

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE SURVEYS. Al Smith and Stuart Tingley of the Canadian Wildlife Service office in Sackville, New Brunswick are trying to get an estimate of the numbers of overwintering Barrow's Goldeneye in the Maritime Provinces. The week selected for the survey was February 8-14. Members of the Natural History Society and personnel of the Fish and Wildlife Division carried out the island counts. It is hoped that results will be available for the next newsletter.

Although the Common Goldeneye is a common winter visitor to open waters around the province, the Barrow's Goldeneye is much less frequently seen. Male Barrow's are distinguished by the crescent of white on the side of the head and the dark 'shoulder' mark. Male Common Goldeneye have a round spot and lack the shoulder mark. At this time of year female Barrow's Goldeneye have all yellow bills while Common females' bills are yellow only at the tip.



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COMMON GOLDENEYE



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BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

WINTER IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NATIONAL PARK. The two sheets on winter tracks near pond and woods are printed in this month's newsletter courtesy of P.E.I. National Park. They make an excellent reference for quick identification of the more commonly seen tracks across the province. The sheets can easily be detached from the newsletter, mounted on cardboard and laminated to make a handy take-along reference on your next winter outing.

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