

Bird reports

Thanks to the following contributors for bird (and flower) sightings, some of the most interesting we've had recently: GH - Geoff Hogan; TH - Theresa Hughes; NH - Nelson Hurry; GM - Gerald MacDonald; TM - Thelma Murchison; AS - Alan Saint; P&AW - Pat and Ann Wooton.

- Cattle egret - 1 by Point Prim Road, Oct. 30-31 (TM)
- Green-winged teal - 1 m, John Archie's Pond in Nat'l Park, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Canada goose - flock flying over Ch'town Legion, Sept. 1 (AS)
- Bufflehead - m & f, John Archie's Pond, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Hooded merganser - m & f, John Archie's Pond, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Northern goshawk - took 2 chickens at Gladstone, Nov. 2-4 (P&AW)
- Sandhill crane - seen Oct. 17 at North Tryon, reported to Nelson Hurry, and hopefully there will be more information on this in the next newsletter (NH)
- Black-bellied plover - 12 at Covehead Bay in the Nat'l Park, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Dunlin - 6-10 at Covehead Bay, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Hudsonian godwit - 1 at Covehead Bay, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Sanderling - 11 at Stanhope, Oct. 24 (GH)
- Great horned owl - 2 at Monticello, Nov. 2 (GM)
- Snowy owl - m at Webster's Corner, Nov. 4 (TH)
- Mourning dove - 2 at Monticello, Nov. 1 (GM)
- Northern shrike - at feeder in Springvale, Nov. 6 (GH)
- Snow bunting - 40-50 in Stanhope, Oct. 24 (GH)



Black-bellied plovers

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- Lupins in bloom on Nov. 1, Dunstaffnage (AS)
- Dandelions in bloom, Oct. 17, Dunstaffnage (AS)

Geoff Hogan's story on the Pileated Woodpecker will be in the January-February 1988 issue of the Island Naturalist instead of this one. And thanks again to all those who contributed, and Ruth Richman as always for sneaking away from her studies to do the headlines.

Coming events

- Tuesday, Dec. 1: The guest speaker at the December meeting of the Natural History Society will be Dr. Katherine Clough, who will be speaking on mushrooms. The meeting takes place at the Farm Centre on University Ave. in Charlottetown and starts at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 19: The kickoff of the annual Christmas Bird Counts, at the National Park. For more information, contact Dan or Geoff.
- Saturday, Dec. 26: The Hillsborough Christmas Bird Count, to coincide with National Birdwatching Weekend.
- Saturday, Jan. 2: The Montague Christmas bird Count ends the counts for another season.
- Tuesday, Jan. 5: The January meeting of the NHS will be held at the Farm Centre at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jim Campbell of Holland College in Summerside. Mr. Campbell specializes in underwater photography and will have many photos of reefs and fish.