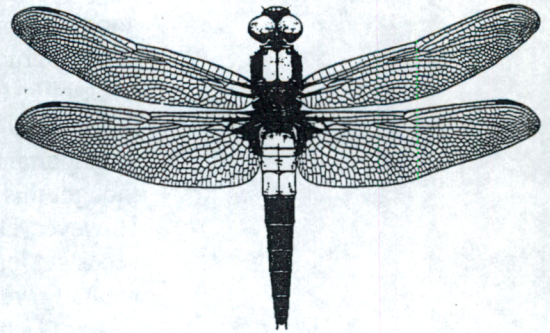


Lake Darner	<i>Aeshna eremita</i>
Variable Darner	<i>Aeshna interrupta interrupta</i>
Subarctic Darner	<i>Aeshna subarctica</i>
Black-tipped Darner	<i>Aeshna tuberculifera</i>
Shadow Darner	<i>Aeshna umbrosa umbrosa</i>
Hudsonian Whiteface	<i>Leucorrhinia hudsonica</i>
Red-waisted Whiteface	<i>Leucorrhinia proxima</i>
American Emerald	<i>Cordulia shurtleffi</i>
Petite Emerald	<i>Dorocordulia lepida</i>
Racket-tailed Emerald	<i>Dorocordulia libera</i>
Brush-tipped Emerald	<i>Somatochlora walshii</i>
Chalk-fronted Skimmer	<i>Libellula julia</i>
Common Whitetail	<i>Libellula lydia</i>
Four-spotted Skimmer	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>
Saffron-winged Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum costiferum</i>
White-faced Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum obtrusum</i>
Yellow-legged Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum vicinum</i>

Libellula julia UHLER, 1857
Chalk-fronted Skimmer



** denotes a different collecting site from our records

BIRDING OFFSHORE AND NORTHEASTERN PEI

by J. Vernon Laux

The summer has passed all too quickly. I have been here, tuna fishing and birding for a couple of weeks in mid-August. Lots of birds just north of the island in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, 4 to 5 miles offshore. Gannets, hundreds of Greater Shearwaters, dozens of Sooty Shearwaters, thousands of Wilson's Storm-Petrels, several trips as many as 35 Red-necked Phalaropes, approximately a dozen first and 2nd year Lesser Black-backed Gulls, 32 Black Guillemots in a flock in breeding plumage 5 miles off North Lake on 22nd, and a couple of Black-legged Kittiwakes.

In the last two weeks, the highlights all seem to involve birds on Souris Causeway. Stilt Sandpiper (adult) on 16th, 2 Western Sandpipers on 17th, Baird's Sandpiper 18th and 23rd with Dan Kennedy and Eric Marcum, juvenile, Little Gull on 23rd on Causeway, Black-headed Gull at Rollo Bay on 23rd with Dan Kennedy and Eric Marcum, White-winged Crossbills and Pine Siskins regular now at East Point. No unexpected landbirds but good numbers of warblers. A couple of Goshawks and immature Red-tailed Hawks at point and fair numbers of Kestrels, Merlins and Sharp-shins.

Today, Monday the 26th, just came from East Lake at 6 P.M. where there were 3 Baird's Sandpipers, 2 Pectoral Sandpipers and 2 first summer Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

ASSESSING WINTER FINCH ABUNDANCE

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I've been assessing the seed crops developing on trees and shrubs in central Ontario north of Toronto. This area is bounded by Lake Ontario to the south, Georgian Bay to the west, the Ottawa River to the north, and St. Lawrence River to the east. I asked Ron Tozer in Algonquin Park for his seed crop assessment. Mike Turner in Haliburton and Mike Walsh in Muskoka, both with the Ministry of Natural Resources, also advised me of seed crops in their areas. Even this early in the season, it's already

