

Early Jan. 77. Bruce McLaren's brother and sister observed a Morning Dove that appeared to be injured. They were unable to catch it. The bird must have survived the winter and recovered from its injury if any, as it was observed again three or four times in late March and early April.

Jan. 23/77. Roger and Lenore Andrew saw a Gray Jay and a Belted Kingfisher on the 48 Road near the Cardigan Fish Hatchery.

Feb. 5/77. Great Blue Herons were observed by Roger and Lenore Andrew at Milltown Cross. Dan McMillan from Wood Islands has also seen a Great Blue Heron in a creek by the Selkirk Road below McPherson's Pond. It has been there all winter and was last seen in Mid-February.

Feb. 13 & 20/77. Roger and Lenore Andrew reported a sighting of a Bald Eagle at Victoria Cross on two occasions. Also at their feeder they reported about 10 American Goldfinches, most males and a male and female Purple Finch. In early March the finch population increased to approximately 8.

Feb. 1977. Jessie and Clara Cook saw a flock of Cedar Waxwings in Victoria Park, Charlottetown, one morning.

Late Feb. 1977. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Walker from Sherwood had 35 Evening Grosbeaks at their feeder.

Feb. 20/77. A flock of 80 + Black Ducks were seen by Margaret Mallett at Warren Grove in the middle of a large field that had about 8" of snow cover. On March 9 nearly as many ducks were observed in the same field when the grain stubble was beginning to show.

Feb. 20/77. At North River Causeway the usual congregation of Common Goldeneyes was swimming and diving in the patch of open water. At the same time, several dozen Black Ducks were standing on the snow-covered ice in front of a wire enclosure in which two ducks appeared to be prisoners. An inquiry at Fish and Wildlife produced the information that they were not locked in and that the device was used when banding was to be done. A trail of corn would be placed to entice ducks into the pen. The bander would then wait in a car until some ducks were corralled, and go out and put the bands on them. (M. Mallett)

Feb. 25/77. Mrs. Fichaud, 3 Crestwood Drive, reported dozens of Cowbirds, several Grackles, many Grosbeaks, and two Redpolls in her garden, also a Robin that comes and sits on the telephone wire about 5 o'clock every evening.

Feb. 26/77. Mrs. Kay Mustard, Falconwood Road, reported a pair of Purple Finches at her feeder. Unusual numbers of these finches have been reported on the Island this winter. In eastern North America, the main winter range is from New York State to the Gulf of Mexico. Normally New York State and the New England States have some the year round. A belt across the continent about the latitude of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland is the regular summer range.

Feb. 26/77. Three flocks of Snow Buntings were observed in the Cumberland area of the South Shore. Two flocks were in the same field; these took wing, joined forces and flew off in one flock of about 300. (M. Mallett)

Mar. 1/77. Jack Vissey from North River Road saw 20 Canada Geese land on the mud flats of Hermitage Creek north of the Beach Grove Causeway.

Mar. 4/77. Gwen Beck from Montague reported 1 Brown-headed Cowbird on her clothesline.

Mar. 3/77. John Wright, Montague saw approximately 150 Cowbirds in Cherry Valley. They were moving in a very tight flock, back and forth on the bare dead grass beside the highway.

Mar. 16/77. Wylie Barrett, New Dominion, saw 12 Canada Geese at West River Causeway. He also sighted a Mourning Dove recently.