Bird reports

*And not-bird reports - 24 harbour seals of Sharam's Pt., Jan. 18 (PAW)

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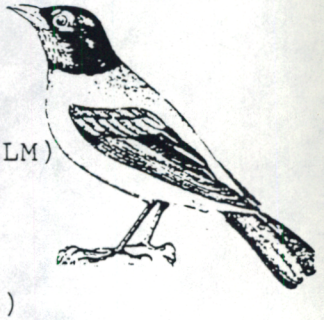
And one last announcement about how to deal with the bird sightings. You should send all your sightings to the newsletter and I'll print all except the very common, common and fairly common sightings, using the PEI Field Check-list of Birds (3rd edition, 1985). All sightings will be kept and will be invaluable in future updatings of the check-list.

Cormorant (sp) - 2 imm. off Sharam's Pt., Jan. 18 (PAW)
Great blue heron - in stream at Cornwall, Jan. 20-23 (PM)
Canada goose - 4 in Cornwall, Feb. 2 (PM)
Mallard - lone male in Cornwall, Feb. 20-23 (PM)
Sharp-shinned hawk - in Cornwall, Jan. 24 (PM)
- in Baldwin's road near feeder, Feb. 6 (GS)
Red-tailed hawk - flying fairly low and calling, Perth Station, Mar. 1 (GS)
Rough-legged hawk - hovering over Vernon Bridge, Feb. 2 (PAW)
Bald eagle - flying over Trans-Canada at Hazelbrook, Feb. 23 (BP,GS)
Merlin - taking snow bunting at Caledonia feeder, Feb. 14 (AB)
Dovekie - at Wood Is., Feb. 2 (KG)
Barred owl - catching red squirrel at New Dominion feeder, Feb. 12 (WB)
Northern saw-whet owl - coming fairly regularly at about 4 p.m. in Bunbury, during middle of Feb., (MMJ,MMP)
Belted kingfisher - above stream in Cornwall, mid.-Jan. (PM)
Northern mockingbird - in Cornwall, Feb. 21 (JG)
American robin - all winter at Monticello (AM)
Brown-headed cowbird - at Crossroads, Feb. 11 (AM)
- 17 at McGill Ave., Ch'town, mid-Feb. (LM)
Pine grosbeak - 6 at Sharam's Pt. garden, Jan. 25 (PAW)
Common redpoll - 4 at Cornwall feeder, Jan. 24 (JB)
- 15 at Cornwall feeder, Jan. 26,27 (PM)
- 3 at feeder in S'side during Feb. (EC)
- 1m, 4f at Tyne Valley feeder, early Feb. (DR)
- at feeder at Sharam's Pt., Feb. 2 (PAW)
Pine siskin - 12 at Cornwall feeder, Jan. 15 (PM)
- 14 at Cornwall feeder, Jan. 24 (JB)
- at S'side feeder, during Feb., (EC)
- several during late Jan., at Tyne Valley feeder (DR)
Northern junco - at Springvale feeder, Jan.-Feb. (GH)
American tree sparrow - at Sharam's Pt. feeder, Feb. 2 (PAW)
- 4 at Crossroads, Feb. 11 (AM)
Swamp sparrow - at feeder in New Dominion, Feb. 11 (WB)
Song sparrow - 4 at feeder in Winsloe, Jan. 21 (GPP)
Lapland longspur - 1m at feeder in Springvale, Feb. 10-12 (GH)
Snow bunting - several flocks during Jan. in Cornwall (JB)



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A LITTLE NOTE: Bruce Smith neglected to attach his name to the story on PEI's conservation strategy in the Jan.-Feb. issue of the newsletter but deserves the credit. Bruce also provides the back page in every issue on news from the Provincial Parks. The deadline for the May-June issue will be the April meeting of the NHS, Tuesday the 7th. That way (if the copy comes in) the issue should be out before the May meeting.