

are a force not to be "pooh-poohed".

Monica Behr, Newfoundland, and myself were appointed to the National Steering Committee which organizes the meetings, and an Atlantic meeting of interested groups is tentatively scheduled for November in Moncton. We'll have more news in future newsletters; in the meantime N.H.S. concerns will continue to be represented.

# BIRDATHON '83

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The 6th annual Francis Bain Birdathon was held on May 28, 1983. Twenty-three participants scattered out to cover areas such as Cape Tryon, Indian River, P.E.I. National Park, Montague, the Townshend woodlot, East Point and many points between. Unfortunately strong winds and rain, especially during the first half of the day, made birds very difficult to find, and only 84 species were recorded. Thanks to Geoff Hogan for hosting the after-count pot-luck supper and to all participants: Val Beer, Winnie Cairns, Rosemary Curley, Brenda Edgar, Peter Feldstein, Marion Henry, Maxine Henry, Geoff Hogan, Joyce Kennedy, Lorna Knox, Norah Longworth, Barb MacDonald, Gerald Mac Donald, Arlene MacGuigan, Paul MacGuigan, Dan McAskill, Evelyn Meader, Alan Saint, Jane Symmes, John Wright, Peter Wright, Victor Wright, Edna Zimmer.

The following species were recorded:

Common Loon	Greater Yellowlegs	Nashville Warbler
Red-necked Grebe	Least Sandpiper	Northern Parula
Pied-billed Grebe	Dunlin	Yellow Warbler
Northern Gannet	Iceland Gull	Magnolia Warbler
Great Cormorant	Great Black-backed Gull	Cape May Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Herring Gull	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Ring-billed Gull	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Canada Goose	Common Tern	Black-throated Green Warbler
Brant	Rock Dove	Ovenbird
Black Duck	Belted Kingfisher	Yellowthroat
Gadwall	Common Flicker	American Redstart
Pintail	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	House Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Tree Swallow	Bobolink
Blue-winged Teal	Bank Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
American Wigeon	Barn Swallow	Common Grackle
Ring-necked Duck	Blue Jay	Brown-headed Cowbird
Harlequin Duck	Common Raven	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Common Eider	Common Crow	Evening Grosbeak
White-winged Scoter	Black-capped Chickadee	Purple Finch
Red-breasted Merganser	Brown Creeper	American Goldfinch
Marsh Hawk	American Robin	Savannah Sparrow
Osprey	Hermit Thrush	Dark-eyed Junco
Kestrel	Swainson's Thrush	Chipping Sparrow
Gray Partridge	Golden-crowned Kinglet	White-crowned Sparrow
Piping Plover	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	White-throated Sparrow
Black-bellied Plover	Common Starling	Song Sparrow
Common Snipe	Solitary Vireo	
Spotted Sandpiper	Black-and-white Warbler	* * * * *
Willet	Tennessee Warbler	* * * * *