

11 (TR); **Song Sparrow** - first at Crossroads feeder this spring on Mar. 30 (DO), at Donagh feeder and singing on Apr. 18; **Clay-coloured Sparrow** - reported by Lois Doan on Apr. 29 at Rocky Point (LD); **Snow Bunting** - 300 in harrowed grain field in Donagh on Apr. 5 and 100 on Apr. 13 (JDM), 3 at North Cape on Apr. 18 (GMA, SE).

OLDER RECORDS: GMacI reported that Harold Affleck had shot a swan at Savage Harbour Bay in approximately 1948 to 1950 period. TA reported that she had seen Cooper's Hawks 2 or 3 times in the Kildare Capes area. Northern Cardinal at Black Pond on Aug. 10, 1997.

Note: This report includes the Island component of the Seabird Superwatch conducted from 9 am to 1 pm on April 18th at North Cape by Gisele Martin and Susanne Essensa

Thanks to the following contributors who provided records for this listing, namely: DA - Donna Allen; BB - Bill Bowerbank; BBU - Billy Butler; BC - Barb Currie; EC - Elwood Coakes; F&JC - Fred & Janet Connolly; RC - Ray Cooke; FRC - Rosemary Curley; TdA - Therese d'Amour; RD - Richard Davies; SE - Suzanne Essensa; HG - Hilda Gossi; B&RH - Ben & Rosalie Hoteling; FH - Fred Horne; GH - Glen Hardcastle; LH - Les Homans; SH - Sally Hooff; HJ - Harold Jenkins; MJ - Michelle Johnstone; JJ - Jim Jenkins; MK - Meike Keunecke; EM - Ernie MacKay; E&SM Ewen & Shirley Myers; GM - Gerald MacDonald; GMacI - Buddy MacIntrye; G&FMa - Gisele & Fred Martin; IG&KM - Ian & Kate MacQuarrie; JDM - Dan McAskill; DO - Dwaine Oakley; LP - Laura Phillips; RP - Roberta Palmer; RHP - Robin Phillips; GR - Glenn Roberts; CS - Clarence Stevens; TR - Tom Reddin; LT - Linda Thomas; DWh - Doris White; and JW - Jackie Waddell.

WEATHER IN PERSPECTIVE:

March - Wind: 17 km/hr average daily (range 4.9 to 33.4) compared to a normal of 21.
- Temperature: daily average of -1.0 degrees Celsius (range -9.6 to +7.6) compared to long term average of -3.4 degrees.
- Precipitation: 37 mm rain and 53 cm snow with 91.2 mm total compared to norms of 31.8, 58.5 and 92.2.
- LP noted quite a storm on Mar. 4th at Arlington.

April - Wind: 16.2 km/hr average daily (range 5.1 to 27.6) compared to normal of 20.
- Temperature: daily average of 7.6 degrees Celsius (range -3.3 to +11.7) compared to long term average of 6.3 degrees.
- Precipitation: 90.1 mm rain and 21.4 cm snow with 111.4 mm total compared to norms of 69.0, 31.6 and 91.8.

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: Natural History Society events are open to the public.

May 30 - The Bain Bird Count.

May 30 to Jun. 6 - National Environment Week.

Jun. 5 to 7 - Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists Meeting will be hosted by the Eastern Mainland Field Naturalists in Antigonish. The theme is "Shorelines - Life at the Edge". There will be lots of field trips and charismatic, educational speakers. Contact Frank Randall, 1109 Summerside Rd, Bayfield, N.S. B0H 1A0 or 902-386-2235 or E-mail frandall@auracom.com for more information.

Jun. 6 - Jim Jenkins will lead a Natural History Society hosted field trip to see coastal animals and plants at Covehead Harbour. Participants should meet at the Covehead Wharf parking area at 2:00 pm.

Jun. 5 to 12 - Piping Plover Interim Census. Contact Arja Page at 902-566-9150

Jun. 8 - Ocean's Day. Memorable this year as the United Nations designated this year as the International Year of the Ocean.

Jun. 12 to 14 - The Becoming an Outdoors Woman will be held at Oak Acres Children's Camp. Contact Dawna Gillis at 855-3198 for details.