

Teal, Blue-winged Teal, American Wigeon, Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Greater Scaup, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, Surf Scoter, Black Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle, Northern Harrier, Osprey, Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, American Kestrel, Ruffed Grouse, Virginia Rail, Sora, Semi-palmated Plover, Piping Plover, Killdeer, Black-bellied Plover, American Woodcock, Common Snipe, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Dunlin, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Common Tern, Arctic Tern, Caspian Tern, Black Guillemot, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-shafted (Northern) Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Eastern Peewee, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Tree Swallow, Bank Swallow, Barn Swallow, Gray Jay, Blue Jay, Common Raven, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Boreal Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Gray Catbird, American Robin, Hermit Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Solitary Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Philadelphia 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, Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Mourning Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, American Redstart, House Sparrow, Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Evening Grosbeak, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, White-winged Crossbill, Savannah Sparrow, Sharp-tailed Sparrow, Dark-eyed (Northern) Junco, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and Snow Bunting.

## RARE BIRDS SIGHTED IN EASTERN PEI

by Gerald MacDonald

Fellow Island Naturalists - well, its been quite a spring of bird watching here in Monticello and the East. Two species unique to the area have been sighted. First, I'll talk about the Eastern Bluebird who arrived at my place on May 6th, 1999.

I was off work for a couple of weeks and, on this particular day, in early afternoon, a cousin from Charlottetown came in for north shore lobster. She no sooner got seated in the house when she noticed a Song Sparrow taking a bath next to the feeder I have east of the house. She was staring intently at the small bird as it ruffed its feathers, clearly enjoying the cool water on an unusually hot spring afternoon.

My cousin turned to me quickly and said that she saw what looked to be a bluebird flying past my window heading in a northerly direction. I grabbed my binoculars and ran for the door. Although she's not an avid birdwatcher, I knew she could distinguish a Blue Jay from another type of bird.

Once outside, I spotted the bird perched on an old dilapidated outhouse just north of my home. I got a good look at the head on the bird and, sure enough, it was a beautiful male Eastern Bluebird. It didn't remain long on the outhouse, flying to an electric wire leading to my house. I beckoned my cousin to come out and observe the bird through the binoculars. She did and then we were very secure in our sighting. We were both in Florida on two occasions and had seen them there in abundance. The bluebird stayed perched for a bit, then it flew down to the side of the road and up again to its perch. It did this

