

2004 BAIN BIRD COUNT:

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Peregrine Falcon

On 2 am, the first team assembled in Charlottetown and commenced the 2004 Bain Bird Count. It was warm for a change with the temperature starting at 14°C and it was quite calm. From then on, the temperature dropped and, in mid morning, the winds freshened with the winds mounting to over 20 km/hr by late afternoon. After mid-morning, the showers commenced and went intermittently for the balance of the day. Two teams and a single person provided reports for this year's Bain Bird Count.

The participants are listed above. One team birded from 6:00 am to 5:30 pm and covered 80 km while the other team went from 2:00 am to 9:00 pm and covered some 480 kilometres. The remaining person provided observations from her home. Together, they observed and/or heard 139 species. All enjoyed the days outing and had a great time during the trip. Needless to say, the species bolded in the text marked highlights of the day with some participants obtaining their first Island records.

Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe
Northern Gannet
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Little Blue Heron
Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Gadwall
American Wigeon
American Black Duck
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Common Eider
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Black Scoter
Common Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Osprey
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Dark phase Rough-legged Hawk
UID Buteo like raptor
American Kestrel

Merlin
Peregrine Falcon
Ruffed Grouse
Virginia Rail
Sora
Black-bellied Plover
Piping Plover
Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet
Spotted Sandpiper
Sanderling
Semi-palmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher
Wilson's Snipe
American Woodcock
Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
Glaucous Gull
Great Black-backed Gull
Caspian Tern
Common Tern
Black Guillemot
Rock Dove
Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl
Barred Owl
Long-eared Owl

Northern Saw-whet Owl
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Alder Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Kingbird
Blue-headed (Solitary) Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow
Bank Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Veery
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher