

Bird reports

Bird sighting reports are still not coming in very often, but hopefully they'll pick up in the next few months. At a meeting in 1987 the membership decided to only print reports of birds not listed as very common or common in the P.E.I. Field Check-list of Birds. All you have to do is send in all your sightings, and I'll print the ones that fall in the other categories (fairly common to irregular). And all sightings are saved and are important for future updatings of the check-list. If more people are interested in seeing all sightings in the newsletter, let me know and we can change our policy back to what it used to be. Anything to get those sightings up!

- Common Loon - 1 at Guernsey Cove, Oct. 4 (BP)
- Red-throated Loon - 2 in Brae Harbour, Aug. 24 (AC)
 - 1 in Hebron, Aug. 30 (AC)
- Red-necked Grebe - 12-15 in North River, Aug. 28-29 (A&MW)
 - 3 in North River, Sept. 3 (A&MW)
- Hawk (sp.) - trying to take an American Black Duck near barnyard in Hebron, May 1 (AC)
- Bald Eagle - pr. in Glenfinnan Marsh, May 27 (credits Trainor boys) (TH)
 - imm. close overhead in Guernsey Cove (BP,GS)
- Northern Harrier - High Bank, Sept. 27 (GS,BP)
- Merlin - f. perched in tree and being chased by swallows, Websters Corner, Aug. 1 (TH)
- Kestrel - 1 in Little Sands, Oct. 6 (GS,BP)
 - 3 on the drive home, one each in Guernsey Cove, High Bank and Little Sands over fields on a sunny day, Oct. 13 (GS,BP)
- Ruddy Turnstone - 6-7 off Burnt Point, (G'town Royalty) on Sept 6 (BP)
- Common Snipe - mother and chick in Glenfinnan Marsh, July 16 (TH)
 - chick near road, Glenfinnan Marsh, Aug. 17 (TH)
- Mourning Dove - in barnyard at Hebron, Aug. 1 and 3 (AC)
- Horned Lark - male at Charlottetown airport, July 27 (A&PD)
- Evening Grosbeak - 8 on bird bath at the same time in W. Royalty (A&MW)

MISCELLANEOUS SIGHTINGS

- Red Fox - cleaning out fishing nets left to dry on a lawn on Main St., Murray River, in the morning, Oct. 13 (GS,BP)
- Raccoon - 3 on road in evening, Oct. 6 (BP,GS)

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Did you miss the seed sale?

By now the Island Nature Trust's third annual Seeds of Conservation bird feed sale will have come and gone, but if it's anything like last year's success, the Nature Trust and our wintering birds will be quite happy. If you missed your chance on Nov. 12, it might be worth your effort to contact the Nature Trust office at 892-7513 or 566-9150 to see if they have some bags of seed left for sale. The profits from the sale are used for the conservation of natural areas in Prince Edward Island.