

**ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:**

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**INVERTEBRATES:**

DW reported a giant waterbug flying in yard in Sherwood on Aug. 17. Forty squid about 30 cm (12") long were on the shore near Red Point on Hillsborough River on Jul. 22 (B&DB).

**AMPHIBIANS:**

Northern Leopard Frogs crossing the Donagh road in large numbers on August 12 during the first good rain in weeks. These frogs were all relatively small, heading away from the marsh, and found only in areas where there were no woods between the marsh and the road.

**PLANTS:**

Large numbers of turtle head along the Harper to O'Leary section of the Confederation Trail.

**Northern Gannet** - 15, mostly adults, off Covehead Harbour on Jul. 23 (JDM); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 4 on Hillsborough Bridge Pier 3 on Jul. 22 (JDM); **Wilson's Petrel** - 3 off Covehead Harbour on Jul. 23 while deep sea fishing (JDM); **Cattle Egret** - 1 on pond in Lower Darnley on Aug. 21 (BBu); **Canada Geese** - 100 to 200 in pasture field at Bellevue on Aug. 17 (JH); **Greater Scaup** - large raft of Greater with a few Lessers off Rustico Island on May 1 (DW); **Sharp-shinned Hawk** - 1 at Point Prim on Jun. 5 (DW); three nestlings (2 near first flight stage and 1 still downy) branchers and found on ground at base of freshly cut tree near Grand View being hand reared in mid July (JEK); **Bald Eagle** - 1 immature being mobbed by raven and crows on May 9 near Vernon River (DW); 2 adults at Long Pond on Jun. 25 (MK, BB, JDM); 1 at Tryon on Aug. 11 (BHo), immature flying with fish on Aug. 13 in Sherwood (DW); **Northern Harrier** - female at Point Prim on Aug. 13 to 15 (DW); **Osprey** - ospreys had family and four feeding in Tryon on Aug. 11 (BHo); **hawk sp.** - landing in circular spots in ripe winter wheat field in Dromore (JH); 1 large raptor with upturned wings at Deroche Pond on May 14 (DW); **Ruffed Grouse** - 4 at Hermitage on Aug. 10 (JH); **Gray Partridge** - 15 at Hermitage turnip field on Aug. 10 (JH); **Sharp-tailed Grouse** - 1, a lifer, at Point Prim on Aug. 13 (DW); **Piping Plover** - see article page 4 **Ruddy Turnstone** - 50 on shore by Beaconsfield on Jul. 27 (RE); **Whimbrel** - 8 in China Point field and 12 in Earnscliffe field on Aug. 13 (JH); **Wilson's Phalarope** - 1 at Covehead Marsh on Aug. 1-2 (LT, RP); **Iceland Gull** - 1 at Spry Point on Jun. 27 (JDM, MK); **Great-horned Owl** - 1 sitting on log at Rustico in late Aug. (PM via BD); **Barred Owl** - 1 at Strathgartney on Jul 31 (JWa); **Black-billed Cuckoo** - 1 at Harper on Aug. 3 (JDM, DMu, KM); **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - 3 at Point Prim on May 29 (DW); **Blue Jay** - bald headed stage of molt reported at Tryon on Aug. 11 (BHo); **Northern Mockingbird** - 1 in Jun. (DSm); **Cedar Waxwing** - dozen in apple tree in Montague in early Sept. (CI); **Black-throated Blue Warbler** - window strike mortality at Green Bay (JW).

Unidentified: blue coloured bird at Wood Island's feeder about July 10 (third party report through RP).