

**MAMMALS:** Red squirrels were seen mating in Feb. at Rocky Point (LD). A large and healthy population of snowshoe hares devastated white pine and hardwoods seedlings at Indian River this winter (BG). One mink was seen at Grand River in Mont Carmel on Mar. 14 (M&BLB). Skunk tracks being seen in Mont Carmel on Mar. 5 (M&BLB) and striped skunk were seen foraging below bird feeders in early March in Donagh (JDM). Muskrats were active in a Rocky Point marsh in Jan. & Feb. (LD). 1 red fox was reported passing through a yard twice daily in Jan. (GMa). A coyote was feeding close to the road on Feb. 23 (BH). Grey seals were reported in various areas along the coast in late February as whelping ice was poor in Northumberland Strait and the bays. On Feb. 26th, 1 grey seal was seen along the side of the road in National Park at Stanhope acting quite mesmerized with people from 6 cars around it and a fox checking it out earlier (M&BLB). Thousands of Harp Seals and a few Grey Seals off P.E.I. National Park were on the ice flows between North Rustico and Cavendish on Mar. 11 (M&BLB). White coat harp seals were present along the coast ice within a 100 metres of shore at Dalvay and Stanhope on Mar. 19 with one being located on the tidal ice below the Covehead Bridge (JDM, RPh).

**BIRDS:** **Common Loon** - 1 at Souris dock on Jan. 10 (EMa); **Northern Gannet** - 3 at Beach Point on Apr. 1 and 3 at Wood Islands on Apr. 3 (EMa); **Great Cormorant** - 1 at Souris on Jan. 6 (EMa); **Double-crested Cormorant** - back in Summerside Harbour on Mar. 31 (BH); **Little Shearwater** - JH reported seeing one off Earnscliffe on the ice. He reported approaching close enough to see the bird's blue legs and white undertail; **Great Blue Heron** - 1 flying at Mermaid on Jan. 8 (RPh), 1 near Wheatley River on Jan. 23 (B&RH), 2 at Wilmot on Feb. 18 (EMa), 1 at Mount Albion on Mar. 2 (JH), 1 at Scotchfort on Apr. 2 (BH) and Charlottetown on Apr. 2 (LM); **American Bittern** - 1 at Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 13 (AS); **Canada Geese** - 92 on Jan. 10 at Basin Head (EMa), 2 at Montague waterfront Feb 4 to 19 (DB), 26 at Souris River on Feb. 7 (EMa), 3 at South Rustico on Feb. 19 (RC, JDM), back at Mermaid on Feb. 27 (WMacK), 35 flying northeast at Stratford (Bunbury) on Feb. 29 (JDM), no geese at Mont Carmel up to Mar. 5 (M&BLB), 500 at Tryon on Mar. 6 (BH), a few Vs of geese at Indian River on Mar. 7 (BG) close to 1,000 in 14 flocks between Summerside and Charlottetown on Mar. 11 (B&BLB), 500 at Fullerton's Marsh on Mar. 25 (JDM); **Brant** - 6 at Covehead on Apr. 2 (JJ); **Snow Goose** - 1 at Souris Causeway on Dec. 5 (EMa), 1 at Clyde River on Mar. 16 & 2 on Mar. 21 (SEM); **Black Duck** - 200 at Souris River and 12 at Basin Head on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Mallard** - 20 at Ellen's Creek on Feb. 19 (BMcO, RC, JW, EMa), 2 at Souris River on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Gadwall** - 90+ at Indian River on Dec. 1 (EMa), 40 at Chappel's Creek, South Rustico on Feb. 1 (JKC), 1 at Souris on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Northern Pintail** - 2 at Souris on Jan. 6 and 1 on Feb. 3 (EMa), 1 on Jan. 6, 1 at Rollo Bay on Jan. 31 (EMa), 6 at Chappel's Creek, South Rustico on Feb. 1 (JKC), 12 on Feb. 2 & 8 at on Feb. 7 Fortune Bay (EMa), 2 at Murray Harbour on Feb. 18 and 7 on Feb. 27 (EMa), 2 on Feb. 18 at Point Pleasant (EMa), 1 at Ellen's Creek and 5 at South Rustico on Feb. 19 (BMcO, JDM, SC, LM), 7 at Point Pleasant on Feb. 26 (EMa); **Green-winged Teal** - 3 at Ellen's Creek on Feb. 1 & 3 at Wright's Pond in East Royalty and 1 on Feb. 22 (EMa); **Eurasian Widgeon** - 1 at Murray Harbour on Feb. 18 & Feb. 26 (EMa) ; **American Wigeon** - 10 at Souris on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Northern Shoveler** - 1 at Black Pond on Dec. 2 (EMa), 1 female near Cymbria on Jan. 23 (RC), 1 at Summerside on Feb. 20 (M&BLB); **Ring-necked Duck** - 1 at Point Pleasant on Feb. 29 (EMa) ; **Greater Scaup** - 360 at St. Peter's on Dec. 6, 1 Jan. 7 at Murray Harbour (EMa), 4 males & 8 females at Oyster Bed Bridge on Feb. 19 (JW, MJ, JJ, BH, RC, EMa); **Bufflehead** - 2 at Souris Harbour on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Oldsquaw** - 40 at East Point on Feb. 7 (EMa), lots at East Point on Feb. 26 (M&BLB); **Common Eider** - 45 at East point on Feb. 7 (EMa), 150 at Cardigan on Feb. 12 (EMa), lots at East Point on Feb. 26 (M&BLB); **Common Goldeneye** - 15 at Basin Head on Jan. 10 (EMa), 150 at Oyster Bed Bridge on Feb. 19 (EMa, RC, JW, LM, BMcO, MJ, JJ, JDM, SC), 60 at Point Pleasant on Feb. 18, 45 at Victoria and 300 at Meadowbank on Feb. 22 (EMa); **Barrow's Goldeneye** - 4 at Cardigan on Feb. 12 (EMa), 2 females and 6 males at Oyster Bed Bridge on Feb. 19 (EMa, RC, JW, LM, BMcO, MJ, JJ, JDM, SC), 16 at Meadowbank on Feb. 22 ; **Bufflehead** - 4 at Indian River on Dec. 1 (EMa), 1 male at North River on Jan. 25 (TD), 2 at Souris on Feb. 7 (EMa); **Oldsquaw** - 10 at Souris dock on Jan. 6 & 70 at East Point on Jan. 31 (EMa); **White-winged Scoter** - 1 at Souris on Jan. 10 (EMa); **Hooded Merganser** - 3 at Black Pond on Dec. 2 (EMa), 1 at Souris River on Feb. 29 (EMa); **Common Merganser** - 12 at Basin Head on Jan. 10, 230 at Cardigan on Feb. 12, 200 at Point Pleasant on Feb. 18, 5 at Victoria on Feb. 22 (EMa); **Turkey Vulture** - 1 at East Point on Dec. 2 (EMa), 1 at Dingwell's Mills on Feb. 7 (EMa), 1 at Cape Bear