

Thanks go to all who took part in the counts, with special thanks extended to Gwen Beck who organized the Montague feeder counts.

Observers were:

P.E.I. National Park: Bill Bowerbank, Rick Burger, Jamie Burton, Rosemary Curley, Diane and Kevin Griffin, Paul Gunn, Winston Johnston, Norah Longworth, Hugh MacCormack, Gerald MacDonald, Doug MacEachern, Joyce MacLeod, Bob MacNeill, Dan McAskill, Arlene and Paul McGuigan, Jean Ouellette, Elisabeth and Paul Olshelsky and Sylvia Sterns.

Hillsborough: Bill Bowerbank, Rosemary Curley, Geoff Hogan, Winston Johnston, Gerry Kenefic, Norah Longworth, Gerald MacDonald, Dan and Dan McAskill Jr., Thelma Murchison, Terry Power, Sylvia Sterns, Sue Stephenson and Liz Townsend.

Montague: Gwen Beck, Helen Beck, Rosemary Curley, Wanda Curley, Georgie Fraser, Paul Gunn, Hilda Hilchey, Gerald MacDonald, Doug MacEachern, Olga MacKinnon, Wade MacKinnon, Howard Norton, Bob Thompson and Blair Wood.

- Rosemary Curley
Count Compiler



A look across the country

When there is only 3 hours of daylight, the chances of seeing a bird is greatly reduced. In Yellowknife, NWT, participants in the annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday recorded 5 species with 946 ravens. The same day, Inuvik, with 10 observers, reported 4 species including 265 ravens, while in Cambridge Bay, NWT, the most northerly count area in Canada, 3 Willow Ptarmigan, 1 arctic hare and 7 caribou were sighted. (Observers shot one of the caribou for domestic needs.) Contrast this with 122 species of birds sighted in the Fraser River delta of British Columbia, or even 38 species reported from Hillsborough, P.E.I. and Cornerbrook, Nfld. The birds obviously favour higher temperatures, and while 415 birders were able to record 40+ species in Edmonton, it took 2 birders only 2 hours to chalk up 48 species in Atlanta, Georgia. Ah, to be in Atlanta! (RC)

The Province of P.E.I. has no ecological reserves or natural areas legislation but will be looking at this during the development of its Provincial Conservation Strategy. It has a contract with the Island Nature Trust for the identification and protection of natural areas in the province. The Trust leases and manages some of the Crown's candidate natural areas in addition to its own properties. During the 1986 spring legislative sitting, amendments were made to the Planning Act to enable the designation of scenic heritage roads for protection. These are suitable for recreation, aesthetic appreciation, and for the wildlife adjacent to them.