

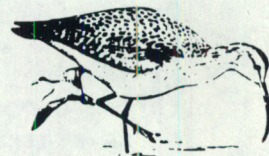
to shoo it away. Time and time again the bird attempted to reach the feeder, but without delay the wasp was out in hot pursuit flying and diving within inches of the bird as it twisted and turned to escape this minute enemy.

Bearing in mind the primary purpose of our feeder, we rather reluctantly had to dispose of this gallant little fighter, and left the feeder once again to our hummingbird friends.

Editors Note: This has been an eventful summer for Pat and the hummingbirds. Pat reported to me that earlier this summer that he felt a sharp rap on his head while in his woodlot and, shortly thereafter, a second sharp rap. A hummingbird had hit him twice on the head with its bill. Perhaps Pat had wandered too close to its nest, a tiny cup usually constructed of plant down, fibers, and bud scales which is attached on the top surface of a branch with spider webs and covered with lichens.

## BIRD SIGHTINGS

- Common Loon - 12 fishing together at Seacow Head, August 1 (JDM, MS)
- Pied-billed Grebe - a adults with 3 fledglings at Dalvay, August 4 (DS, SM)
- Northern Gannet - 9 immature and 3 adults following and fishing near a school of dolphins or porpoise at Bothwell, mid-July (DW)
- Canada Goose - 1 at Ellen's Creek most days from July 12 to August 28 (JDM, MK)
- Common Eider - 2 large rafts of moulting eider at East Point, July 18 (DW)
  - 2 at Borden, July 25 (DS)
  - 1 at Salutation Cove, August 7 (SM, DS)
- Surf Scoter - 1 with Common Eiders at East Point, July 18 (DW)
  - 8 at Wood Islands East, August 10 (DS, SM)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk - nest with nearby fledglings at Emerald, July 28 (SM, JDM)
- Bald Eagle - 1 immature at East Point, July 18 (JDM)
  - 1 adult feeding at North River Causeway, July 31 (SM, DS)
- Osprey - 1 on nest at New Glasgow, August 3 (JDM, MS)
  - 3 at Ellen's Creek, August 26 (JDM)
- Merlin - 1 adult and 3 fledglings seen at Wheatley River, August 3 (JDM, MS)
  - 1 adult and 1 fledgling seen at New Glasgow, August 3 (JDM, MS)
- Semipalmated Plover - 7 at North River Causeway, July 31 (SM, DS)
  - 20 at Blooming Point, July 31 (MS, JDM)
  - 45 at Covehead Inlet, August 3 (DS, SM)
  - 57 at Bedegue Point, August 7 (SM, DS)
- Piping Plover - a pair fledged 4 young at North Lake in June, (A&BS)
  - 2 at Brackley Beach, August 8 (DS)
- Killdeer - 1 adult with 2 downy fledglings, August 2 (JDM, MS)
  - 40+ in one small pasture field in heavy rain at O'leary, August 2 (MS, JDM)
- Black-bellied Plover - 20 at Brackley Beach, August 7 (DS, SM)
  - 61 at Victoria, August 15 (DS, SM)
- Ruddy Turnstone - 14 at North River Causeway, July 31 (DS, SM)
  - 35 at Salutation Cove, August 7 (SM, DS)
- Whimbrel - 1 at West River Causeway, August 3 (SM, DS)
- Spotted Sandpiper - 5 at Murray River North, August 4 (DS, SM)
- Solitary Sandpiper - 1 at Ellen's Creek, August 9 (DS, SM)
- Greater Yellowlegs - 9 at Covehead, August 14 (DS, SM)
- Lesser Yellowlegs - 79 at Ellen's Creek, August 3 (SM, DS)
- Red Knot - 7 at Summerside, August 19 (JDM, DS)
- Pectoral Sandpiper - 1 at Brackley Beach, August 10 (SM, DS)
  - 5 at Brackley Beach, August 14 (SM, DS)
- White-rumped Sandpiper - 6 at Murray Harbour North, August 4 (DS, SM)



Hudsonian Curlew, Whimbrel