

presumably to help his mate with their youngster's education. Commotion irrupted around my car where I happened to be standing. Nighthawks darted about all over the place, uttering sharp cries as they flew. They seemed to be issuing commands. Was the young bird getting a hunting lesson?

We returned to town until July 31, and then a niece and her family came with me and set up a tent-trailer in nighthawk territory. This did not disturb the birds. We sometimes saw the mother and the young bird resting placidly on the ground, eyes closed to narrow slits. On August 23 after we had finished our evening meal by the fireplace, someone announced: "Here's your bird." There she was, not 25 feet away, sitting on a spruce branch, people-watching again. I went near and called: "Pretty bird." She acknowledged the greeting by standing up, giving her feathers a good shake, and sitting down again.

We returned to town that evening and I have never seen her again. They would have left toward the latter part of August to migrate to South America. In the summers of 1974 and 1975 I searched repeatedly but found no nighthawk.

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Wildlife Sightings - Fall and Early Winter

OCTOBER 2 - Third sight, and last to date, of a Mourning Dove in Head of Montague. My neighbour says they have nested for two summers and stayed last winter; I have not seen any yet at my bird-feeder.

NOVEMBER 12 - last recorded sight of a Blue Heron at Vernon River

NOVEMBER 20 - freshly killed shrike, found by highway

NOVEMBER 30 - Blarina shrew killed by cats in our basement, Head of Montague

DECEMBER 25 - At our bird-feeder, there were 8 English Sparrows, 9 Juncos, and 6 bluejays. Thirty to 40 Redpolls were in our weed "garden."

JANUARY 7 - On my U. P. E. I. office windowsill, a male Evening Grosbeak stayed for an hour eating birdseed. He had lost the feathers over his left earhole and some off the left side of his neck, and his left wing sagged but he could fly. I slowly opened the window, leaving only a screen and a foot of air between us, and I moved around and talked to people coming to look; he showed no alarm. He came back for a few minutes, an hour after ending the first visit. He was not seen again on January 8, 9 or 12.

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