

Savannah Sparrow - at Bethel feeder on Apr. 16 (TR); **Dark-eyed Junco** - 25 at Desable feeder on Jan. 1 (BP), 6 at Donagh feeder Jan. 13 to 16 (JDM), 6 at Donagh feeder on Feb. 6 (JDM), 18 at Argyle Shore feeder on Feb. 20 (BC), 50 to 60 at Stanhope feeder during brief accumulation of snow on Feb. 19 (FC); **American Tree Sparrow** - 3 at Donagh feeder on Jan. 3 (JDM), 2 on Jan. 18 at Cable Head (AG); **White-crowned Sparrow** - 1 at Rustico feeder on Jan. 4 to 9 (KL); **White-throated Sparrow** - 1 at Argyle Shore feeder on Feb. 20 (BC); **Song Sparrow** - 3 at Bethel on Apr. 2 (TR); **Snow Bunting** - 150 at St. Phillippe on Jan. 26 (FRC), 120 in West Devon on Feb. 9 and 200 at Tyne Valley on Mar. 2 (EC).

Older report: 2 **Snow Geese** were seen at Vernon River in autumn of 1997 (VMac); **Northern Shoveler** - 3 prs at Nail Pond on June 27 (BD); **Turkey Vulture** - 1 at Monticello last autumn (reported at NHS Dec. meeting); **Broad-winged Hawk** - carrying large frog across a field to a distant woodlot near Coleman on Jun. 28/98 in the same atlas square where breeding evidence was found (BD); **Hawk Owl** - 1 reported at Bonshaw back of Hampton) at NHS Dec. meeting; **Iceland Gull** - second-year bird in field with other gulls at Seacow Head on June 27/98 (BD); **Great Black-backed Gulls** - 100 in field on Jun. 27/98 near Seacow Head with no adults (75 one-year olds and 35 two-year olds (BD); **Atlantic Puffin** appeared on house deck in New Haven about 3-4 years ago by J&CM via LD. UID blue jay sized bird with appearance like parrot, long peaked tail, greenish back and pinkish breast seen at French Village on Dec. 13 (HG). 1,200 **Bank Swallow** at Nail Pond on June 27 (BD). LP reported that hummingbird sightings were down this past summer and the tree Swallows that nested the past few years did not nest in 1998.

Mammals: Lots of young **red squirrels** in woods on Feb. 14 but not coming to feeder (HG). Several **flying squirrels** at feeder each night in Breadalbane RR area Apr. 7 (MAR). **Mink** catching mummichog at Cymbria and dodging under ice cakes on Jan. 31 (RPh, JDM). **Red fox** at French Village on Jan. 30, Feb. 7, 8, 15, (HG) and at Fullerton's Marsh on Mar. 1 (DO). **Skunk** tracks under feeder on Feb. 26 after rain and wind (HG). **Harp Seals** on ice flows off Stanhope Beach on Apr. 3 (MJ&RM).

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ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.

YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend

May 2 to 8 - National Forestry Week with the theme "Forest Fires: Handle with Care".

May 4 - Dr. Shaker from U.P.E.I. will provide a talk on Astronomy at the Natural History Society's meeting which starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue.

May 5 - Bob Bancroft will be the guest speaker at the Island Nature Trust's Annual General Meeting at Beaconsfield's Carriage House (off Kent Street). The 20th Anniversary festivities commence at