

of a Red-tailed Hawk seen by only one member of the team. While the hawks abandoned us at this site, the seabirds and woodland birds made up for it. Gannets were abundant but a Dovekie, phalaropes, warblers, a Fox Sparrow, and two Blue Grey Gnatcatchers only ten feet from us made the day.

From East Point we wandered along Route 16 slowly adding a few species at a time to our list. First we found first a Merlin hunting a road by flying just above its surface and then flitting up to vegetation height. Then a Peregrine swooping off a cliff edge and hunting ahead of us. These sightings were down played by the failure to find the Sharp-tailed Grouse in the normal sighting area. Instead, new cottages were found nearby.

The path from Cable Head led via Red Head, through Head of Hillsborough to Pisquid Pond, and then to Mount Stewart via the Pisquid River Wildlife Management Area. At Tracadie Harbour, a Bald Eagle caused a large flock of Black Ducks and Canada Geese to lift off the bay beside Black Bush. We travelled onward toward Covehead Harbour hoping to see Caspian Terns, Common Terns, or kingfishers. A stop at Long Pond yielded an Island lifer for some members of the team with the golden forehead revealing the presence of a Eurasian Wigeon. Shortly thereafter, a Western Sandpiper at Covehead Harbour concluded the day's highlights.

As the sun settled and obscured our vision, we tried for Short-eared Owls. However, we could not break the ninety species mark despite a valiant effort. By the day's end, we had created a new record for an October count of ninety species! The total list is provided below:

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| Common Loon | American Kestrel | Black-capped Chickadee |
| Red-throated Loon | Ruffed Grouse | Boreal Chickadee |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Semipalmated Plover | White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Northern Gannet | Lesser Golden Plover | Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| Great Cormorant | Black-bellied Plover | American Robin |
| Double-crested Cormorant | Ruddy Turnstone | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Great Blue Heron | Spotted Sandpiper | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Canada Goose | Willet | Blue-grey Gnatcatcher |
| Mallard | Greater Yellowlegs | Cedar Waxwing |
| American Black Duck | Lesser Yellowlegs | European Starling |
| Northern Pintail | Pectoral Sandpiper | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Least Sandpiper | Pine Warbler |
| Blue-winged Teal | Dunlin | Palm Warbler |
| Eurasian Wigeon | Semipalmated Sandpiper | Common Yellowthroat |
| American Wigeon | Western Sandpiper | House Sparrow |
| Ring-necked Duck | Sanderling | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Greater Scaup | Phalarope spp. | Rusty Blackbird |
| Common Goldeneye | Greater Black-back Gull | Common Grackle |
| Oldsquaw | Herring Gull | Purple Finch |
| Common Eider | Ring-billed Gull | Pine Siskin |
| White-winged Scoter | Bonaparte's Gull | American Goldfinch |
| Surf Scoter | Dovekie | Savannah Sparrow |
| Black Scoter | Rock Dove | Northern Junco |
| Common Merganser | Great Horned Owl | Chipping Sparrow |
| Red-breasted Merganser | Barred Owl | Field Sparrow |
| Red-Tailed Hawk | Northern Saw-whet Owl | White-throated Sparrow |
| Bald Eagle | Northern Flicker | Fox Sparrow |
| Northern Harrier | Blue Jay | Lincoln's Sparrow |
| Peregrine Falcon | Common Raven | Swamp Sparrow |
| Merlin | American Crow | Song Sparrow |



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