

Bird reports

Many, many interesting sightings were sent in for this issue, besides the ones seen during the Christmas bird counts. Keep up the good work.

Great Blue Heron - 1 over Cardigan fish hatchery, Dec. 3 (RR)
Canada Goose - 90-100 from living room window on North River, Dec. 6 (A&MW)
- 26 in Uigg, Dec. 29 (AD)

Blue-winged Teal - 2 in brook at Indian River, Dec. 26 (TC)

Northern Goshawk - About dark on Dec. 11, David MacLeod noticed a large bird roosting in the tree at the back of the house at 12 Greenfield Ave., Ch'town. In the morning, Dec. 12, Joyce MacLeod identified the bird as an immature Northern Goshawk. It was then resting on the ground, moving its wings from time to time. Later, Joyce noticed the bird was not moving and went out to investigate. The bird was dead. A taxidermist diagnosed the cause of death as intestinal blockage because of a bone the bird had swallowed. (Thanks to Joyce and Margaret Mallett for this report).



- passes over usually every morning, Dec. 3-Jan. 2 in Indian River (TC)

- making an unsuccessful swoop over feeder at Baldwin Road, Jan. 9 (GS)

Sharp-shinned Hawk - in Valleyfield, Nov. 24 (GS)

- with bird in talons, Baldwin Road feeder, Dec. 13 (GS)

Rough-legged Hawk - feeding on Blue Jay for about 15 minutes at Caledonia feeder, about 20' from house, Jan. 4 (JS)

Bald Eagle - 1 over Moore's Bird Sanctuary, Dec. 22 (DH)

- 1 at Orwell, Dec. 28 (P&AW)

Northern Harrier - being harried by flock of about 20 siskin-sized birds, Nov. 23, Baldwin Road (GS)

Ruffed Grouse - 1 on Lansdowne Ave, Ch'town, Oct. 23,24 (DM)

American Coot - Lake of Shining Waters, Cavendish, Oct. 16 (DM)

Mourning Dove - 27-30 eating from outside table daily, to Jan. 1 at Indian River (TC)

Northern (Common) Flicker - 1 on Greenfield Ave., Ch'town, Dec. 16, Jan. 2 (JM)

Hairy Woodpecker - 2 pr. on suet, Jan. 2 (TC) in Indian River

Downy Woodpecker - m at Crossroads feeder, Dec. 1-6 (A&PM)

- 2 pr. on suet in Indian River, Jan. 2 (TC)

- m in larch at Baldwin Road, Dec. 14 (GS)

Blue Jay - while not uncommon at this time of year, there are 3-4 dozen coming to feeders at Indian River, to Jan. 2 (TC)

Gray Jay - 3 at Monticello, Nov. 12 (GM)

Northern Raven - usually 1 or 2 a day, Dec.-Jan. 9, Baldwin Road (GS)

Boreal Chickadees - 3-4 daily, Nov.-mid-Dec., Baldwin Road (GS)

- in a flock of Black-capped Chickadees, Monticello, Dec. 4 (GM)

- several daily to Jan. 2, Indian River (TC)

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1 at Indian River, Nov. 13 (TC)

- 1 at Monticello, Dec. 4 (GM)

Brown Thrasher - at St. Catherines feeder, Dec. 30-Jan. 3 (RR)

American Robin - 1 in Ch'town, Dec. 1 (DM)

- 1 in apple tree, Indian River, Dec. 27 (TC)

- 4 on side of road between Kinross and Lyndale, Jan. 8 (TM)

