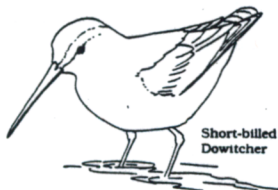


Web site for monitoring amphibians in Canada. Contact Carolyn at aw964@freenet.carleton.ca or by telephone at 613-258-6142.



The Canadian Nature Federation and the Canadian Centre for the Study and Preservation of Birds joined forces to become the Canadian representative for Birdlife International. Over the next few years, they will be working with provincial naturalist organizations and other to identify sites of provincial significance and to establish protection for these Important Bird Areas (IBA). (adapted from Important Bird Areas Program in Nature Views # 105)

The Island missed out on being listed in a new birdfinding guide by the American Birding Association, namely: *Birdfinder: A Birder's Guide to Planning North American Trips* by Jerry A. Cooper.

LPBO's Annual Report indicated that they acquired legal trademark to the term BIRDATHON in 1994. The impact of this decision on the Natural History Society's Bain Birdathon will have to be determined. (adapted from LPBO's 1994 Annual Report)

1995-6 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS SUMMARY

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This year's counts brought a number of surprises including the first Northern Cardinals and a Red-bellied Woodpecker recorded on our CBCs, large numbers of Bohemian Waxwing, good numbers of Cedar Waxwing, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and very large numbers of grackles, goldfinch, and siskins. Other unusual numbers or sightings included a Great Blue Heron, 3 Northern Harriers, an Osprey, and 25 eagles. The Montague count recorded the most species with 60 on the count day and 2 in the count period.

The counters who participated in the P.E.I. National Park count were hosted to a pot-luck at the new Dalvay interpretive centre by Maurice Roy of Parks Canada while Hillsborough counters travelled to Donagh for a pot-luck and count wrap-up session at Dan McAskill's.

Observations	Number in the Count Area		
	National Park	Hillsborough	Montague
Common Loon	-	-	1
Northern Gannet	-	-	1
Great Blue Heron	-	1CP	-
Canada Geese	-	-	11
Mallard	2	5	13
Black Duck	243	301	663
Northern Pintail	2	-	-
Wood Duck	-	1	-
Ducks UID	-	-	1
Greater Scaup	20	-	-
Common Goldeneye	277	93	257
Barrow's Goldeneye	4	1	-
Bufflehead	1	-	-
Oldsquaw	22	3	252
White-winged Scoter	-	4	-
Black Scoter	16	1	-
Common Merganser	21	58	665
Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	4
Merganser/Goldeneye UID	-	200	-
Northern Goshawk	-	-	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1CP	1	1
Bald Eagle	1	2CP	23
Northern Harrier	-	1	2