

# BIRDATHON '81

Results of the 1981 Francis Bain Birdathon (by Geoff Hogan, Compiler)

The fourth annual Francis Bain Birdathon was held on Saturday, May 30, 1981. In contrast to last year, all areas experienced cool, overcast weather during the morning hours. Many areas experienced light rain. The sun appeared by mid-afternoon although, for most, the day's birding was over. The general consensus was the same: where were all the birds? This year's total count of 88 species was down considerably from last year's 107 species. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable day, ending with good company swapping tales at the pot luck supper.

The areas investigated were:

Alexandria - G. Hogan  
Bonshaw Woods, Rustico Island - A. Landry, J. Allen, D. Godbout  
East Kings - R. Curley, W. Johnston, D. Johnston  
Hillsborough-Cherry Valley - M. Mallett, M. Willms  
National Park East - L. Knox, E. Knox, N. Longworth, J. MacLeod  
National Park - L. Baglole, W. Cairns, K. Lowther, A. MacPhail  
Montague - J. Wright  
Rustico Bay-North Rustico - M. Wheatley

Additional members of the public turned out for the early morning 'Birds and Breakfast' bird walk sponsored by the National Park.

The following is the list of 88 species recorded by our observers:

Common Loon	Belted Kingfisher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Cormorant	Common Flicker	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	Hairy Woodpecker	Blackburnian Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Downy Woodpecker	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Canada Goose	Eastern Kingbird	Bay-breasted Warbler
Brant	Eastern Phoebe	Palm Warbler
Black Duck	Alder Flycatcher	Ovenbird
Blue-winged Teal	Least Flycatcher	Mourning Warbler
American Wigeon	Eastern Wood Pewee	Yellowthroat
Ring-necked Duck	Horned Lark	Canada Warbler
Common Eider	Tree Swallow	American Redstart
Red-breasted Merganser	Bank Swallow	House Sparrow
Marsh Hawk	Barn Swallow	Bobolink
Osprey	Blue Jay	Red-winged Blackbird
Kestrel	Common Raven	Rusty Blackbird
Ruffed Grouse	Common Crow	Common Grackle
Piping Plover	Black-capped Chickadee	Brown-headed Cowbird
Killdeer	Boreal Chickadee	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-bellied Plover	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Evening Grosbeak
Common Snipe	Robin	Purple Finch
Spotted Sandpiper	Hermit Thrush	American Goldfinch
Willet	Swainson's Thrush	Savannah Sparrow
Greater Yellowlegs	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Vesper Sparrow
Dunlin	Common Starling	Dark-eyed Junco
Great Black-backed Gull	Solitary Vireo	Chipping Sparrow
Herring Gull	Red-eyed Vireo	White-throated Sparrow
Common Tern	Black and White Warbler	Swamp Sparrow
Rock Dove	Northern Parula	Song Sparrow
Great Horned Owl	Yellow Warbler	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Magnolia Warbler	