

BIRDATHON 1982

The fifth annual Francis Bain Birdathon was held on Saturday, May 29, 1982. Warm sunny weather enabled counters to amass a total of some 99 species. The day concluded with a delicious pot-luck supper. Thanks to Geoff Hogan for organizing the count and hosting the evening gathering.

The following is the list of the 99 species recorded by our observers:

Common Loon	Lesser Yellowlegs	Black and White Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Great Black-backed Gull	Nashville Warbler
Northern Gannet	Herring Gull	Northern Parula Warbler
Great Cormorant	Ring-billed Gull	Yellow Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Common Tern	Magnolia Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Black Guillemot	Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Bittern	Rock Dove	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Canada Goose	Mourning Dove	Black-throated Green Warbler
Brant	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Blackburnian Warbler
Mallard	Belted Kingfisher	Bay-breasted Warbler
Black Duck	Common Flicker	Ovenbird
Gadwall	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellowthroat
Pintail	Downy Woodpecker	American Redstart
American Green-winged Teal	Eastern Kingbird	House Sparrow
Blue-winged Teal	Eastern Phoebe	Bobolink
American Wigeon	Horned Lark	Red-winged Blackbird
Shoveler	Tree Swallow	Northern Oriole
Ring-necked Duck	Bank Swallow	Common Grackle
Greater Scaup	Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Eider	Blue Jay	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Ruddy Duck	Common Raven	Evening Grosbeak
Red-breasted Merganser	Common Crow	Purple Finch
Marsh Hawk	Black-capped Chickadee	Pine Siskin
Osprey	Boreal Chickadee	American Goldfinch
American Coot	White-breasted Nuthatch	Savannah Sparrow
Semipalmated Plover	Winter Wren	Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Piping Plover	Mockingbird	Dark-eyed Junco
Killdeer	Robin	Chipping Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Hermit Thrush	White-crowned Sparrow
Common Snipe	Swainson's Thrush	White-throated Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Lincoln's Sparrow
Willet	Common Starling	Swamp Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Red-eyed Vireo	Song Sparrow

Two additional species (Ruffed Grouse and Alder Flycatcher) were recorded during the count week of May 26 - June 1 but not on the count day.

FEEDER REPORT

Miriam and Allison West Feeder in West Royalty - The following daily visitors were recorded from Dec. to early May: 2 Hairy Woodpecker (occasionally), 2 Downy Woodpecker, 3 Blue Jay, 4 to 5 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Boreal Chickadee (occasionally), 3 Common Crow, 5 to 6 Dark-eyed Junco, 1 Fox Sparrow, 1 Song Sparrow, 2 Red Squirrel and on Feb. 10, 11 and 12 a Short-tailed Weasel (pure white with black tail tip and very bright beady eyes).

Geoff and Dorothy Robinson in Tyne Valley - The Robinson's report a real scarcity of birds in middle West Prince this winter. They saw only a Raven, some Common Crows and the occasional flock of Snow Buntings. They note the contrast with the previous winter when they had Red-winged Blackbirds all winter.