

Sighting of the Park symbol, the Great Blue Heron: Jane Symmes and Els Cawthorn.

Most species seen: Paul and Elsebeth Olshefsky, Jean Oullette, Bob MacNeill and Bob Thexton.

Most sightings of the Provincial bird, the blue jay: Dan and Dan McAskill Jr., Bill Bowerbank.

Earliest start: Dan and Dan McAskill Jr., Bill Bowerbank.

Most hours in the field: Terry Power.

MOST CROWS: Geoff Hogan, Jamie Burton.

Gifts were also presented to the host of the potluck supper, Jane Symmes and to the count compiler, Rosemary Curley.

Thanks to the observers; Jack Beaton, Bill Bowerbank, Jamie Burton, Els Cawthorn, Rosemary Curley, Geoff Hogan, Anne Charlotte Kelly, Norah Longworth, Gerald MacDonald, Robert MacNeill, Dan McAskill, Dan McAskill Jr., Elsebeth Olshefsky, Paul Olshefsky, Jean Ouellette, Terry Power, Jane Symmes, Bob Thexton, Winifred Wake and Mary Willms. A special thanks goes to Parks Canada and its staff who contributed birding expertise, count fees, cake for the potluck supper and rewards for the birders.

## MORE RECORDS SET IN MONTAGUE

ANOTHER GREAT MONTAGUE COUNT More records were set on the Montague Christmas Bird Count when a high of 48 species was recorded on January 11, 1986. In 23 hours and 45 minutes of birding, the ten counters and 12 feeder reporters tallied 5140 individuals, in mostly overcast weather. Eight species were new to the count, and in addition, one had never been recorded on any P.E.I. count before. A Northern flicker, though common in other seasons, was an unexpected find for Barb MacDonald, Gerald MacDonald and Howard Norton. The flicker flew across the road in front of the observers on Peters Road, landed in an apple tree and then departed within a minute of first observation. The red patch on the nape was seen, as was the white rump patch. Now here's the line-up! Great cormorant, 8; Great blue heron, 1; Canada Goose, 81; American black duck, 199; Mallard, 3; Common goldeneye, 706; Barrow's goldeneye, 2; Oldsquaw, 279; Common eider, 30; Common merganser, 196; Red-breasted merganser, 172; Northern goshawk, 1; Ruffed grouse, 5; Ring-necked pheasant, 1; Gray partridge, 17; Iceland gull, 2; Greater black-backed gull, 27; Herring gull, 345; Rock dove, 204; Belted kingfisher, 1; Northern flicker, 1; Hairy woodpecker, 2; Downy woodpecker, 2; Black-backed woodpecker, 1; Blue jay, 171; Northern raven, 30; American crow, 272; Black-capped chickadee, 53; Boreal chickadee, 15; Red-breasted nuthatch, 8; American robin, 5; Bohemian waxwing, 14; Northern shrike, 1; European starling, 300; Yellow-rumped warbler, 1; House sparrow, 234; Brown-headed cowbird, 123; Evening grosbeak, 319; Purple finch, 1; Pine grosbeak, 17; Common redpoll, 238; American goldfinch, 12; White-winged crossbill, 120; Northern junco, 80; American tree sparrow, 1; White-throated sparrow, 1; Song sparrow, 1; Snow bunting, 833. The counters were Fiona Andrew, Lenore Andrew, Roger Andrew, Rick Burger, Rosemary Curley, Brian Dalzell, Barb MacDonald, Gerald MacDonald, Howard Norton and Terry Power. Gwen Beck collected and compiled feeder results from the town of Montague. Feeder reports were received from Gwen Beck, Helen Beck, Wilma Clements, Wanda Curley, Georgie Fraser, Beth Graham, Hilda Hilchey, Olga MacKinnon, Jessie Matheson, Dorothy Neilson, Jean Thompson and Sid Watts. Bragging rights go to Rick Burger and Brian Dalzell who counted 32 species. Rosemary Curley, count compiler.