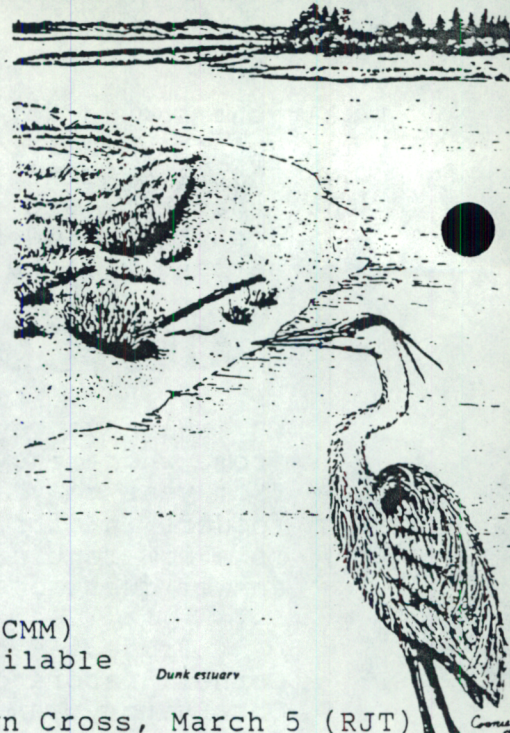


Bird reports

After a lot of discussion and input from NHS members we decided a while back that the Island Naturalist had too many pages of bird sightings. The solution was not to print those birds listed in the field checklist of birds as common, fairly common, or very common during whatever season we were in. But this has caused some faithful recorders not to send in any sightings at all. Please send in any and all sightings to the newsletter, common or uncommon - all reports are saved and will be used when the check list is updated in the future. Without your help, the check list will not be as accurate as it could be.



- Northern Gannet - 5 at Stanhope, April 5 (DM)
- Great Blue Heron - 1 at Woodville Mills, Jan. 15 (CMM)
- Canada Goose - at South Lake, March 13, name unavailable
 - 2 at Beech Grove, March 18 (DMc)
- Hawk (sp) - attempting to take Blue Jay at Milltown Cross, March 5 (RJT)
- Northern Goshawk - 1 over feeder, Baldwin Road, March 9 (GS,RR)
 - 1 at Sharam's Pt., March 30 (P&AW)
 - 1 crossing Fox River, April 5 (P&AW)
- Bald Eagle - 1 at Lakeside, Jan. 1 (AMc)
 - adult on Hillsborough River, 2 mi. N. of bridge, Jan. 13 (CMM)
 - adult over West River Causeway, Jan. 15 (CMM)
 - ad. over Hillsborough bridge, Jan. 16 (CMM)
 - 2 ad. over W. River Causeway, Jan. 18 (NGH)
 - 1 ad., 1 imm. at W. River Causeway (CMM)
 - 1 imm. at Knox's Dam, Feb. 10 (AMc)
 - imm. feeding on something on top of a snag in Cherry Valley, Feb. 17 (AM)
 - 1 below Tea Hill, Feb. 19 (phone in to Fish & Wild.)
 - 1 pestered by crow, 3 km N. of Crapaud, Feb. 21 (EC)
 - 2 ad. at Newport, Feb. 22 (JM)
 - ad. at Clyde River, Feb. 23 (DMA)
 - imm. over Moore's Sanctuary, Feb. 26 (DH)
 - pr. over Montague River, Feb. 28 (SS)
 - imm. over Montague River, Feb. 29 (RR)
 - ad. over Brudenell, April 3 (RR,GS)
- Gyrffalcon - dark phase, at Hillsborough Bridge, Feb. 10 & 18 (NGH)
 - gray phase, at Winslow, Feb. 28 (NGH)
- Merlin - 1 in Crapaud, no date (TK)
- Ruffed Grouse - m. with tail fanned in display to another grouse, at Battery Pt., Jan. 25 (WP)
- Common Snipe - 1 at Lewes, April 13 (JS)
- Glaucous Gull - 2 at Cardigan River, Feb. 26 (CMM)
- Iceland Gull - 1st year, over Montague River, March 2 (SS,GS,RR)
- Mourning Dove - 8 in Tyne Valley, Dec. 23 to March 8 (LD)
 - 3 in Crapaud, no date (TK)
 - 3 in Kinross, March 3 (WM)
 - 1 at Valleyfield with rock doves, April 4 (JS)
- Snowy Owl - 1 at CFB Summerside, Feb. 17 (LD)
 - 1 at Hillsborough Bridge, Feb. 28 (WM)
- Great Horned Owl - 2 calling March 30, Baldwin Road (GS)

