

Early Spring Arrival Dates, 1978 con'd

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Green-winged Teal	13	April 15	Bedeque Marsh	Kathy Martin and Mindy Rouse
Blue-winged Teal	1	April 13	Dunk River	Mindy Rouse
	5	April 20	Roseneath	John Wright
American Wigeon	-	April 17	Mount Stewart	Bruce Pigot
	6	April 20	Brackley	Simon Lunn
Ring-necked Duck	7	April 21	Wheatley River	Simon Lunn
Red-breasted Merganser	-	March 12	West River	Bruce Pigot
Marsh Hawk	1	April 7	Brackley	Simon Lunn
Merlin	1 female	April 21	York Point	Kathy Martin
Kestrel	1	March 24	Dunk River	Mindy Rouse
	1	April 17	Brackley	Simon Lunn
	1	April 20	Lyndale	John Wright
Killdeer	2	April 6	Village Green	John Wright
	11	April 13	Dunk River	Mindy Rouse
	1	April 14	North Winsloe	Geraldine Wilson
American Woodcock	-	April 17	Rocky Point	Simon Lunn
Common Snipe	2	April 6	Village Green	John Wright
	-	April 16	Martinvale	Daryl Guignion
Yellow legs	1	April 13	Bedeque Marsh	Mindy Rouse
	1	April 15	Bedeque Marsh	Kathy Martin and Mindy Rouse
Ring-billed Gull	-	April 9	Souris River	Bruce Pigot
Caspian Tern	1	April 21	Covehead	Simon Lunn
Mourning Dove	1	April 10	Montague	Athol Matheson
Common Flicker	-	April 18	Rustico Island	Simon Lunn
Robin	-	March 31	Cavendish	Simon Lunn
	-	April 13	Mount Stewart	Bruce Pigot
Bohemian Waxwings	6	March 26	Hunter River	George Mason
Red Winged Blackbird	6	March 19	Dunk River	Mrs. Gertrude Cairns
	-	March 30	Cavendish	Simon Lunn
Common Grackle	-	March 29	Mount Stewart	Bruce Pigot
	-	March 29	Dalvay	Simon Lunn
Rusty Blackbird	-	April 16	Mount Stewart	Bruce Pigot
Purple Finch	-	April 11	Rustico Island	Simon Lunn
Fox Sparrow	1	April 8	Green Meadows	Daryl Guignion
Song Sparrow	-	April 1	Mount Stewart	Bruce Pigot
	1	April 3	Head of Montague	John Wright

Editor's note:

The above spring bird arrivals are the earliest dates submitted to me. If you have earlier records I would be pleased to receive them.

Bald Eagle Hot Spot

Bruce Pigot from Mount Stewart sends this report of his eagle sightings:

"In the last month I have seen Bald eagles at Mount Stewart.
On March 25 I saw an adult.
On April 2 I saw three immature eagles.
On April 15 I saw an immature eagle.
On April 16 I saw an immature eagle.

In addition George Morse at Head of Hillsborough told me of seeing an adult eagle at his home on April 9. It was headed in the direction of Mount Stewart marsh."

Some Early Woodland Wild Flowers

Mayflower or Trailing Arbutus may be found as soon as the snow leaves the ground and a few warm, sunny days encourage blossoming. It is found in neglected pasture land, open woods, and light soils throughout the province and varies in color from almost white to a fairly deep pink. Color seems to be affected by sunlight with the deepest pink found in areas touched by the sun. This plant is