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BIRDING FIELD TRIP:

by Ron Arvidson

During the Natural History Society's May 7th bird outing, the participants birded the Strathgartney and Bonshaw trails. The group also tried to see Indigo Buntings in York Point and Argyle Shore. No Luck! A total of 33 species were seen. We did not record numbers except where noted in the report below. The day was cloudy and pleasant. (Adapted from PEIbirders mailing list E-mail dated May/05)

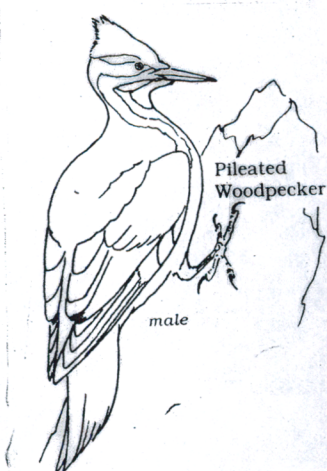
Start time: 8:00 AM

Species Observed (Species Name - Number Reported)

3 American Black Duck	American Crow	Song Sparrow
2 Osprey	Common Raven	Swamp Sparrow
1 Bald Eagle	Black-capped Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
1 American Kestrel	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Dark-eyed Junco
Mourning Dove	2 Winter Wren	Red-winged Blackbird
Belted Kingfisher	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Common Grackle
2 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Hermit Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Downy Woodpecker	American Robin	Purple Finch
Hairy Woodpecker	European Starling	Pine Siskin
Northern Flicker	Yellow-rumped Warbler	American Goldfinch
Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow	House Sparrow

2005 BAIN BIRD COUNT:

by Dan McAskill, Ray Cooke, David Seeler, Eric Marcum, Dwaine Oakley, Gerald, Gene, Carolyn, & Richard MacDonald, Paul & Arlene McGuigan, Jean Watts, Barb Currie, and Elaine Murley



At 3 am, the first team assembled in Charlottetown and commenced the 2005 Bain Bird Count. It was cool, damp, and relatively calm with the temperature starting at ~8°C. For a brief period in the afternoon, it was a relatively pleasant with the temperature rising to ~11°C. Misting rain occurred sporadically throughout the day. At times visibility was hampered by fog or mist so we could not see to the middle or ends of Pisquid Pond and very far offshore at Souris and Little Harbour. The winds were erratic and ranged from 1 to 10 km/hr with the highest wind being recorded about 3 pm. One positive impact of the weather was the low temperature which kept the blackflies to a minimum, no need for fly dope even for those who sometimes use it! Leaves were only partly flushed so that visibility in the trees was good in most areas. The two teams birded in the central and northeastern parts of the Island and two birders from Charlottetown and Argyle Shore provided reports for this year's Bain Bird Count.

The participants are listed above. One team birded for 8.5 hours plus 40 minutes of owling the previous night. They drove 75 km and walked 3 km. The other team went from 3:00 am to 6:00 pm and covered some 294 kilometres. The remaining birders provided observations from their homes. Together, they observed and/or heard 128 species down from last year's 139 species total on the Bain Bird Count. A great day was had by all the