 23 (JDM); **Ruddy Duck** - 2 females at Dalvay Lake on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT), 3 females at Leslie's Pond in Souris West on Nov. 5 (DO, WCT); **Gray Partridge** - 16 at Argyle Shore on Sept. 24 (LY), 1 flying across road in Donagh on Sept. 24 (JDM), 13 at Stanhope on Oct. 13 (DCS), 10 at St. Georges on Oct. 20 (JDS), 10 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 22 (JDM, DFG, LY), 6 at Covehead Pond on Nov. 17 & 4 on Nov. 23 (DCS); **Ring-necked Pheasant** - 2 at Donagh on Oct. 15 (JKP, BJM), male at Donagh on Nov. 9 & 10 (JDM), male at Bethel on Nov. 13 (JDM), roadside at Johnston's River on Nov. 18 (JDM); **Ruffed Grouse** - 3 at Hardy's Pond on Oct. 20 (JtR), 7 along trails at Selkirk on Oct. 21 (JGM), 2 at St. Georges on Nov. 2 & 1 on Nov. 15 (JDS), 1 flushed across road in Brackley Point on Nov. 16, 1 roadside at Johnston's River on Nov. 17, 18 & 23 (JDM), 2 at Cardigan Head on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Red-throated Loon** - 30+ at Cavendish East on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT), 1 at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH), calling off Argyle Shore week on Nov. 2 (LY), 1 off Dalvay on Nov. 3 (SGC), 1 off Dalvay on Nov. 11 (FdB), 4 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (WFB, JDM); **Common Loon** - 2 at Cavendish East on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT), 1 off Savage Harbour on Oct. 18 & 20 (JDM), 2 crossed over Robinson's Island causeway heading south on Oct. 27 (DCS), 5 off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (WFB, JDM); **Pied-billed Grebe** - 4 at Allisary Creek on Sept. 28 (DCS), at Long Pond in Dalvay on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT); **Horned Grebe** - 2 in Pownal Bay on Oct. 13 (DCS); **Red-necked Grebe** - 3 in Pownal Bay on Oct. 13 (DCS); **Northern Gannet** - 2 adults off Covehead Bay entrance on Nov. 9 (DCS), 1 adult off Dalvay on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB), 2,500 tp 3,000 at East Point on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 4 at Hillsborough Bridge pier on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip) 1 flying at Hillsborough Bridge on Nov. 21 (JDM); **Great Blue Heron** - 1 adult at Covehead Harbour on Nov. 3 (SGC), 4 at Stanhope Marshes & 1 at Brackley West Marsh on Nov. 11 (DCS), 1 at Covehead Bay East and 1 at Brackley West Marsh on Nov. 16 (DCS), 1 at John Archies Pond on Nov. 17 (WFB, JDM), 1 flew up from silt traps along South Melville Road on Nov. 29 (RA); **Cattle Egret** - 1 possible at Compton's Pond in Belle River on ~Oct. 15 (WG); **Great Egret** - 1 at Savage Harbour on Sept. 28 (DCS); **Osprey** - 1 at Brackley Point mudflats on Sept. 7 & 1 at Brackley North Marsh on Sept. 10 (DCS); **Bald Eagle** -1 in Oct. at Stanchel (D&DH), 2 immatures at North Rustico on Oct. 4 (JDM, DFG, LY, HY), 1 at Coran Ban on Nov. 2 (SGC); **Northern Harrier** - 1 at Greenwich on Sept. 21 (DD), male at Bethel on Sept. 25 (JDM), 1 in Oct. at Stanchel (D&DH), 1 immature at North Rustico on Oct. 3 (JDM, DFG, LY, HY), 1 at Afton Road in Oct. (EC), 1 at Donagh on Oct. 15 (JDM), 1 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 22 (JDM, DFG, LY), 1 at Union Road on Oct. 23 (JtR), 1 at Glenfinnan on Oct. 29 (JDM), male at Desable & 1 at Argyle Shore on Nov. 2 (JDM, LY), 2 hunting dunes between Brackley and Robinson's Island on Nov. 2 (SGC), 1 at Borden-Carleton on Nov. 26 (JDM, LY), 1 at Bethel on Nov. 28 (JDM); **Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 at East Point on Sept. 28 (DCS), 1 at North Rustico on Oct. 4 (JDM, LY, HY); 1 at Bethel

on Oct. 9 (JDM, LY); **Northern Goshawk** - 1 at East Point on Sept. 28 (DCS), 1 at North Rustico on Oct. 3 & immature on Nov. 4 (JDM, DFG, LY, HY), 1 at Borden-Carleton on Nov. 26 (JDM); **Red-tailed Hawk** - 1 dark phase at North Rustico on Oct. 3 (JDM, DFG, LY, HY), 2 at Traveller's Rest on Oct. 24 & 1 on Nov. 12 (JDM), 1 at Bethel on Oct. 28 (JDM), 1 at Milton and 1 at Wheatley River on Nov. 5 (JDM), 1 at York on Nov. 17 (RT); **Rough-legged Hawk** - 1 at Borden-Carleton & dark phase at Middleton on Nov. 26 (JDM); **Sandhill Crane** - 7 at Malpeque on Sept. 21 (G&SF), on Sept. 22 (SGC, JDM), on Sept. 25 (LH, G&SF), flying over Breadalbane in late Sept. (HM via DFG), 7 at Darnley on Oct. 27 (EP) & 7 adults at Darnley on 28 (DC&ES); ***Note:*** *David Seeler's full Shorebird Report will be posted in Island Naturalist #210* **Black-bellied Plover** - 2 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 16 sand flats (DCS) & 2 on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **American Golden Plover** - 1 at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 7 (DCS), 11 at Malpeque on Oct. 1 (G&SF); **Semipalmated Plover** - 8 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 15 & 1 on Oct. 18 (DCS), ~40 at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH); **Killdeer** - 1 at Dover in pasture field with geese on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Solitary Sandpiper** - 1 at Brackley Beach Pond on Route 15 on Sept. 2 (DCS); **Greater Yellowlegs** - 13 in saltmarsh at Princetown on Sept. 22 (JDM), at Covehead Harbour on Nov. 1 (JtR), 1 at Stanhope marshes on Nov. 9 (DCS), 1 calling at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Lesser Yellowlegs** - 1 at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 26 (DCS); **Whimbrel** - ~25 at ?? & 1 at Basin Head on Sept. 12 (DO, WCT), 1 at Cavendish Beach West parking lot on Sept. 28 (DCS); **Hudsonian Godwit** - 9 on two areas of lawn dug up by skunks in Malpeque on Sept. 21 (G&SF), 23 at areas of lawn dug up by skunks in Malpeque on Sept. 22 (JDM) and on same area on Sept. 25 (LH, G&SF), 1 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 26 (DCS); **Ruddy Turnstone** - 1 at Covehead on Nov. 3 (DCS); **Red Knot** - 11 at Tracadie Harbour sandbar on Nov. 3 (DCS); **Sanderling** - 3 at Covehead on Oct. 2 & 4 at Covehead Pond on Oct. 4 (DCS); **Semipalmated Sandpiper** - 82 at Covehead Bay on Nov. 2 (DCS), 1 at Brackley North Marsh on Nov. 11 (DCS), 71 at Tracadie Harbour on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Least Sandpiper** - 3 at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 1 (DCS), ~25 at Tea Hill Park on Nov. 3 (FdB); **White-rumped Sandpiper** - 3 at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 26 (DCS); **Baird's Sandpiper** - 2 at Brackley North Marsh on Sept. 11 & 3 on Sept. 16 (DCS); **White-rumped Sandpiper** - 1 at Cavendish East on Oct. 24 (DO, WCT); **Pectoral Sandpiper** - 2 at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 26 (DCS) **Purple Sandpiper** - 1 at East Point on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS), 3 at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH); **Dunlin** - 631 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 2, 43 on Nov. 16 & 6 on Nov. 23 (DCS), 12 to 15 at Souris Harbour on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS), large numbers at Covehead Harbour on Nov. 1 (JtR), several small flocks at Tracadie Harbour, Covehead and Dalvay on Nov. 3 (SGC); **Curlew Sandpiper** - 1 in winter plumage at Covehead on Sept. 26 (DCS); **Short-billed Dowitcher** - 8 at Brackley North Marsh and 13 at Covehead Bay on Sept. 22 (DCS); **Wilson's Snipe** - 2 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI Field Trip); **Black-legged Kittiwake** - 1 at Covehead sandbar with Common Terns on Sept. 26 (DCS), 20+ at East Point on Nov. 6 (DO, WCT); **Bonaparte's Gull** - at Covehead Harbour on Nov. 1 (JtR), 100+ at Covehead and 20 at Covehead bay on Nov. 2 & 120 at Covehead Bay on Nov. 3 (DCS), 3 at Aptos Lane Pond in Stratford on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 1 at Coran Ban, 1 at Tracadie Harbour & 80 at

Seven Sandhill Crane at Malpeque Sept. 21, 2013
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Little Gull with Bonaparte's at North Rustico
Carolyn Fields, Illinois Sept. 23, 2013

Covehead Harbour on Nov. 17 (WFB, JDM), 6 at Covehead on Nov. 24 (DCS); **Little Gull** - 1 at North Rustico beach on Sept. 23 (CF); **Ring-billed Gull** - ~75 in fields between Charlottetown and PEINP on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Herring Gull** - 72 at Covehead Harbour sandbar on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Iceland Gull** - 1 at Souris Lagoon on Nov. 5 (DO, WCT), 1 at Rusticoville on Nov. 20 (JDM); **Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 1 at Covehead on Oct. 16 (DCS); **Great Black-backed Gull** - at Covehead Harbour sandbar on Nov. 17 (JDM, WFB); **Caspian Tern** - 17 at Covehead Bay on Oct. 1, 7 on Oct. 2, & 3 on Oct. 4 (DCS); **Common Tern** - 325+ at Covehead Bay on Sept. 16, 240 on Sept. 22, 41 on Oct. 1, & 18 on Oct. 16 (DCS), 5 at Savage Harbour on Oct. 12 (JDM), large numbers with gulls at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH); **Razorbill** - 1 at East Point on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Black Guillemot** - 1 at East Point on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Rock Pigeon** - ~150 at Borden-Carleton corn field and granary on Nov. 26 (JDM); **Mourning Dove** - 10 at Borden-Carleton corn field on Nov. 26 (JDM), two killed and plucked by unknown raptor in mid-Nov. (JDM); **Great Horned Owl** - 1 calling at Stanhope 4th week of November (BH); **Snowy Owl** - 1 at end on Confederation Bridge in Borden on Nov. 10 (RT, JBi), 1 perched on white spruce roadside at Brackley North Marsh on Nov. 24 (DCS); **Northern Saw-whet Owl** - 1 piping at Donagh on Oct. 19 (JDM); **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1 feeding on climbing nasturtium on Sept. 22 (DMo), 1 reported at Stratford from Nov. 2 to 8 and photographed (MMcC, DO); **Belted Kingfisher** - 1 calling at Hyde Park pond on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip), 2 males at Moore's Pond in Stratford on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Downy Woodpecker** - 1 most days at Riverside Estates feeder in Charlottetown in Nov. (WFB, EM); male & female periodically at West Royalty feeder in Nov. (DCS); **Hairy Woodpecker** - 2 at Monticello on Oct. 22 (JGM), 1 at Frenchfort loop on Nov. 16 (DCS), 1 at West Royalty feeder on Nov. 24 (DCS); **Black-backed Woodpecker** - 1 at trail southwest of Long Pond in Stanhope in mid-Oct. (BH), 1 at Tower Trail in PEI National Park on Oct. 17 (DO, WCT), 1 at Cardigan North larch stand on Oct. 18 (MM, GR), 1 at Indian Bridge/Green Meadows on Nov. 16 (DO); **Northern Flicker** - 1 at Winsloe South feeder in early Nov. (DEJ), 1 periodically at Riverside Estates feeder in Charlottetown in late Oct. & Nov. (WFB, EM), 1 at Stanhope on Nov. 10 (DCS); **Pileated Woodpecker** - 1 at DeGros Marsh on Oct. 10 (JA&DM); **Merlin** - female at Covehead Bay on Oct. 3 (DCS), 1 aggressively chasing Semipalmated Sandpipers at Brackley North Marsh on Oct. 20 (DCS), 1 flying at Rusticoville on Nov. 20 (JDM); **American Kestrel** - 1 at Desable on Nov. 8 (JDM, LY), 1 at Cherry Valley on Nov. 19 (DO, WCT); **Peregrine Falcon** - 1 following dune slack at Brackley North Marsh on Sept. 16 & 1 on post at Covehead on Nov. 10 (DCS); **Northern Shrike** - 1 at Kensington on Oct. 20 (DMcL), 1 at Monticello on Oct. 21 (JGM); **Gray Jay** - 2 at DeGros Marsh on Oct. 8 (JA&DM), 2 at Cardigan North larch stand on Oct. 18 (MM, GR), 2 at Dromore Trail on Oct. 13 (CP), 1 at Monticello on Oct. 22 & 3 on Nov. 6 (JGM), 1 at Dromore on Nov. 2 (DO, HF, TO), 1 at St. George's on Nov. 15 & 1 at Green Hill on Nov. 17 (JDS); **Blue Jay** - flocks on move at East Point on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS); **Horned Lark** - 1 at Traveller's Rest potato field on Oct. 19 (JDM, LY), 1 at Savage Harbour on Oct. 20 (JDM), 2 at Desable on Nov. 8 (JDM, LY); **Black-capped Chickadee** - 4 at Hyde Park and Hermitage Creek trails on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI Field Trip); **Red-breasted Nuthatch** - first in quite some time at Cornwall feeder on Nov. 8 (SN); **White-breasted Nuthatch** - 1 regularly at Cornwall feeder in Nov. (SN); **Winter Wren** - 2 singing at North Rustico on Oct. 9 (JDM); **Golden-crowned Kinglet** - 5 at Monticello on Oct. 21 (JGM), few at Rocky Point in mid-Oct. (LD), 3 at Hyde Park trail & Charlottetown Heritage Creek Trail on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI Field Trip); **Hermit Thrush** - 2 at Cameron Island Banding Station on Oct. 22 and 4 on Oct. 23 (DO, WCT); **American Robin** - flocks on move at East Point on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS), ~15 seen during morning at North Rustico on Oct. 17 (JDM), 15 to 20 at Brackley Beach on Nov. 3 (SGC), relatively low numbers in Summerside to Donagh to North Rustico area in October and November despite a good berry crop (JDM), 3 at Desable on Nov. 8 (JDM, LY), 1 at Dalvay and 1 at Stanhope on Nov. 10 (DCS), 1 at Charlottetown on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI field trip); **European Starling** - 1,000s going to roost at Hillsborough Bridge in mid to late Oct. & Nov. (JDM), flock of ~300 creating a visual wave in the sky at Borden-Carleton on Nov. 26 (JDM); **American Pipit** - 3 at Pownal Bay on Oct. 5 (DO), 2 at North Cape on Nov. 2 (G&SF, LH), 1 at Covehead on Nov. 10 (DCS); **Cedar Waxwing** - ~20 at Springvale in Oct. (S&JW), 40 feeding on holly berries at Desable on Nov. 8 (JDM, LY); **Snow Bunting** - 1 at North Rustico on Nov. 2 (HY) & 30 on Nov. 4 (HY, JDM), 8 at

Orange-crowned Warbler
Photo by Kailum Rogers Oct. 2013

Desable on Nov. 8 (JDM, LY), 5 at Dromore/Pisquid on Nov. 9 (DO, WCT), 15 at Monticello on Nov. 14 (JGM), 30 at Borden-Carleton on Nov. 26 (JDM, LY); **Orange-crowned Warbler** - 2 banded at Cameron Island Banding Station on Oct. 21 and 1 unbanded (subsequently banded) and 1 banded individual on Oct. 23 (DO, WCT) **Nashville Warbler** - 1 photographed at Malpeque on Sept. 25 (G&SF, LH); **Yellow-rumped Warbler** - 7 (mix adults and immatures) at Brackley Point on Oct. 11 (DCS), flocks on move at East Point on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS); **Wilson's Warbler** - 1 at Cameron Island Banding Station on Oct. 23 (DO, WCT); **Vesper Sparrow** - at Malpeque on Sept. 21 (G&SF); **Fox Sparrow** - 1 at Cameron Island Banding Station on Oct. 23 (DO, WCT); **Song Sparrow** - 3 at Earnscliffe on Oct. 13 (DCS), 2 at West Royalty feeders on Oct. 27 (DCS), 2 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 17 (Nature PEI Field Trip); **White-throated Sparrow** - 1 immature at Malpeque on Sept. 22 (JDM), 2 at Brackley West Marsh on Oct. 11 (DCS), 1 at Hardy's Pond on Oct. 20 (JtR), 3 at Hardy's Pond on Oct. 20 (JtR); **Dark-eyed Junco** - scarce in Oct. and Nov in central PEI (JDM), 6 picked up at Cameron Island Banding Station week of Oct. 21st (DO), 1 at Riverside Estates in Charlottetown on Nov. 25 (WFB, EM); **Northern Cardinal** - 1 heard singing at Victoria Park in summer (new member); **Indigo Bunting** - 1 at feeders in Summerside on Oct. 11 (G&SF); **Red-winged Blackbird** - ~100 at Bethel on Oct. 9 but this was only one of two flocks seen in Oct. & Nov. (JDM, LY), 1 to 3 periodically at West Royalty feeders from Oct. 1 to Nov. 10 (DCS); **Common Grackle** - 1 at West Royalty feeder on Oct. 6 (DCS), 1 at Stanhope on Nov. 10 (DCS), 1 at Crapaud feeders on Nov. 19 (DD); **Brown-headed Cowbird** - 1 at West Royalty feeders on Oct. 5 (DCS), 1 at Crapaud feeders on Nov. 19 (DD); **Purple Finch** - 1 at Brackley Point on Oct. 11 (DCS), 2 at North Rustico on Nov. 2 (JDM); **White-winged Crossbill** - 1 at Brackley on Oct. 26 (DCS), 1 at Stratford feeder for ~10 days in mid-Nov. (GCa); **Pine Siskin** - flocks on move at East Point on Oct. 13 (SCS, GS), 10 at North Rustico on Nov. 2 (JDM); **American Goldfinch** - 30 at North Rustico on Nov. 5 (JDM), 1 at Riverside Estates feeder in Charlottetown on Nov. 25 (WFB, EM); **House Sparrow** - 4 at West Royalty feeders on Oct. 27 & 2 on Nov. 11 (DCS).

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ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.
Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown. YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate

Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 - Winter Bird List Extravaganza. Your chance to send in bird sightings from your feeders or your field observations to create PEI's 2013-14 Winter Bird List. See article above.

Dec. 3rd - The PEI Urban Fox Project: Coexisting with Foxes - UPEI Urban Fox Project Research Team will be featured for this Nature PEI's (Natural History Society) presentation. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street. YN

Dec. 14th (Saturday) - The East Point Christmas Bird Count. Please contact Dwaine Oakley at 393-6223 or dwayne.oakley@gmail.com for details and to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 15th (Sunday) - The Prince Edward Island National Park Christmas Bird Count - This count features a lunch time pot-luck at the PEI National Park Administration Building in Dalvay. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 26th (Thursday) - The Hillsborough Christmas Bird Count. There will be a pot-luck after the event for participants at 6 PM. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 29th (Sunday) - The Montague Christmas Bird Count. Please contact Scott Sinclair via E-mail at scsinclair@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Jan. 7th - The Role of Tree Decay in Supporting Cavity Nesting Birds and Mammals. - Kathy Martin will be Nature PEI's (Natural History Society) feature speaker for their Annual General Meeting. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street. YN

Feb. 4th - The Owls of Prince Edward Island - Dwaine Oakley will be Nature PEI's (Natural History Society) feature speaker. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street. YN

Feb. 14 to 17 - 2014 Great Backyard Bird Count. The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are by submitting their bird sightings via the internet. See http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html

Mar. 4th - Antarctic Adventures: Exploring the Southern Ocean by Tall Ship. Fiep de Bie will be Nature PEI's feature speaker. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent, Charlottetown. YN

Apr. 1st - Measuring Human Inputs to Island Estuaries. Mike van den Heuvel of UPEI will be Nature PEI's feature speaker. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent, Charlottetown. YN

May 6th - Shy and Showy Wildflowers, and How to Find Them - Kate MacQuarrie will be Nature PEI's (Natural History Society) feature speaker. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street. YN

June 3rd - Best Conservation Officer Stories Ever. Gerald MacDougall will be Nature PEI's (Natural History Society) feature speaker. The Society's meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent, Charlottetown. YN