

MONTAGUE AREA: The Montague count was delayed by a heavy snowstorm and didn't take place until January 12 (because the count is not an official one, the date could be changed). Even so, there was a lot of snow on the ground and most of the waterways were frozen over. Many people new to the bird counts became involved this year by watching their feeders and reporting on what birds came during the day. Next year we hope to expand this aspect of the count and get even more people involved. The results are as follows:

45 species, 4,713 individuals. Common Loon 2, Great Cormorant 13, Canada Goose 32, American Black Duck 495, Mallard 4, Green-winged Teal 1, Oldsquaw 531, Common Goldeneye 322, Bufflehead 1, Common Merganser 86, Red-breasted Merganser 293, Glaucous Gull 1, Iceland Gull 6, Herring Gull 325, Ring-billed Gull 12, Greater Black-backed Gull 132, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Gray Partridge 36, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 1, Bald Eagle 2, Rock Dove 97, Belted Kingfisher 4, Downy Woodpecker 7, Hairy Woodpecker 5, American Crow 459, Northern Raven 78, Blue Jay 224, Black-capped Chickadee 100, Boreal Chickadee 6, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, Golden Crowned Kinglet 9, American Robin 1, Red-winged Blackbird 1, Brown-headed Cowbird 104, Rusty Blackbird 1, Common Grackle 2, European Starling 614, House Sparrow 326, Northern Junco 5, Snow Bunting 5, Evening Grosbeak 350, American Goldfinch 11, Song Sparrow 3.

Participants: Gwen Beck, Jamie Burton, Charles Cooper, Rosemary Curley, Paul Gunn, Geoff Hogan, Connie Ings, Joyce Kennedy, Jerry Kennific, Dan MacAskill, Barb MacDonald, Gerald MacDonald, Margaret MacDonald, Doug MacEachern, Jeannie MacLean, Joyce MacLeod, Margaret Mair, Dot Nielson, Howard Norton, Nellie Patterson, Ruth Richman, Elizabeth Roe, Gary Schneider, David Sorrie, Pam Stewart, Jim Sutton, Sid Watts.

GET INVOLVED IN THE CELEBRATION

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1985 is the Centennial of Heritage Conservation in Canada, acknowledging the reservation of the first national parkland in 1885 near Banff, Alberta. From this modest beginning Canada has developed one of the largest national parks systems in the world. To celebrate this event and to support both our natural and man-made heritage, the Minister of the Environment has appointed a committee of citizens from across the country to encourage broad public involvement in the celebration. The National Parks Centennial Citizens Committee (NPCCC) programme will be officially launched in Ottawa on February 18. P.E.I.'s representative is well-known NHS and Island Nature Trust member Daryl Guignon. Individuals, families and organizations are encouraged to get involved by initiating or taking part in special Heritage '85 events. An excellent source of ideas is provided by the NPCCC entitled "'100 Ways to Celebrate 100 Years'", available on request at the following address or from provincial representative Daryl Guignon.



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