

Sherwood in early Feb. (ASu), 1 eating barberries on Feb. 9 & 11 at Hazelbrook (JF); **Bohemian Waxwing** - 50 at Malpeque from Dec. 24 to 28 (SH), 21 at Crossroads on Dec. 24 (DO); 150 on Feb. 1 (G&FM), 74 at Bunbury on Feb. 2 (DO); **Cedar Waxwing** - flock of 20 in Charlottetown yard eating hawthorne berries Jan. 19-21 (DGS), at Stratford feeder in early Feb. (WP), 2 in Charlottetown on Feb. 13 (SN); **Common Grackle** - 1 at Point Prim on Dec. 19 (TM), approx. 40 in Sherwood in early Jan. and a few in early Feb. (ASu); **Dickcissel** - 2 ♀ at Summerside on Jan. 8 (SE); **Evening Grosbeak** - 24 at Bethel feeder on Dec. 20 (NR), 9 on Jan. 3 & 5 on Jan. 11 at Hazelbrook (JF); **Purple Finch** - 1 at Mt. Stewart feeder in Dec. (LT), 2 ♀ in Bunbury on Jan. 31 and 1 ♀ on Feb. 2 (DO); **Pine Grosbeak** - 5 eating white oak seed in South Melville in Dec. (RA), 6 at Reeve's Estates on Dec. 13 (DO); **Pine Siskin** - 1 at Bunbury on Jan. 31 (DO); **Hoary Redpoll** - 5 at Charlottetown feeder with flock of 30 Common Redpoll (BB, LK); **Common Redpoll** - 80 to 100 on Jan. 1 at Hazelbrook (JF), still around Prince Charles Drive area in late Jan. (DGS), very common this winter, 2 at Bethel feeder on Jan. 22 & 23 (TR), 6 on Jan. 31 at Bunbury (DO), at Summerside feeder on Feb. 4 (JM), at Stratford feeder in early Feb. (WP); **White-winged Crossbill** - 12 at Block House Point on Nov. 26 (DO), 1 Dec. 13 at Panmure Island (DO), at Point Prim on Dec. 19 (TM), pair in cedar tree in Dec. at Hazelbrook (JF); **Rufous-sided Towhee** - 1 (A&JM); **Dark-eyed (Slate-coloured or Northern) Junco** - 6 to 8 at Bethel feeder in Jan. (TR); **American Tree Sparrow** - 3 regularly at Donagh feeder in Jan. (JDM), 1 at Bethel feeder Jan. 22, 23, 28 & 30 (TR); **Song Sparrow** - 2 at Sherwood feeder in Jan. (ASu); **Snow Bunting** - 200 at Summerside in Dec. (LT), 60+ at Bunbury on Jan. 16 (DO), 140 on Feb. 1 (G&FM). **Older Sightings:** - 2 Brant in Rustico Harbour on May 24, 1997 (DC); 1 ♂ & 2 ♀ **Harlequin Duck** at North Cape on May 23, 1997 (DC) and 1 ♂ at East Point with Black Scoter on May 24 (DC); 1 **Lesser Black-backed Gull** near Sea Cow Pond on May 23, 1997 (DC); 1 **Western Kingbird** at Elephant Head on Sept. 13, 1994 (DC); Ruddy Duck - at Cavendish in autumn (GM); Hooded Merganser at Indian River on Sept. 13, 1994 (DC) and at Cavendish in autumn (GM); Bald Eagle on Sept. 13 at New London Bay (DC); Northern Waterthrush near Bangor on May 22, 1997 (DC); **Lincoln's Sparrow** on Sept. 13 & Winter Wren, Palm Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, & Black Poll Warbler on Sept. 14, 1994 at Dalvay (DC); 2 juvenile Great Horned Owls at Mt. Albion on Jun. 29, 1996 (HJ);

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**Weather in Review:** December's mean temperatures were within 1 degree of the long term normal temperatures with the maximum average temperature being -0.3 and the minimum average being -8.1. Precipitation was significantly lower than normal with only 99.6 mm received compared to a normal level of 133.2 mm and the average wind speed was 16.9 km/hr, down 4.1 km/hr from the norm.