

wood-nymph, Atlantic fritillary, silver-bordered fritillary, Harris' Checkerspot, painted lady, Laurential (common branded) skipper, and white admiral.

#### 1998 BAIN BIRD COUNT:

by J. Dan McAskill

This Bain Count started about 2:30 am in heavy rain and continued through until 8:30 pm when the last counters left the field. All in all, it was a good count day with teams recording from 70 to 110 species. Fog at East Point prevented a higher individual count for one team but the sighting of a female Merlin sitting on an upturned stump helped to compensate for the fog and cold. Later in the day, the second team was thrilled by the sighting of a pair of Shovelers.

The day's sightings were as follows: Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, American Bittern, Canada Goose, Mallard, American Black Duck, Gadwell, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Common Eider, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Goshawk, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Osprey, Merlin, American Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Sora, Piping Plover, Black-bellied Plover, Common Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Common Tern, Caspian Tern, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Northern Flicker, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, Gray Jay, Blue Jay, Common Raven, American Crow, Black-backed Chickadee, Boreal Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Gray Catbird, American Robin, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Veery, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Blue-headed (Solitary) Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Black-and-White Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finch, American Goldfinch, Savannah Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Northern Junco, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, and Song Sparrow.

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#### ENCOUNTER IN THE MOONLIGHT

by Glenn K. Roberts

It was a clear, crisp February night. A light breeze whispered softly across the fields. The full moon hung above the southeast horizon like a huge, shimmering jewel, its light slanting through the leafless branches and casting long finger-like shadows across the snow. It was about 10:30 p.m., and I had decided it would be a perfect night to walk through my woods and try to locate the great horned owl I had heard calling earlier in the evening. I live in Emyvale, where I have 45 acres of woods, streams and fields. I had heard the great horned calling for the past several nights, and I was anxious to get a closeup look at it, if possible. I have a number of large spruce trees in my woods, and I was sure that it was roosting somewhere in one of them.