

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:

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PLANTS: Some good crops of highbush cranberries in Parkdale on Dec. 13 (JDM) and Murray Harbour in Jan. (DO).

MAMMALS: Small greyish seal in upper marsh at Rocky Point in early Dec. was found dead and part of the skin and flippers were cut off (LD). Several reports of flying squirrels at feeders were noted at Rocky Point, Crossroads, and Charlottetown (LD, DO, Dmu). Skunks active at some feeders in Crossroads and Vernon River at Christmas and in early Feb. (DO, JDM, DK). Coyote and red fox seen at Little York in Jan. (SSc, ED). Dark phase coyote at New Dominion (LD). Silver fox at Clinton during fall harvest (ED).

BIRDS: **Red-throated Loon** - 3 at East Point on Dec. 9 (DO), 1 at East Point on Dec. 14 (DCS), 1 at Dalvay on Dec. 19 (DCS), 1 at Stanhope on Dec. 21 (DCS); **Common Loon** - 1 at Souris Harbour on Dec. 14 (DCS); **Northern Gannet** - at East Point on Dec. 13 (VL) & 3 on Dec. 14 (DCS), 1 at Little Harbour on Dec. 14 (DCS); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 1 at North Lake on Dec. 13 (DCS), 1 at Souris Harbour on Dec. 14 (DCS), 1 at Hillsborough Bridge Piers on Dec. 29 (DO), on Dec. 30 to Jan 1 (JDM); **Great Cormorant** - at East Point on Dec. 13 (VL), 6 at North Lake on Dec. 14 (DCS) 8 at North Rustico breakwater on Dec. 24 (DCS); **American Bittern** - 1 at Lord's Pond in Tryon on Dec. 25 (ML via BH); **Great Blue Heron** - 1 at Brackley Marsh on Dec. 1 (J&FC, DO, DCS), 1 at Basin Head on Dec. 13 (VL) & Dec. 14 (DCS), 1 at South Lake on Dec. 14 (DCS), 2 at Souris River on Dec. 14 (DCS); **Canada Geese** - large numbers of geese left the Malpeque area around Dec. 7th to 9th with the storm (LY, JDM), 300+ at Meadowbank on Jan. 3 (DCS), the clarion call of 40 Canada geese flying to south at 8:45 am at Argyle Shore on Jan. 21 (LY); **Barnacle Goose** - 1 reported at Village Green and 1 was shot at Malpeque in the autumn and a taxidermic mount was prepared by Danny Clark (RCa via DCS); **Gadwall** - 30 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO), 32 at Chappell Creek on Dec. 9 & 14 on Dec. 20 (DCS); **American Wigeon** - 1 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO); **Eurasian Wigeon** - 1 at Stratford Lagoon on Dec. 27 - 31 (DO, DCS, EMa, JDM); **American Black Duck** - ~200 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO), 400 on Hillsborough River on Dec. 10 (JDM), 300 at Ellen's Creek on Dec. 13 (JDM); **Mallard** - ~12 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO), a few at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO), 3 males and a female at Belvedere Pond on Jan. 10 (JDM); **Northern Pintail** - 31 at Rustico & 6 at Cavendish on Nov. 16 (DCS), 20 at North Rustico on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 at Covehead on Dec. 24 (DCS), 1 at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO); **Green-winged Teal** - 1 at Clark's Pond on Dec. 2 (DO); **Ring-necked Duck** - 4 at Clark's Pond & 5 at Lake of Shining Waters in Cavendish on Nov. 17 (DCS) & 2 on Dec. 2 (DO); **Greater Scaup** - 2 at Hillsborough River at Mount Stewart on Jun. 5 & 3 on Jun. 8, 1 on Jul. 9-10, 4 on Jul. 11-15 (BP), 50+ at Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Nov. 17 (DCS) & ~100 on Dec. 2 (DO), 50 at South Lake on Dec. 13 (DCS); **Lesser Scaup** - 1 at Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Nov. 17 (DCS) & 2 on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 at South Lake on Dec. 13 (DCS); **Common Eider** - 30 at Robinson's Island on Dec. 24 (DCS), 10 at East Point on Dec. 26 (DCS); **Harlequin Duck** - 1 at East Point on Dec. 26 (DCS), male at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 - 12 (DO, DCS); **White-winged Scoter** - 1 male at Georgetown Royalty on wharf road on Jan. 3 (SSi); **Long-tailed Duck** - 300 on Dec. 13 & 100+ at East Point on Dec. 26 (DCS); **Bufflehead** - female at Cavendish on Nov. 29 (EMa), 1 at South Lake on Dec. 14 (DCS); **Common Goldeneye** - male first seen on the river on Jun. 24 & seen until Aug. 4 (BP), several at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO); **Barrow's Goldeneye** - male at Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Nov. 16-7 (DCS), 1 at South Lake on Dec. 14 (DCS), 4 males & a female at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO), at least 5 at Meadowbank on Jan. 3 (DCS); **Hooded Merganser** - 4 at Clark's Pond & 3 at Lake of Shining Waters in Cavendish on Nov. 17 (DCS); **Common Merganser** - numerous at Cardigan bridge on Jan. 10 (DO, DCS), many at Meadowbank on Jan. 3 (DCS), 2 drakes at Darnley Bridge & 12 at Lower New Annan on Jan. 19 (SMA&DF); **Red-breasted Merganser** - 6 at Point Prim on Dec. 30 (FdB), 100+ at Rice Point wharf on Jan. 4 (EMa); **Bald Eagle** - feeding at the Hillsborough River eagle feeding station at Mount Stewart was suspended on Jun. 3 (BP), 17 were seen in Mount Stewart marsh on Jun. 22 during the height of the Gaspereau run (BP), 1 at York Point on ~Nov. 7 (ASm), 14 at Robinson's Island on Dec. 21 (DCS, EMa), pair of adults checking out the ducks and gulls at Cardigan Bridge on Jan. 10 (DO, DCS); **Northern Harrier** - at Robinson's Island on Dec. 2 (AP), 1 on the Blue Shank Road on Dec. 6 (FdB), 1 at New Glasgow & Covehead on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 to 2 at Robinson's Island/Covehead on Dec. 21, 1 at North Rustico and 1 at Cymbria on Jan. 2 (DO), 1 at Nine Mile Creek on Jan. 4 (EMa), 1 at Robinson's Island on Jan. 5 (DK) & immature on Jan. 12 (DO), 1 at Hunter River on Jan. 19 (FdB); **Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 at Charlottetown Farmer's Market on Nov. 29 (EMa), 1 at Clark's Point on Dec. 2 (DO), 1 made several visits at Crossroads feeders on Dec. 9 (DO), 1 at Augustine Cove on Dec. 28 (DCS), 1 at