

U.S. in the foreseeable future. Of these 19 recoveries: 7 were found dead, 4 drowned in fishing nets, 4 were shot, 1 was trapped, 1 was found injured and later died, and 2 were recovered under unknown circumstances. Fourteen of these birds were less than 1 year old. The 1 Double-crested Cormorant recovered drowned in a fishing net in North Carolina. Unlike their cousins, Double-crested Cormorants are truly migratory with most individuals from north-eastern North America wintering off the coast of Florida.

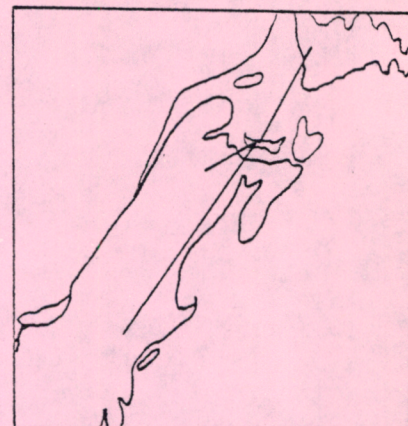


Fig. 3

The final P.E.I. banding program that I participated in for which there are band recoveries involved Great Black-backed and Herring Gulls. Between 1974 and 1975 I banded 144 Great Black-backed Gull chicks and 198 Herring Gull chicks at a colony in Malpeque Bay. To date 4 Great Black-backed and 2 Herring Gulls have been recovered (see Fig. 3.). Neither species makes extensive migrations during the year although they may wander away from P.E.I. One Herring Gull was found dead in New Brunswick and the other was killed on a highway on P.E.I. Both were less than 1 year old. Of the 4 Great Black-backed Gull recoveries: 2 were on P.E.I., 1 from Newfoundland, and 1 from New York. One of these birds was less than 1 year old. This particular individual was found dead near Stephenville, Newfoundland only 11 days after it was banded. At the time of banding it was fully feathered but still incapable of flight! In addition, 3 Great Black-backed Gulls were recovered following a banding program in 1971 and 1972 in Murray Harbour. Two of these gulls were found in Newfoundland (1 found dead, 1 found injured but later released) while the remaining bird was found dead on P.E.I. All of these individuals were less than 1 year old.

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U.P.E.I. HOSTS SCIENCE FAIR. The annual Provincial Science Fair will be held at U.P.E.I. on April 10 and 11. Up to \$1500.00 in prizes will be awarded in two categories: junior (grades 7 to 9) and senior (grades 10 to 12). In addition, prizes will be awarded by the Agrolologists' Institute and the Natural History Society for projects on agricultural and environmental themes.

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From Toronto, a veteran birder Mr. H.G. Currie writes that about Aug. 10, 1979 he saw at least 7 Little Gulls 3 or 4 miles from shore when he was on a deep-sea fishing trip off Cavendish.

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Omission. In the last issue of the Newsletter the credit line for the article 'What to Wear on Winter Walks' was inadvertently omitted. The item originally appeared in the Toronto Field Naturalists' Newsletter. Apologies to the TFN Newsletter editors.