

ornamental, but is definitely native at this site. It's known from boggy habitats like this in southwestern New Brunswick. Other new finds include the native *Carex lasiocarpa* (Wooly-fruit Sedge), *Carex pauciflora* (Few-flowered Sedge), *Amelanchier sanguinea* (a Serviceberry), and *Bidens hyperborea* (Estuary Beggars-tick), plus a host of exotic species. Additionally, this work is uncovering interesting and highly diverse botanical communities in areas such as Indian Marsh, Miscouche and George's Island, plus spectacular sites, such as a population of thousands of the rare *Dicentra cucullaria* (Dutchman's Breeches) near Millvale.

The fall and winter were busy with confirmation of identifications, data management & quality control, and specimen preparation. A "mounting bee" in March 2004 saw team members gather at UPEI for a day to properly glue voucher specimens on herbarium paper. These are the "gold standard" for confirmation of plant records, and will later be stored at the E.C. Smith Herbarium at Acadia, with duplicate specimens being made available to UPEI and other institutions.

Estuary Beggars-tick
Bidens hyperborea



For the upcoming year, funding support from the George C. Metcalf Foundation will allow INT to dedicate one full-time position to this project. Funding for travel and other necessary components has not yet been confirmed. This summer will be the final field season, followed by another session of data management and specimen preparation. Writing and mapping will take place in 2005, followed by layout, design and printing. The PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation has agreed to be the publisher; if we can secure funding on schedule, the new *Flora* should be available in 2006.

For more information on this project, please contact Kate MacQuarrie at 368-4705. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this important work, please contact INT Executive Director Bruce Smith at 892-7513, or send it to P.O. Box 265, Charlottetown, C1A 7K4. Thank you!

BIRD RECORDS ON THE ISLAND IN 2003:

Compiled by David Seeler

A summary of the bird sightings reported for the Island to the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island in 2003 is provided below:

SPECIES Observed From
1/1/2003 to 12/31/2003

Prince Edward Island
236 Species Observed

LOONS

Red-throated Loon
Common Loon

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Horned Grebe

STORM-PETRELS

Wilson's Storm-petrel
Leach's Storm-Petrel (~3 Km off
shore)

GANNETS

Northern Gannet

CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS

Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
American Bittern

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

DUCKS AND GEESE

Snow Goose

Canada Goose
Brant

Barnacle Goose

Wood Duck

Eurasian Wigeon

American Wigeon

Gadwall

Green-winged Teal

Mallard

American Black Duck

Northern Pintail

Blue-winged Teal

Northern Shoveler

Ring-necked Duck

Tufted Duck

Greater Scaup

Lesser Scaup

Common Eider

Harlequin Duck