

Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Purple Finch  
White-winged Crossbill

Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch  
Evening Grosbeak

House Sparrow

### **SOCIETY'S CAVENDISH FIELD TRIP:**

By Dwaine Oakley

This morning eight of us braved the light drizzle and cool temperature on May 21<sup>st</sup> to look for birds in Cavendish along the Homestead trail and campground. Here is a quick list of the 40 birds species that some or all of the group saw or heard. (Adapted from PEIbirders mailing list E-mail dated May/05)

Double-crested Cormorant  
Gadwall  
American Black Duck  
Red-breasted Merganser  
Osprey  
Greater Yellowlegs  
Herring Gull  
Mourning Dove  
Belted Kingfisher  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Least Flycatcher  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Blue Jay

American Crow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Boreal Chickadee  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
European Starling  
Magnolia Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Ovenbird

Northern Waterthrush  
Savannah Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Purple Finch  
Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch

### **MARITIMES BREEDING BIRD ATLAS II:**

by Becky Whittam

The Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Karel Allard, an enthusiastic birdwatcher, biologist and communicator, has been hired as the Atlas Coordinator. Karel will be employed by Bird Studies Canada in the BSC Atlantic office, housed with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Sackville, New Brunswick. Originally from southern Nova Scotia, Karel is fluently bilingual and a skilled and keen birder. He has eight seasons of experience working as an interpreter at Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Pacific Rim, and Fundy National Parks, as well as experience teaching in schools and universities on subjects ranging from Math to the French language. Karel has also spent seven summer and three winter field seasons in the Canadian Arctic, as a biologist for the Canadian Wildlife Service. He possesses a B.Sc. (Honours) degree in Biology and a B.Ed. (secondary education) from the Université de Moncton. Karel is in the final stages of completing his Ph.D. from the University of New Brunswick, and will start work with the Atlas on the 1st August, 2005, after submitting his thesis.

Regarding the Maritimes Atlas project, Karel notes, "In addition to my passion for simply observing nature, I believe strongly in the development of tools needed to monitor trends in species distribution, productivity and survival. The birding community has demonstrated that large scale collaboration can lead to formidable results (e.g. breeding bird atlases). The continuance of the Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas project can contribute greatly to our understanding of species-specific habitat requirements at broad spatial scales over long time spans. Such tools together with others can help managers monitor species, identify potential threats, and develop appropriate protection measures."

Please join the Steering Committee in welcoming Karel to this position. (From an E-mail from Becky