

Maritime Nest Records

The 27th Annual Report of the Maritime Nest Records Scheme came to hand on May 26, 1987. The number of Nest Record Cards submitted increased notably in all three provinces, mainly because of the Martimes Breeding Bird Atlas project which began in 1986.

YEAR	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.
1985	691 (35)	584 (34)	39 (5)
1986	934 (65)	520 (52)	194 (20)

Those who submitted 10 or more Nest Record Cards for P.E.I. are Gerald MacDougall (50 cards); Les Homans (21); Brian Dalzell (20); Rosemary Curley (19); Terrance Power (19) and Mary Willms (10).

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Few send in bird sightings

As usual, few people sent in bird sightings for the summer, but thanks to those who did. Again, only those sightings not listed in the Field Check List of Birds of Prince Edward Island as Very Common, Fairly Common or Common are published.

White-breasted nuthatch - 2 on suet and at feeder in Eliot Park (near Cornwall) all of May (JB)

Northern shrike - 1 at Basin Head on March 29 (APD)

Contributors to the bird sightings this issue are JB - John Burka; APD - Anne and Peter Dutton; and Marian MacGregor.

South Moresby to be park

One of the highlights of the recent Canadian Environmental Network meeting (see page 6) was the slide show and talk by Colleen McGrory of the Save South Moresby group. The pictures were so beautiful and her talk was so impassioned that everyone was touched by how close this was to her heart. She said a war was going on and that if something did not happen soon there wouldn't be anything worth saving.

I think we all have gotten an early Christmas present with the reports of an agreement to establish a national park in the rain forests of South Moresby. The area escaped the last ice age and has a wide variety of rare plants, animals and birds. It has also been designated as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations to protect the totem poles and the Haida longhouses. This is a prime example of how concerted effort by people can have far-reaching effects. The struggle to save South Moresby has been going on for more than a decade, and now has hopefully ended on a happy note, thanks to the work of the Save South Moresby groups and others, including Tom McMillan, Minister of the Environment who went head to head against BC Premier Bill Vander Zalm. Fantastic and Hooray!

If anyone has information on birds getting trapped in the string that is being used by forestry technicians and treeplanting accessors to measure areas, please let me know. Large amounts of quite tough string surround each planting area, sometimes ensnaring small birds and causing their death. I have heard a couple of reports about this, and wonder if it a serious problem, and if there isn't another way to go about measuring areas. It also seems that the string being used is stronger than it was a few years ago (but that could just be me getting weaker). -GS