



BROOKVALE PROVINCIAL SKI PARK

Birdfeeding at Brookvale

A new project is being sponsored by the Nordic ski Association at Brookvale Provincial Ski Park. Two feeders are now in place near the Nordic Lodge for winter feeding of local birds and several nesting boxes are also to be placed around the site for summer and winter use. The latter are used by some smaller species like chickadees for night-time shelter.

Co-operating in this project are the Island Nature Trust who have donated birdfeed and the Department of Forestry who have built the boxes and feeders and advised on locations.

The seed will be located in a large container in the lodge foyer and it is hoped that skiers or any visitors to the site will participate in keeping feeders full.

Besides the blackcapped chickadees and bluejays one expects to see anywhere in the winter, there is the potential at Brookvale to find boreal chickadees, white and red breasted nuthatches, pine grosbeaks, goldfinches, purple finches, pine siskin, brown creepers, house finches, ruffed grouse and many more. Robert Ferguson will be organizing a reporting mechanism for the site so let us know what you find.

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