

The first blackflies were bouncing off in Donagh on May 11 and started biting in Donagh on May 15 (JDM). Its been a strange year for biting bugs with cold weather and winds appearing to have slowed the appearance of black flies and mosquitoes at many locations (e.g. no mosquitos on the Bain bird count! (JDM)). Tent caterpillar made an appearance on May 29<sup>th</sup> in eastern P.E.I. (JDM).

**AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES:** None heard on Owl Survey Route 24 (Vernon River to Baldwin's Road on Apr. 17 (DCS, DO). Wood frogs heard at Mount Stewart on Apr. 13 (DO). Wood frogs heard for the first time on ~Apr. 20 and wood frogs and lone spring peeper on Apr. 22 at South Melville (RA). Lone spring peeper, first of season in Donagh on Apr. 25 and a chorus on Apr. 27 (JDM). Yellow-spotted salamander at Vernon River pond on May 2 (DK). Spring peepers, wood frogs, & American toads at many stops during owl surveys at Strathgartney to South Melville on May 1 (DO, FdB, DCS)

**FISH:** On May 2, DK noted that the goldfish in his pond died after 5 years at Vernon River. The herring finally made it to this area of Egmont Bay on May 7 (F&GM).

**MAMMALS:** Many red squirrels at Stanhope feeder on Mar. 26 (F&JC). Red squirrel gathering nesting material on Apr. 15 at Donagh (JDM). 3 flying squirrels at Crossroads gazebo feeder on Apr. 5 (DO). 1 flying squirrel at Watervale feeder on Apr. 17 (DD). Eastern chipmunk seen for first time at Crossroads feeders on Apr. 5 & in Donagh this spring on Apr. 15 with 2 fighting near feeders (JDM). Short-tailed weasel still in winter coat in Cherry Valley on Apr. 4 (DO) while one in summer coat was seen crossing the Park highway at Long Pond on Jun. 18 (DG, JDM). Mink eating road kill in Mount Albion on Apr. 7 (DO). Beaver grazing on a bank in Avondale on Apr. 7 (DO). Silver fox at Bridgetown on Mar. 14 (W&SFo). Red foxes yapping at Stratford by golf course on Apr. 30 (AP). Coyotes calling at Rocky Point on Apr. 15 (LD), Valley on Apr. 26 (GS&MC) & during owl surveys at Strathgartney to South Melville on May 1 (DO, FdB, DCS). Two coyote travelling through Winsloe together in April (SP). Coyote feeding on a seal carcass at Egmont Bay on May 7 (F&GM).

**BIRDS:** **Red-throated Loon** - 5 at North Cape on May 3 (LH); **Common Loon** - 1 at Souris on Jan. 18 (DO), 1 at Rice Point on Apr. 18 (EMa, DCS), 10 at Rice Point on Apr. 20 (EMa); **Pied-billed Grebe** - 1 at Cornwall Pond on May 5 (EMa), 2 at Mount Stewart on May 6 (DC&ES); **Red-necked Grebe** - 1 at Rice Point on Apr. 27 (EMa); **Northern Gannet** - few at Wharf Road on Apr. 16 & 6 on Apr. 17 (EMa), 50+ in 40 minutes at East Point on Apr. 17 (DO), 2 flying off Cavendish on Apr. 18 (JBI, SCI), 15 at Rice Point on Apr. 20 (EMa), at Rice Point on Apr. 27 (EMa), hundreds at Egmont Bay on May 7 (F&GM); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 2 at Oyster Bed Bridge on Apr. 8 (DC&ES), ~20 at Hillsborough Bridge in Charlottetown on rocks and ice flows on Apr. 10 (JDM), 6 at Hillsborough River on Apr. 16 (DK); **Great Cormorant** - a number at East Point on Apr. 15 (DK), 10 at Rice Point on Apr. 20 (EMa); **American Bittern** - at Dalvay Corner on May 14 (LT via DCS); **Great Blue Heron** - 1 at Belvedere Pond on ice on Apr. 2 (DO), 1 at Gowan Brae on Apr. 7 (DO), 1 at Ellen's Creek on Apr. 14 (JDM), 2 at Brackley Bay on Apr. 25 (DK), 13 along the cliff edge and shore at East Point on Apr. 30 (DK); **Great Egret** - 1 at Savage Harbour on May 23 (ACo via BP), 1 at Covehead Harbour on May 23 (HM) & on May 24 (DK); **Little Blue Heron** - 1 immature at North Late on May 29 (RC, JDM, DCS, WFB, EMa); **Glossy Ibis** - 1 at East Point on Apr. 13 (DCS, DO, DK), Apr. 14 (DK, JBI, ASt, E&CMA), Apr. 16 & 17 (DO), 1 on Apr. 20 (SF), & Apr. (DCS, DO), 2 at East Point on 21 (D&JC via DO), 2 at East Point on Apr. 23 (DO); **Canada Geese** - continuing to arrive via Northumberland Strait on Mar. 20 (DC&ES), 8 flying by at Vernon River on Mar. 22 (DK), 3 "v"s of geese near Emerald on Mar. 22 (SMA, DF, ML), 200+ at Souris Bridge in late Mar. (DO), ~300 at Rice Point on Apr. 1 (EMa), ~1,000 in grain field in Bunbury on Apr. 3 (JDM), ~3,000 at Vernon River field on Apr. 9 (DK); **Brant** - 9 on Apr. 24 (EMa) & 100 at Wright's Creek/Hillsborough River junction on Apr. 25 (DO, DK), 4 at Souris bridge on Apr. 29 (DO); **Wood Ducks** - 1 at Bedeque in Apr. (BH), 1 at Moore's Pond in Stratford on May 25 (JBI), 1 at Mt. Stewart on May 29 (EMa, DCS, JDM, WFB, RC); **Gadwall** - 2 at Wright's Pond on May 9 (EMa); **American Wigeon** - 2 at York Point Rd. on Apr. 24 (EMa), on May 1 (SCI), at Mount Stewart impoundment on May 9 (DO), 8 at Pleasant View at Black Pond on May 15 (JBI); **Black Duck** - 4 at Pleasant View at Black Pond on May 15