

WEATHER IN PERSPECTIVE:

July - Wind: 14.7 km/hr average daily (range 6.0 to 24.1) compared to normal of 16.
- Temperature: daily average of 19.3 degrees Celsius (temperature range 10.6 to 28.7) compared to long term average of 18.4 degrees.
- Precipitation: 43.3 mm rain compared to a norm of 81.6

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:

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Many purple fringed orchids along trail at Selkirk on Jul. 19. Numerous Showy Lady Slipper along a stream in St. Charles on Jul. 21 (GM). It was an unprecedented, warm spring. The first hay cut in the Milton area was on June 1st. There were reports of very low Bobolink nest success because of the early harvest. Many tiger swallowtails flying for honeysuckle nectar in Donagh on Jun. 11 (JP).

Many reports of **Red Foxes** (DO, LY, JDM, BB). **Coyote** - young of the year dead on road in Morell (GK), 1 seen near Priest's Pond on Oct. 3 (RC, LT, RP, JDM). Melanistic **snowshoe hare** in Donagh in November and December (RPh, JDM). Melanistic red squirrel seen in Donagh in September (RPh).

Common Loon - pair on north shore near Morell on Jun. 25 (GK), 1 flying off shore at Monticello on Jul. 10 (GM), 5 passed off shore at East Point between 0930 and 1200 on Oct. 31 (BD); **Red-throated Loon** - 3 at East Point on Oct. 11 (PJ), 1 off Cape Bear on Nov. 14 (JDM, RPh), 1 passed off shore at East Point between 0930 and 1200 on Oct. 31 (BD); **Red-necked Grebe** - 2 at Lockshore Rd. Shore on Nov. 9 (LH); **Horned Grebe** - at Lockshore Rd. Shore on Nov. 9 (LH); **Pied-billed Grebe** - 2 at Black Pond on Oct. 11 (PJ), 6 at Indian River on Oct. 25 (GMa); **Northern Gannet** - 60 at East Point on Oct. 11 (PJ), 350 passed off shore at East Point between 0930 and 1200 on Oct. 31 (BD), approx. 15 off Cape Bear in 30 minutes on Nov. 14 (JDM, RPh); **Great Cormorant** - 2 passed off shore at East Point between 0930 and 1200 on Oct. 31 (BD); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 6 flying at Sherbrooke on Nov. 17 (LY, JDM); **Green-backed Heron** - 1 at Cow Creek on May 28 (RLD); **American Bittern** - 1 at Fullerton's Marsh on Oct. 26 (DO); **Canada Geese** - 8 passed off shore at East Point between 0930 and 1200 on Oct. 31 (BD), 80 at Indian River on Oct. 25 (GMa), 24 in field at Hamilton on Oct. 25 (GMa), 1,000 flying in Bunbury in Nov. that landed off East River Drive in Hillsborough River, approx. 200 in Hillsborough River on Nov. 20 (P&AW), approx 5,000 in south west corner of Malpeque Bay in October and November (JDM, BB), flight of approximately 10,000 in southern Malpeque Bay on Dec. 11 (LY, JDM, BB); **Brant** - 4 at Indian River on Oct. 25 (GMa); **Black Duck** - 500 in Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Oct. 25 (GMa); **Snow Geese** - 14 at Indian River on Apr. 22 (LH), 8 to 10 at Red Point on Aug. 21 (BHa), 2 in Souris with large flock of Canada Geese on Oct. 11 (PJ), approx 12 in Cavendish area in Oct. (JC), 3 at Stanhope Golf Course in Oct. (KM, CB), 1 at Hillsborough River on Nov. 20 (P&AW); **Gadwell** - 4 at Long Pond on Oct. 11 (PJ), 8 at Black Pond in Oct. (KM, CB), 18 at Indian River, 31 at Cavendish, & 24 at New London on Nov. 9 (LH); **Northern Pintail** - 6 at Indian River on Oct. 25 (GMa), 10 at Black Pond in Oct. (KM, CB); **Green-winged Teal** - 16 at Cavendish Farms on Jan. 3 (LH), 12 juveniles in field at Hamilton on Oct. 25 (GMa); **Eurasian Wigeon** - 1 at Indian River on Apr. 27 (LH), 1 ♂ at Frenchfort on Jul. 2 (DWT); **Northern Shoveler** - 2 at Blooming point on Jun. 2 (JW), 1 at Black Pond on Oct. (KM, CB); **Wood Ducks** - 1 at Black Pond on Oct. 11 (PJ); **Northern Shoveler** - 4 at Black Pond and 2 at Long Pond on Oct. 11 (PJ); **Redheads** - 3 at Indian River on Oct. 25 (GMa); **Greater Scaup** - 1 at