

humans. (adapted from Halifax Field Naturalist #96)

Canada's first endangered species recovery plan for a tree was developed for the red mulberry (*Morus rubra*). This southern Ontario species is threatened by habitat loss, hybridization with the white mulberry, and low numbers (adapted from CWS's Recovery #13)

Those interested in wetlands conservation may wish to visit the world wide web at http://www.wetlands.agro.nl/news/wetl_news_1999nov4.html for the full report of the Global review of wetlands resources and priorities for wetland inventory. (P.E.I. Environmental Network E-mail, Nov. 14 1999)

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS IN MEADOWBANK:

by Kathy Stuart

Here are some exciting wildlife sightings on the hill overlooking the West River.

This was the Year of the Bird around here. New Year's Day 1999, a very cold day, found a flock of 13 Grey Partridges huddled together under our feeder for most of the day, allowing me to take some great pictures. As spring progressed, we had several warblers: Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Black and White, and a Northern Parula. There were also the usual chickadees, Chipping Sparrows, starlings, lots of grackles and Red-winged Blackbirds, one Cowbird, an occasional House Finch, a Mourning Dove, and lots of Blue Jays. I think a pair of Blue Jays might have nested in a pine in our backyard. The hummingbirds came but didn't stay this year. A Bobolink appeared for several weeks. From May 15th to July 8th two Tree Swallows raised two young in our birdhouse in the back yard. Several weeks later, a lone Barn Swallow perched on a wire above us one evening. We often saw the West River eagle overhead, an unidentified very large raptor and a shrike. We had a constant flock of goldfinches that increased in number as the summer went by. There was also a pair of Purple Finches and several additional females. On several days in the fall, besides the usual ducks and geese, I saw and heard a small flock of Willets overhead.



The latest excitement is an increasing flock of Common Redpolls, now about 50, that have taken over our yard since early December. We have also been visited several times this week by a flock of about a dozen Bohemian Waxwings, even though we don't have any bushes with fruit. There are at least a dozen Blue Jays in the usual flock, although they seem to have other places to go this winter.

This is a great site for birds and we certainly enjoy the presence of these creatures as they pass by each season.

BIRDING IN MAXIMEVILLE:

by Gisele & Fred Martin

The bird sightings we've had from our land in Maximeville since we moved in October are below.

October, 1999: (feeders)

Pine Siskins, American Goldfinches, Dark-eyed Juncos, Blue Jays, Black-capped Chickadees, Purple Finches, White-throated Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Fox sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Mourning Doves, American Robins, American Crows, Sharp-shinned Hawk

(down by / on the beach)

Bald Eagle, Northern harrier, Great Blue Herons, Northern Flickers, Sanderlings, Semi-palmated Sandpipers, Least Sandpipers, Snow Buntings, Semi-palmated Plover

November, 1999: (Feeders)

Blue Jays, Northern Flicker, American Goldfinch, Redpolls, Black-capped Chickadees, Common Grackles, Dark-eyed Juncos, American Crows, Purple Finches, Pine Siskins, White-throated Sparrow, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Mourning Doves, Evening Grosbeaks, Red-winged Blackbirds, Cowbirds, Rusty Blackbird (1)