

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:

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AMPHIBIANS:

Wood Frog climbing on window on Apr. 13 in Donagh (JDM). Spring Peeper calling at Mount Stewart (JDM) and Lake Verde on Apr. 18 (HJ). American Toad calling at Red Head on May 14th and Northern Leopard Frog on May 17(MK).

PLANTS:

Pussy willows in their white tuft stage at Bonshaw on Apr. 13 and in the seed distribution phase at Macphail Woods on June 17 (JDM). Honey bees foraging crocus blooms in Donagh on Apr. 17. Marsh Marigold in flower at St. Peter's along Confederation Trail on May (DMu). Rhododendron in flower at Mermaid on June 3. Blue-bead lily, stemless lady's slipper, bunch berry, twin flower, white oak, red oak, and butternut in flower at Macphail Woods on June 17 (JDM).

Common Loon - 3 travelling by the Tryon River on May 20 (BHo); **Pied-billed Grebe** - back at P.E.I. National park on Apr. 20 (BBa); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 8 on Dunk River of Apr. 11 and 4 in Charlottetown Harbour on Apr. 18 (JDM); **Green-backed Heron** - 1 at Priest Pond on May 31 (GMac); **Little Blue Heron** - 1 at Covehead Marsh on Jun. 23 (LT, RP, JDM, BB); **Great Egret** - 1 at Canoe Cove on May 11 (WB); **Canada Geese** - 1500 near Kinkora on Apr. 11 and 150 at Fullerton's Marsh grain field on Apr. 12 (JDM), 55 at Jenkin's complex on Apr. 18, 5 adults with goslings foraging on freshly sprouted grain at Donagh on June 9 (ER); **Brant** - about 50 at Covehead Harbour and Oyster Bed Bridge on approximately Apr. 14 (BBa); **Green-winged Teal** - 1 male at Mt. Albion on Apr. 17 (HJ); **Blue-winged Teal** - back at Jenkins Complex on Apr. 19 (HJ); **Eurasian Widgeon** - 1 at Pisquid Pond in May (PWo); **Northern Shoveler** - 2 pair at Cavendish Farms sewage lagoon on May 20 (G&FM); **Wood Ducks** - 3 at Mount Albion (Jenkins Complex) on May 22 (G&FM); **Black Scoter** - 30 at Schurman's Point on May 27 (GGM&SE); **Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 2 at Mount Albion on Jun. 17 (BB); **Red-tailed Hawk** - 1 at Rocky Point on Feb. 18 (EC); **Bald Eagle** - 1 adult soaring over trees in Hebron (AC); 1 carrying nesting material North from North River on Apr. 3 (LD); gulls harassing an eagle at Stanhope Road in April (Mrs.BBa); 2 adult, 1 immature, and another riding thermals at South Melville in large circles on Apr. 22 (RA); **Northern Harrier** - 1 at Cascumpec on May 21 (G&FM); **Osprey** - nest at Rocky Point lost to winter winds (DC), nest on electric poles in South Melville lost this winter (RA), back at Stanhope area about Apr. 10 (BBa); **Merlin** - 1 at Culloden on May 4 (MKo), May 10 one each at Victoria Park, Cherry Valley, and Village Green (EC); **Kestrel** - 1 on Mar. 3 at Hampton (RA), 1 on May 4 at Emyvale (EC); **Ruffed Grouse** - adult with 5 young on Jun. 21 (JDM); **Gray Partridge** - pair at Fort Augustus on Jun. 19 (JDM); **Sharp-tailed Grouse** - 1 at Monticello on Mar. 29 (RC), 3 on May 27 (GM, A&PM, JW); **Piping Plover** - first reported sighting on Apr. 14 at Cousin's Shore (N&SB), 1 at P.E.I. National Park on Apr. 19 (MR); **Killdeer** - 1 at Parkdale on Apr. 11 (BB), 1 nesting on the roof of Liqueur Warehouse for past 3 years (RC); **American Woodcock** - 1 in Sherwood on March 28 (RC); **Wilson's Snipe** - winnowing at Mt. Albion on Apr. 15 (HJ) and at Donagh on April 18 (JDM); **Upland Sandpiper** - 4 at Charlottetown Airport on Apr. 11 (RC); **Glaucous Gull** - 3 on May 27 (JDM) and some on Jun. 3 at North Lake (RC, DGS, GM); **Iceland Gull** - at North Lake on June 3 (RC, DGS, GM), at Charlottetown on Jun. 12 (RC), 4 at Stratford on Jun. 22 (JDM); **Greater Black-backed Gull** - 2 pairs nesting on Hillsborough bridge piers on May 6 and 1 re-nesting on May 22 (JDM), 2nd nests removed by Society under CWS permit on June 13 (BS); **Common Tern** - first of season at Hillsborough tern colony on May 6 (JDM); **Rock Dove** - almost fledged young found in Charlottetown on May 5 (AH); **Great-horned Owl** - 1 calling at Redhead on Apr. 14 (MK); **Northern Hawk Owl** - 1 reported at Cherry Valley on Apr. 10 (JH) and on Apr. 11 (RC); **Barred Owl** - 1 at Strathgartney on May 31 (JWa); **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 1 at Argyle Shore feeder on May 10 then not seen for 11 days until male and female at Argyle Shore feeder and on William and Mary blossoms plus at Desable feeder on May 22 (B&AC), male at Summerside on May 20 (SE), male at Arlington on May 21 with females arriving a few days later, female at Hazelbrook feeder on May 21 and male on May 22 (DMu), males at Tryon on May 22 (BHo); **Northern Flicker** - nesting in birch tree at Meadowbank on May 4 (B&FC); **Tree Swallow** - back at Mount Albion on May 17 (HJ); **Barn Swallow** - 2 at MacCallum's Point road on May 23 (GMM&ES); **White-breasted Nuthatch** - at Meadowbank on May 3 & (B&FC); **American Robin** - 1 at Hartsville on Dec. 18 (JWa), 3 at Sleepy Hollow on Feb. 17 and 3 at St. Catherine's on Feb. 15 (EC); **Swainson's Thrush** - 1 at Mill River on May 28 (GMM); **Gray-**