

INSECTS:

Several wooly bear caterpillars found in pile of straw on Dec. 11 at Hampton (LY, JDM).

AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES:

FISH: Bonaparte's Gulls, Great Blue Heron, and 3 seals feasting on Silversides at Basin Head on Dec. 10 (DO). The first smelt shack appeared at Fullerton's Marsh on Jan. 18th (JDM).

MAMMALS: 1 Eastern Chipmunk still frequenting Crossroads feeder on Dec. 20 (DO). Black (melanistic) red squirrel seen in Canavoy woodlot this winter (DGU via DCS). Harbour seals on ice at Rustico Island causeway. 1 Northern Flying Squirrel at Tea Hill feeder on Jan. 25 (FdB).

BIRDS: **Red-throated Loon** - 1 at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **Common Loon** - 1 at Cardigan Bay on Dec. 1 (SSi); **UID Grebe** - at East Point on Dec. 3 (LH); **Red-necked Grebe** - 1 at Cardigan River off Ferry Wharf Road on Nov. 22 (SSi); **Northern Gannet** - 3 at East Point on ~Nov. 14 (SMA&DR), several at Cardigan Bay on Dec. 1 (SSi); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 2 at East Point on Dec. 4 (DC&ES); **Great Cormorant** - 1 at East Point on Dec. 4 (DC&ES); **Great Blue Heron** - 5 at Basin Head on Dec. 10 (DO), 1 smaller heron with similar markings but without reddish feathering on the upper legs or front of the wing at Cymbria on Dec. 25 (DC&ES); **Snowy Egret** - 1 being seen regularly at Belvedere Pond up to Dec. 17 (DO, DC&ES, DK, BHo, JDM, EMa, SGC, LMcD, VL); **Greater-White-fronted Geese** - 3 at Rocky Point on Jan. 10 (PW & CG via FRC, BMCo, JB, SGC, DO), 2 at Cumberland on Jan. 15 (DO); **Snow Goose** - 4 at Cavendish on Nov. 4 (DCS), 1 reported taken at Tyne Valley on Dec. 8 (via DCS); **Canada Geese** - 1,000+ at Souris River on Dec. 18 & 800+ on Dec. 26 (DCS), 15 feeding in a soya bean field on Dec. 22 (JDM), 1 large flock at Charlottetown water front on Dec. 25 (AB), 95 winging south on Jan. 2 (FRC); **Gadwell** - at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 26, on Dec. 4, & 2 on Dec. 26 (EMa, DO, DCS); **Eurasian/American Wigeon cross** - at Ellen's Creek on Dec. 25 (DC&ES, DO); **American Wigeon** - 3 at Ellen's Creek on Nov. 26 & on Dec. 4 (EMa, DO, DCS); **American Black Duck** - first of winter ducks at Vernon Bridge on Dec. 6 (DK), ~500 along Hillsborough River shore at Riverside Drive to Belvedere Pond on Dec. 26 (JDM), ~300 at Grand River on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Mallard** - at Ellen's Creek on Dec. 4 (DO, DCS), 3 at Grand River on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Northern Pintail** - 13 at North Rustico on Nov. 27 (DCS), 1 female at Stratford Lagoon on Dec. 25 (DO), 1 male on Dec. 26 (JDM), 21 at Harding Creek in Clinton on Jan. 1 (BMA, LH); **Green-winged Teal** - 5 at Cornwall pond on Jan. 1 & 4 on Jan. 27 (EMa); **Ring-necked Duck** - 1 immature at Stratford lagoons on Nov. 28 (DCS); **Greater Scaup** - 1 immature at Stratford Lagoon on Dec. 1 (DO), 1 female at Ferry Road on Jan. 4 (EMa); **Lesser Scaup** - male at Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Nov. 27 (DCS); **Common Eider** - 400+ at East Point on ~Nov. 14 (SMA&DR), 2 at Georgetown on Dec. 1 (SSi), 200+ at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **Harlequin Duck** - 1 at East Point on Dec. 3 (DO), 1 male & 2 female at East Point on Dec. 4 & Dec. 10 (DO, DCS), male at Cardigan Bridge on Jan. 11 (DO); **Surf Scoter** - at East Point on Dec. 3 (DO), female at North Lake on Dec. 18 (DCS), at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **White-winged Scoter** - 3 at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **Black Scoter** - at East Point on Dec. 3 (DO), 4 at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **Long-tailed Duck** - 20+ at Georgetown Harbour on Dec. 1 (SSi), many at East Point and along North Shore on Dec. 3 (LH), 3 at Charlottetown Harbour on Dec. 10 (EMa), 60 at Meadowbank on Dec. 15 (EMa), 300+ at East Point on Dec. 26 (DC&ES); **Common Goldeneye** - 150 at Grand River on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Barrow's Goldeneye** - 5 at Oyster Bed Bridge on Dec. 30 (DC&ES), 6 males at West River Causeway on Dec. 31, 14 on Jan. 1, 28 on Jan. 4 (L&JH, DK, DO, EMa); **Hybrid Barrows X Common Goldeneye** - male at Cardigan Bridge on Jan. 12 (DO), 4 at Grand River on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Hooded Merganser** - 18 males & females at Clark's Pond in Cavendish on Nov. 4 & 8 on Nov. 21 (DCS), 1 at Corran Ban on Dec. 17 (DC&ES); **Common Merganser** - first of winter ducks at Vernon Bridge on Dec. 6 (DK), 5 at Grand River on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Red-breasted Merganser** - small flock at Georgetown Harbour & Cardigan Bay on Dec. 1 (SSi), 1 at North Lake and 6 at East Point on Dec. 18 (DCS); **Bald Eagle** - adult at Hillsborough Bridge on Dec. 2 (EMa), 2 adults & 1 immature at Souris on Dec. 18 & 1 at Souris in late Dec. (DCS, AB), 2 adults & 1 immature at Brackley North marsh on Dec. 30 & 3 at Oyster Bed Bridge on Dec. 30 (DC&ES), 1 frequenting West River Causeway area in early Jan. (LD), 2 adults & 4 immature at Brackley-Covehead dunes in early Jan. (DO, AP), 1 adult & 4 immatures at Bonshaw on Jan. 24 (SMA, DF); **Northern Harrier** - 1 at Kelvin Grove & 1 at Lower Freetown on Nov. 29 (SMA, DR), 1 at Vernon River on Dec. 1 (DK), juvenile at North Lake on Dec. 4 (DO, DCS), 1 at Hampton hunting fields on Dec. 11 (LY, JDM), 1 at Covehead