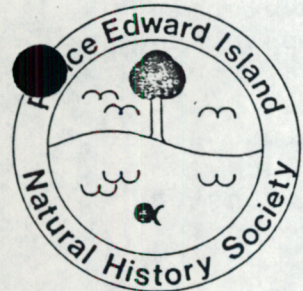


	National Park	Hillsborough	Montague
Golden-crowned Kinglet	22	13	9
Kinglets sp.		7	
Common Starling	1223	5645	1028
House Sparrow	157	176	625
Red-winged Blackbird			1
Common Grackle	1	1	60
Brown-headed Cowbird			125
Evening Grosbeak	71		486
Purple Finch	7		3
Common Redpoll		5	
Pine Siskin		1	4
American Goldfinch			67
White-winged Crossbill	6	30	
Northern Junco	7	11	22
American Tree Sparrow			51
Snow Bunting	239	42	155
Total Species	45	38	40
Total Birds	3291	8397	5472
Total Hours	33.0	36.5	31.7
Kilometers driven	492.8	305.2	356.6
Kilometers walked, skied	11.6	22.8	11.4
Other Birds in the Count Week:			
White-winged Crossbills			15



## Natural History Society news

It's been a while since our last update, but the meetings have been very well attended and the speakers most enjoyable. At the Nov. 1 meeting, our new letterhead was unveiled, and the Society voted to donate \$100 to the Nature Trust to help with their expenses during the Greenwich hearings. Dan McAskill attended the Atlantic Canada Tern Working group meeting in October in Halifax and reported that the total Common and Arctic Tern population is 45,000 pairs, 50-50. The population is declining quite rapidly and the group wants a review of the terns' status under COSWIC.

The Society rejoined the Canadian Nature Federation as an affiliate, but since there are so many pulls on its resources here at this time, did not send a donation. Members also voted to join a coalition that has formed to ask for a full panel review of the proposed bridge to the mainland, and, if necessary, a plebescite specifically asking if you would prefer a bridge or improved ferry service. Susan Stephenson suggested that members should bring their own cups to meetings if possible to cut down the use of styrofoam cups. A great idea!

Bob Bancroft, an extension biologist with the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests, spoke on Forests and Farming - Putting It Together. Mr. Bancroft, who is a regular on CBC's Radio Noon, stressed the need for caution, and said that we often don't know enough about the effects of our actions. With the advent of large machines, the rates of harvesting have changed dramatically, he said, and there is a pressing need to get a new level of awareness. The slides and very entertaining commentary made him a favourite of everyone there, and