

MID WINTER BIRD SIGHTINGS

Pintail - 7 were seen in company with 60 Black Duck at Wright's Creek estuary in East Royalty in early February (MW).

Goshawk - 1 seen at Nine Mile Creek, January 26 (fide AL).

Sharp-Shinned Hawk - 1 on North River Road in Charlottetown on January 27 (GGH, WEC). 1 at Hampshire on January 27 (GGH, WEC). 1 at York Point on January 31 (fide GGH).

Red-tailed Hawk - 1 was seen in Cornwall on Feb. 7 (JW).

Rough-Legged Hawk - 1 dark phase bird seen at Squaw Bay on January 16 (GGH).

Bald Eagle-- 1 was seen at Grandview on Feb. 3, by Bruce Aho (fide JW). On Feb. 2 Dave Sorry of Montague saw a Bald Eagle knocking a Great Cormorant out of the air to kill it (fide JW). Two Bald Eagles as well as 2 Great Cormorant were seen at the Montague upper bridge on Feb. 13 (JW).

Merlin - 1 at the North River Drive-In on January 26 (GGH).

Snowy Owl - 1 seen several times during January just east of Rustico Island (fide AL).

Black-Backed Three-Toed Woodpecker - 1 at Kilmuir on February 5 (SW).

Loggerhead Shrike - a shrike seen at the Long Pond outlet on January 18 by Jean Ouellette was tentatively identified as this species (fide AL).

Pine Siskin - 1 on February 1 and 5 on February 5 on North River Road in Charlottetown (GGH).

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FEEDER SIGHTINGS

Holman Feeder at 153 North River Road in Charlottetown (Maximum numbers seen at one time during late January) - Rock Dove - 3 on January 25; Downy Woodpecker - 2 (1 male, 1 female); Blue Jay - 1; Common Raven - 1 on January 25; Common Crow - 6 on January 13; Black-Capped Chickadee - 4 on January 30; Starling - 25 to 30 on January 26; House Sparrow - 5 to 10 on January 24; Brown-Headed Cowbird - 11 on January 25; Evening Grosbeak - about 75 on January 26 and 27; American Goldfinch - 30 to 40 on January 30; Song Sparrow - 2 on January 13 (reported by Geoff Hogan).

Keaveny Feeder at York Point (Maximum numbers seen at one time during late January) - Hairy Woodpecker - 1; Downy Woodpecker - 2; Blue Jay - 13; Black-Capped Chickadee - 6 to 10; House Sparrow - about 50 (reported by Geoff Hogan).

Bay Shore Road in Stanhope - Feeder visitors on Feb. 16 included Bluejay, Black-capped and Boreal Chickadees, 35 Evening Grosbeak and Dark-eyed Junco (Della Kielly).

45 Admiral St., Charlottetown - Daily visitors include a flock of about 24 American Goldfinch (Mary Beth Harris).