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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LYN POPE

Wow, I am writing this the morning after our club meeting featuring guest speaker, David Phillips's presentation on Weather Lore, *what a great evening!* First thing I did upon waking today was check the skies! Well, first thing was actually 3:30 a.m. when yipping coyotes woke me from a sound sleep, yes, right here in suburban Barrie, yipping coyotes, *and I thought I would have to move to the country to enjoy such an event!*

This Spring promises to be a time of new growth and renewal for the earth and our club. Some current Directors felt it was time for a change of duties and/or a time out after helping out the club in specific duties for a number of years. I would like to thank them very much for their support to the club. At the April 11 annual meeting, we will have some new Executive members to announce that are eager to begin in their roles.

As the Spring season begins anew, so will we, that's exciting! I hope we will grow and flourish in membership numbers this year, each of us can help out in that way, invite a neighbour, new acquaintance, people you meet on the trails, etc. to come out to one of our meetings or field trips.

Our new website is sure to put us back on the map and inform online users who we are

and what exciting meetings and field trips we have planned. And lastly, our good ole hotline is still in service and waiting for your nature sightings, please call it (705-739-8585)!

Happy Spring!

Lyn Pope

NATURALIST'S NOTES

Hoary Redpolls March 15/08 Brian Gibbon
Although I have hunted diligently for them on our outings I had not been able to truthfully add a Hoary Redpoll to my list. All my possible (?) sightings had been fleeting glimpses or a silhouette on a limb that someone was pointing at. So imagine my surprise and joy to have several sitting on the snowball bush right outside my dining room window. A hasty grab at the guide to confirm what I was seeing and then pleasure at sitting back and watching them flit down to the feeders. There have only been two or three mixed in with the Common Redpolls, Amer. Goldfinches, Chickadees, and Juncos but they stayed for over a week.

The previous week on March 7th. Lynne saw our first Starling of the year at our front yard feeders. Two to four Amer. Crows have been feeding in our driveway on the seeds knocked down from the hanging feeders for the last several weeks. We usually have them perched in the trees, however, this is the first time I have seen them feeding so close to the house.

Red bellied Woodpecker Jan. 20/08, 11:30 am, Brian Gibbon.

A male was at the suet feeder. We had an excellent look at him. He continues to hang around after several weeks.

The three turkeys have not been around since the start of the thaw two weeks ago. They had started coming to feed in early December. I have been putting out corn for them.

Pileated Woodpeckers Feb. 3/08 10:00 am
Brian Gibbon.

Two in the backyard, one was exploring the oak tree on my neighbour's side of the fence down by the new garden. The other flew across from another tree in the neighbour's yard and disappeared in the opposite neighbour's backyard, a minute or so later the one from the oak tree flew off in the same direction.

Since the big thaw we have not seen our turkeys, must be able to get enough food in the bush.

Blue Heron Feb. 4/08 12:30 pm Monday

Having lunch with a client at the Cedar Pointe Plaza, looked out window and saw a **Blue Heron** flying by just about dropped my teeth in surprise. Brian Gibbon

Buffalo Bayou Christmas Bird Count, Houston, Texas December 29, 2007

Weather - cloudy, 38-59°F (3 -15°C) **Time** - 6:45AM – 5:45PM

It was still dark when 9 participants met outside the rookery at the country club in the South/Southeast section of the Buffalo Bayou count circle.

At first light, high in the leafless trees silhouettes of roosting cormorants became visible and, what first looked like white puffs or flowers, were in fact, egrets and ibises. As soon as there was enough daylight to enable counting and take photographs, large numbers of cormorants, White Ibises, Snowy and Cattle Egrets left their roosts. At this site we also observed 5 Little Blue Herons and a Tricolored Heron. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were scolding from the treed perimeter and American Goldfinches flew overhead. Quite a contrast to my usual CBC start at Little Lake, Barrie!

Additional habitats included in our count were bayous (deep cemented drainage ditches with grassy edges), drainage basins (for flood control), a 1 acre overgrown vacant lot, 2 city parks surrounded by bayous and basins, an abandoned country club and a transmission right of way where Monk Parakeets nest. As we traveled to these "green spaces", the sightings were few and far between, and sharp eyes and

good listening skills were essential. I managed to add 3 lifers that day – Cackling Goose, Monk Parakeet and the exotic Nutmeg Mannikin. The complete list for our section of the circle follows:

Birds Counted - 19 Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, 1 Cackling Goose, 73 Mallard, 2 Green-winged Teal, 5 Pied-billed Grebe, 30 Neotropic Cormorant, 154 cormorant sp., 510 Double-crested Cormorant, 1 Anhinga, 16 Great Blue Heron, 36 Great Egret, 52 Snowy Egret, 5 Little Blue Heron, 1 Tricolored Heron, 51 Cattle Egret, 83 White Ibis, 1 Black Vulture, 3 Turkey Vulture, 3 Osprey, 1 Northern Harrier, 1 accipiter sp., 1 Red-shouldered Hawk, 6 Red-tailed Hawk, 5 American Kestrel, 1 Merlin, 2 falcon sp., 17 Killdeer, 2 Spotted Sandpiper, 20 peep sp., 1 Solitary Sandpiper, 1 Greater Yellowlegs, 25 Least Sandpiper, 1 Wilson's Snipe, 18 shorebird sp., 51 Ring-billed Gull, 1 Forster's Tern, 383 Rock Pigeon, 2 Ringed Turtle-Dove (exotic), 77 Eurasian Collared-Dove, 213 White-winged Dove, 92 Mourning Dove, 30 Monk Parakeet, 2 Belted Kingfisher, 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1 Downy Woodpecker, 5 Eastern Phoebe, 7 Loggerhead Shrike, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, 24 Blue Jay, 1 American Crow, 2 Carolina Chickadee, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 House Wren, 11 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, 13 Northern Mockingbird (Texas state bird), 348 European Starling, 3 Orange-crowned Warbler, 1 Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, 19 Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler, 1 Pine Warbler, 14 Savannah Sparrow, 4 sparrow sp., 12 White-throated Sparrow, 1 White-crowned Sparrow, 20 Northern Cardinal, 14 Red-winged Blackbird, 9 Eastern Meadowlark, 120 Great-tailed Grackle, 1 Bronzed Cowbird, 2 Brown-headed Cowbird, 13 American Goldfinch, 16 House Sparrow.

73 species 2,668 individuals + CBC Rare Bird Documentation for 10 Nutmeg Mannikin
In the entire Buffalo Bayou count circle there were 123 species and a total of 16,961 individuals reported. 69 participants (65 in the field + 4 feeder counters)

For the complete list:

www.audubon.org/bird/cbc

Phyllis Tremblay

**Herbaceous Plants of the Mayer's Marsh
Research Information**

Common Name: Columbine

Botanical Name: *Aquilegia canadensis*

Description: A scarlet red & yellow *bell-like* flower atop lush mounds of compound foliage

Height: 20-70 cm. tall

Leaves: 3-lobed leaflets, gradually reduced upward on the long stem; leaflets are deeply cut (1/3 –1/2 their length)

Flowers: 3-4 cm. long . Showy drooping bell-like flowers of red & yellow with backward pointing red tubes or spurs, and protruding yellow stamens.

Fruits(seeds): several seeds in an erect head of 5 pods 1.5-2 cm.long.

Flowering time: May-June

Habitat: Rocky, wooded or open slopes; forest edges.

Importance: Hummingbirds and long-tongued insects feed on the floral nectar in the spurs. It is easy to see why this beautiful woodland wildflower which bobs gracefully in the spring breeze was chosen as Simcoe County's official flower (Nov.22,1983).

Aboriginal peoples used the roots to treat stomach ailments.

Name Origin: The genus name *Aquilegia*, from the latin *Aquila*,`eagle` refers to the long spurs which were said to resemble an eagle's talons.

Phyllis Tremblay

SPEAKER

Dave Phillips March 14, 2008

Mr. Phillips, the senior climatologist for Environment Canada attended our March meeting and gave an interesting, enjoyable, and indeed funny at times talk on weather folk lore.

It is interesting to note that on November 24, 1975 Percy Saltzman spoke to the Club in the Hillcrest School Auditorium. Mr. Saltzman was also a meteorologist, now called a climatologist, with the Dominion Weather Service, the predecessor of Environment Canada. Percy was the first real T.V. weatherman mapping out the weather on his maps and blackboard for us all to see and understanding and ending every report with his now famous tossing of his chalk

in the air and catching it. I can never recall him dropping it.

Thanks to Don Scanlon for bringing in a clipping of Percy's visit.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Minesing Raptors February 16, 2008

It was a clear sunny day with a cool temperature if -12C and a South wind at 9km/hr. Eighteen members enjoyed a great outing and came home happy after seeing twenty-five species and some impressive sightings of Snowy Owls.

The first sighting of note along McKinnon Road was a Pileated Woodpecker. Visiting the feeders at the end of the road we saw many Goldfinches, a Pine Siskin, Common Redpolls with one Hoary Redpoll and three species of Woodpeckers. During our return to Hwy. 90 a stop was made to observe a Northern Shrike. This proved to be a fortuitous moment which allowed us to see a Bald Eagle in flight and compare its size to that of a Red-tailed Hawk which could be viewed at the same time.

Rough-legged Hawks were observed throughout the trip and had us wondering whether the high count of some years ago (17) might be exceeded.

So into Springwater Township. Along the side roads and concessions we saw three Snowy Owls, Rock Pigeons, and more Roughies. One owl was so well camouflaged it was almost indistinguishable from the rock against which it was 'sitting'. Even viewed through a scope it difficult to pick out. A wonder of nature at it's best.

Species seen – Rough-legged Hawk (13) Red-tailed Hawk (3), Snowy Owl (3), Raven (3), Amer. Crow, Pileated Woodpecker, Downy, Hairy, and Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Blue Jays, House Sparrow, White Breasted Nuthatch, Amer. Goldfinch, Common Redpoll, Hoary Redpoll, Pine Siskin, Dar-eyed Junco, Bald Eagle, Amer. Tree Sparrow, Northern Shrike, Pine Grosbeak, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Northern Cardinal, Black Capped Chickadee and gull (sp).

Linda Crome latter reported seeing some Snow Buntings in Innisfil as she returned home

from the trip. This brought our total to twenty six species.

Jim Spruce

[Horned Larks & Pancakes](#) [March 8, 2008](#)

The temperature was -10C, overcast with a light breeze, around 10:30 am started to snow and continued for the rest of the day getting heavier as time past.

Eighteen people in six cars left the parking lot and headed out to make the circuit, more joined us at Tiffin for a total of 28 people.

Our route took us out Sunnidale Rd, up Barrie Hill Rd to Seadon and out to George Johnson Rd to Minesing. In Minesing we turned onto Ronald Rd where we had a real nice look at some Horned Larks, then to South Glen Garry Landing Rd and out to Hwy 26. We went out Hwy 26 to Strongville Rd where we had a Shrike and around the concessions and side-roads of Springwater Twp eventually coming out to the Brentwood Rd and back in to Hwy 90 with a side excursion down McKinnon Rd and then on to Tiffin Conservation Area for our lunch.

John and Beth Doll had it well organized with the able assistance of Linda Crome, Al McNair and Anthony Taliana. Brian Gibbon as usual had deftly led the cavalcade around the route.

Species seen – Crows, 30-40 gulls including Glaucous Gulls (mature & immature) Ring-billed and Herring gulls, Rock Pigeons (40-50), Horned Larks (35), House Sparrows, Blue Jays, Red-tailed Hawk (3), Rough-legged Hawk (9), Northern Shrike, Snowy Owl (2), Red-bellied, Downy & Hairy Woodpeckers, White-breasted Nuthatch, Chickadees, Tree Sparrows, Common Redpolls, and Amer. Goldfinch,

Despite the onset of the snow it was a good outing with a grand finale.

Brian Gibbon.

[Minesing Flood Plain](#) [March 29, 2008](#)

The traditional Brereton trip to the floodplains around the west side of the Minesing Swamp is supposed to showcase the flooded fields and the waterfowl that is attracted to them.

Mother Nature had other ideas this year. After a long, hard winter, the morning of March 29th dawned clear and cold. My thermometer read -14C at 7 a.m. However it was sunny and

there was almost no wind so temperatures rose fairly rapidly and probably maxed out at around -2C. It actually turned out to be a beautiful day, although the flooded plains were still frozen tundra.

I think that signs of winter out-weighed the signs of spring, but the 13 birders who came out still managed to see some nice sights. Three Bald Eagles, a Snowy Owl and a pair of Sandhill Cranes trying hard to disguise as an Ostrich highlighted the day. The feeders at the farm at the end of McKinnon Road were very active and we all enjoyed watching them for some time. Robins had just arrived back as had Killdeer, Turkey Vultures and a Cowbird. No sign of Tree Swallows, Pintail, Phoebe, Swans or some of the other early arrivals we usually see on this trip. Snow Buntings, Northern Shrikes and Rough-legged Hawks still lingered prior to their long trek north to tundra breeding grounds.

Species seen - Black-capped Chickadee, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Downy Woodpecker, American Crow, Wild Turkey, Gull species, European Starling, Turkey Vulture, Canada Goose, American Goldfinch, Common Redpoll, Mourning Dove, Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, American Tree Sparrow, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Sparrow, Hairy Woodpecker, (Dark-eyed Junco? I think someone said they saw one. I saw what I thought could have been but I wasn't sure.) American Robin, White-breasted Nuthatch, Ring-billed Gull, Horned Lark, Northern Shrike, Great Black-backed Gull, Bald Eagle - 2 adult, 1 juvenile? Rough-legged Hawk both morphs, Red-tailed Hawk, Buteo species, Snowy Owl, Rock Pigeon, Sandhill Crane, Killdeer, Snow Bunting, Gray Squirrel - black phase,

Willow Creek

Common Goldeneye (pair), Mallard 8 drakes, 1 hen, American Black Duck hen, American Black Duck x Mallard drake paired with hen above.

Thank-you to all the participants who made this late winter trip really enjoyable

Ian Cook

[Uthoff Trail](#) [April 12](#)

The Uthoff Trail walk was cancelled due to snow and flooding on the trail. However,

John Doll and I (Dave Lord) walked the Railtrail at Minesing off Highway 26 on Saturday and saw/heard the following:-

Species seen – Cowbirds, Starlings, Song Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows, Red-winged Blackbirds, Great Blue Herons (4), Cardinal, Flicker, Kingfisher, Blue-winged Teal, Green winged Teal, American Wigeon, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Killdeers (too numerous to count)

Ring-billed Gulls, Mourning Dove, Blue Jays, Crows, Robins, Grackles.

Nothing spectacular but then what do you expect when two 70 plus visually/optically challenged septuagenarians are fumbling along a sodden trail in the fog!

P.S. on the way home I saw a Red-tail Hawk, and a Hooded Merganser on the pond off Golf Trail Road

John correctly pointed out that I missed the best bird of all;- one (or more) Common Snipe's in full mating call making aerial displays around us.

Goes to show you should never leave the making of a bird list to a 'Lord'! (Just ducked another lightening bolt!!!)

Cheers, Dave

[**Bountiful Blooms and Frolicking Foxes at the The Gables**](#) [**May 1, 2008**](#)

Early May is the perfect time to view the mix of blooming native wildflowers and the carpets of garden escapes which make The Gables impressive. In spite of the overcast skies, intermittent light showers and the cool 10°C temperatures, the 8 participants were rewarded with glorious displays of blue, yellow and white drifts of blooming spring flowers in this majestic woodland.

But it was the 3 Red Fox cubs playing at their den which became the focus of our attention during our evening walk. A few songbirds were identified along the trails and three waterfowl species could be seen in Kempenfelt Bay in front of The Gables.

Once again Al McNair briefed us on the history of The Gables.

Plants Observed: Blue Cohosh, Canada Yew, Celadine buds, Common Mullein, Early Meadow-rue, Garlic Mustard, Large-flowered

Bellwort, Kidney-leaf Buttercup, Mayapple, Prickly Gooseberry, Sharp-lobed Hepatica, Staghorn Sumac, Trout Lily, Virginia Bluebells in bud, Virginia Waterleaf, Red Trillium, Ural False Spiraea, White Lettuce, White Trillium, Wild Ginger, Wild Leek & Wood Anemone.

Garden Escapes: Forsythia, Glory of the Snow, Lesser Periwinkle, Lily-of-the-Valley, Sedum, Spring Squill, Striped Squill, Tulip buds, Wild Daffodil, Winter Aconite & Yellow Anemone.

Birds Observed: Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Red-necked Grebe, American Robin, Yellow-rumped & Pine Warblers, & Northern Cardinal.

Phyllis Tremblay

[**Little Lake Park**](#)

[**May 14, 2008**](#)

This year 7 people participated in our 3 part outing on a breezy overcast day with 12 - 17°C temperatures. During the first 45 minutes we identified plants and birds around the parking lot and along a 250 meter trail that leads to Little Lake.

The next part follows a loop trail on the north side of the lake. This 2 1/2 hour walk took us through a treed laneway next to agricultural fields, upland deciduous woodland and bog.

Our third visit focused on the wetlands beside the 5/6 Side Road of Oro-Medonte. Although it is not part of the Little Lake parkland, this flooded area supports a small heronry (13 nests), and many marsh species. In addition to the Great Blue Herons, Canada Goose, Mallards, Virginia Rail, Sora, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Song & Swamp Sparrows and Red-winged Blackbirds make this their home.

Plants observed: Blue Cohosh, Common Cat-tail, Common Dandelion, Creeping Charlie, Common & Red-berried Elderberry, Ferns:- Christmas, Lady, Northern Maidenhair, Ostrich & Sensitive; Garlic Mustard, Herb Robert, Large-flowered Bellwort, Lesser Celadine, Marsh Marigold, Mayapple, Poison Ivy, Pussy Toes, Red Trillium, Sharp-lobed Hepatica, Solomon's-Seals:- False, Giant, Hairy & Starry False; Small Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Spotted Touch-me-not seedlings, Tall Meadow-rue, Thimbleweed, Trout Lily, Two-leaved Toothwort, Violets:- Canada, Common Blue,

Dog & Downy Yellow; Virginia Waterleaf, White Baneberry, White Trillium, Wild Columbine, Wild Ginger, Wild Leek, Wild Lily-of-the-Valley, Wood Betony, Yellow Lady's-slipper & clumps of Zigzag Goldenrod plants.

The remainder of the 40 bird species

observed: Turkey Vulture, Hawk Species, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, European Starling, Nashville Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Ovenbird, American Redstart, Chipping Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Common Grackle, Baltimore Oriole, Purple Finch & American Goldfinch.

Phyllis Tremblay

Feversham Gorge Trip. May 31, 2008.

Throughout Friday night the thunder had crashed around Barrie and persisted until 7:00am. Things did not look good. Jim Tomkins was the only member to meet at Little Lake, while it had been arranged to meet Beryl Lougher at Feversham.

We decided to proceed as the sky was brightening by 8:45.

Thirteen species were recorded at Little Lake and a few on the trip to the gorge.

Beryl had her neighbour Kathy McVicar with her so the four of us walked the path hearing and seeing warblers, Great Crested Flycatcher, and water thrush.

The drive to Eugenia produced a loon on the lake with Tree Swallows skimming the surface. No additional species were noted at Eugenia Falls.

We decided to drive through the Beaver Valley and over the mountains into Collingwood via The Scenic Caves Road to Beryl's house where we enjoyed her wonderful lakeside yard while adding a House Wren, Brown Thrasher, Purple Martin, Cormorant, Red Breasted Merganser and Chickadee to our list. Further down the road at Kathy's a Willet which had been seen was no longer there.

So to Wasaga Beach where Jim Tomkins added the Piping Plover to his lifers' list and we saw

the change of duty as one plover relieved the partner of incubation chores. A great day, cloudy, bright and warm and a nice tally of thirty nine species were recorded. Where was that Red Tailed Hawk to get us to forty?

Species List.

American Robin, American Crow, American Goldfinch, Baltimore Oriole, Black Capped Chickadee, Black Throated Blue Warbler, Black Throated Green Warbler, Black and White Warbler, Blue Jay, Brown Thrasher, Brown Headed Cowbird, Bobolink, Canada Goose, Common Grackle, Common Loon, Chipping Sparrow, Double Crested Cormorant, Eastern Pewee, Eastern Phoebe, European Starling, Great Crested Flycatcher, House Wren, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Northern Cardinal, Northern Waterthrush, **PIPING PLOVER**, Purple Martin, Red Breasted Merganser, Red Eyed Vireo, Red Winged Blackbird, Rock Pigeon, Ring Billed Gull, Song Sparrow, Tree Swallow, Turkey Vulture, White Throated Sparrow, Wild Turkey, Yellow Warbler.

Jim Spruce

Copeland Forest June 7, 2008

The "Churry, churry, chorry, cho" song of a Mourning Warbler greeted us as we gathered at our usual meeting place – the Little Lake Parking Lot. His persistent singing gave all 6 participants a chance to have a good look. Warbling Vireos and Baltimore Orioles were also present here.

It was a pleasant warm day, about 26°C, with some humidity. Before we arrived at our destination in Copeland Forest, we stopped along Ingram Road to listen for bird song. This mixed habitat of shrubs, conifers and deciduous trees usually yields several bird species, but the location was disappointing this time. However, the abundance of plants along the trail in Copeland Forest's mature woodland off the 5th Line of Oro-Medonte made our 3 hour outing truly rewarding.

Plants Observed: Blue Cohosh, Canada Mayflower, Canada Yew, Carrion Flower, Common Burdock, Common Dandelion, Common Speedwell, Droopy Wood-sedge, Enchanter's Nightshade, Ferns:- Eastern Bracken, Evergreen, Lady, Marginal Shield,

Northern Maidenhair, Rattlesnake, & Sensitive; Foamflower, Forget-me-not, Fragrant Bedstraw, Herb Robert, Hobblebush, Spotted Jewelweed seedlings, Kidneyleaf Buttercup, Northern Clintonia, Partridgeberry, Plantain-Leaved Sedge, Poison Ivy, Prickly Gooseberry, Red Baneberry, Red-berried Elderberry, Red Trillium, Rose-twisted Stock, Sharp-lobed Hepatica, Small Jack-in-the Pulpit, Solomon's-seals:- Hairy & False; Squirrel Corn, Sweet Cicely, Trout Lily (final stages), Two-leaved Toothwort, Violets:- Canada, Common Blue, Dog, Downy Yellow & Long Spurred; Virginia Waterleaf, White Baneberry, White Trillium, Wild Columbine, Wild Ginger, Wild Leek & Wild Sarsaparilla.

Birds Noted: Red-shouldered Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at nest hole, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, American Crow, Winter Wren, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Nashville Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, Scarlet Tanager & Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Phyllis Tremblay

PRESTIGESE AWARD FOR JUNIOR MEMBER

On June 7th in Edmonton, Alberta, Jeff Howard received the Youth Conservation Award from the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

Jeff's mother Jennifer stated that "it was a wonderful weekend and he did such a wonderful job of his unprepared speech. People shook his hand from many of the big conservation organizations in Canada. He really made an impact. The comments were amazing from these people. It was awesome."

Jeff is starting a new summer job in a couple weeks. He was hired as a Stewardship Ranger for the MNR in Midhurst. He is really busy and already we have missed all the outings. We are still doing work with the family club at Six Mile Lake and Bob Bowles.

Congratulations Jeff, keep up the good work

NOTE THE CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS ONLINE VERISON

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT Dec.15/07 PARTICIPANTS

Once again Volker organized a successful Christmas Bird Count, culminating in an excellent pot-luck-supper at the church were a member of each team read into the record their results for the day.

Team members by area, the team leader is in bold print.

Area 1. **Lyn Pope**, K. C. Patterson, Chris Evans, David Walsh.

Area 2. **John Doll**, Beth Doll, Jim Carnie, Lynne Carnie.

Area 3. **Peter Mils**, Al McNair, Kim Gardiner

Area 4. **Russ Musgrove**, Anthony Taliana, Brian Smith, Debra Smith.

Area 5. **Don Scanlon**, David Adams, Judy Adams, Jeff Moran, Lisa Moran

Area 6. **Dave Fewster**, Wayne Simkin, Jennifer Howard, Jeff Howard, Christy Burton, Alana Burton.

Area 7. **Jim Spruce**, Brian Gibbon, Mike Spruce, Ge-On Kim, Jonathan Roe, Larry Roe, Jim Tomkins

Area 8. **Volker Brinkmann**, Hart Brasche, Michael Osmann.

Area 9. **Nigel Shaw**, Jack Thompson, Bruce Wilson, Jean Wilson, Linda Crome.

And numerous feeder watchers who contributed valuable sightings in the various areas.

Volker would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported the Bird Count during the years that he supervised it n behalf of the Club. Without all of your support we would not enjoy the successes that we have had over the years.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions, please keep up the good work.

I would also like to apologize for the delay in getting this out. I just seemed to have gotten overwhelmed. But we are back on track.

Editor

2007 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES	TEAM NUMBER									TOTAL Per	Sp	2006	CHANGE Over 2006
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	SPECIES	#		
<u>DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS</u>													
Snow Goose												2	(2)
Canada Goose							43	37		80	1	1,660	(1,580)
Trumpeter Swan						5	4	7		16	1	-	16
American Black Duck	4		13				40	24		81	1	107	(26)
Mallard	96		1376	4			75	216		1,767	1	650	1,117
Blue-winged Teal												1	(1)
Greater Scaup	1									1	1	-	1
Lesser Scaup	1						3			4	1	-	4
Common Goldeneye	53		10				80	209		352	1	1,255	(903)
Oldsquaw	1		1							2	1	-	2
Bufflehead	12							38		50	1	135	(85)
Hooded Merganser	5						7	2		14	1	21	(7)
Common Merganser	87		17				49	170		323	1	264	59
Red-breasted Merganser	15		4				5	8		32	1	9	23
Ducks species												1	(1)
<u>GROUSE & TURKEYS</u>													
Ruffed Grouse												9	(9)
Wild Turkey	10	17	40	5	39	7	3	11	11	143	1	74	69
<u>LOONS</u>													
Common Loon	1									1	1	14	(13)
<u>GREBES</u>													
Horned Grebe								1		1	1	4	(3)
Red-necked Grebe	3							32		35	1	41	(6)
<u>CORMORANTS</u>													
Double-cres. Cormorant												4	(4)
<u>HERONS & BITTERNS</u>													
Great Blue Heron			1							1	1	1	-
<u>VULTURES</u>													
Turkey Vulture												1	(1)
<u>HAWKS & EAGLES</u>													
Bald Eagle	1				1				1	3	1	1	2
Northern Harrier												1	(1)
Red-tailed Hawk	2		2	1	6	6	1		3	21	1	31	(10)
Rough-legged Hawk	2				9	1	1	1		14	1	9	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk						2				2	1	-	2
Cooper's Hawk												3	(3)
Hawk (sp)												2	
<u>FALCONS</u>													
American Kestrel												3	(3)
Merlin					1				1	2	1	1	1

2007 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES	TEAM NUMBER									TOTAL Per SPECIES	Sp #	2006	CHANGE Over 2006	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9					
<u>RAILS & COOTS</u>														
American Coot	2										2	1	-	2
<u>GULLS & TERNS</u>														
Bonaparte's Gull	28								29	57	1	27	30	
Ring-billed Gull	98		46		5	1		44	63	257	1	1,921	(1,664)	
Herring Gull	87		551				32	9	5	769	1	177	592	
Iceland Gull												2	(2)	
Great Black-backed Gull	9		19					11	27	71	1	58	13	
Glaucous Gull			1						2	4	1	2	2	
Gull (sp)		2			7					9	1	87	(78)	
<u>PIGEONS & DOVES</u>														
Rock Pigeons	60		13		4	34	16	77	40	244	1	214	30	
Mourning Dove	29	8	12		48	22	88	15	17	239	1	226	13	
<u>OWLS</u>														
Common Screech-Owl						3			1	4	1	-	4	
Great Horned Owl								1		1	1	-	1	
Barred Owl									1	1	1	-	1	
<u>KINGFISHERS</u>														
Belted Kingfisher												1	(1)	
<u>WOODPECKERS</u>														
Red-bellied Woodpecker					4					4	1	2	2	
Downy Woodpecker	8	9	3	5	9	7	6	5	1	53	1	36	17	
Hairy Woodpecker	4	4		4	5	11	6		2	36	1	15	21	
North'n Flicker												1	(1)	
Pileated Woodpecker	2	1				1	1			5	1	9	(4)	
Woodpecker (sp)												1	(1)	
<u>SHRIKES</u>														
Northern Shrike	2	2		2	1		2	1		10	1	5	5	
<u>CROWS & JAYS</u>														
Blue Jay	5	12	4	32	14	15	65	3	6	156	1	88	68	
American Crow	9	52	122	11	15	53	49	18	42	371	1	519	(148)	
Northern Raven		1			3	1				5	1	6	(1)	
<u>LARKS</u>														
<u>CHICKADEES</u>														
Black-capped Chickadee	65	53	55	40	44	97	131	43	39	567	1	516	51	
<u>NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS</u>														
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	1			3		7		14	1	30	(16)	
White-breasted Nuthatch	3	4	3	5	5	7	8	8	2	45	1	34	11	
Brown Creeper						2	1			3	1	12	(9)	

2007 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

SPECIES	TEAM NUMBER									TOTAL Per SPECIES	Sp #	2006	CHANGE Over 2006	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9					
<u>WRENS</u>														
<u>KINGLETS</u>														
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1			1		3					5	1	8	(3)
<u>THRUSHES & STARLINGS</u>														
American Robin													3	(3)
Gray Catbird														-
European Starling	74		4,512	62	2	1	5	52	3		4,711	1	3,343	1,368
<u>WAXWINGS</u>														
Bohemian Waxwing	48										48	1		48
Cedar Waxwing													143	(143)
Waxwing (sp)									50		50	1		50
<u>WARBLERS & TOWHEE</u>														
<u>SPARROWS</u>														
American Tree Sparrow			9		14	9	23	1			56	1	170	(114)
Chipping Sparrow													2	(2)
Song Sparrow													1	(1)
White-throated Sparrow						1					1	1	-	1
Dark-eyed Junco	11	16	30	3	14	22	29	14	11		150	1	104	46
Snow Bunting			40			1	22				63	1	227	(164)
<u>CARDINALS</u>														
Northern Cardinal	4	1	6	5	7	7	3	3	2		38	1	20	18
<u>BLACKBIRDS</u>														
Red-winged Blackbird													6	(6)
Common Grackle							1				1	1	-	1
Brown Headed Cowbird													2	(2)
<u>FINCHES</u>														
Pine Grosbeak	31		25	36	5	25	2				124	1	-	124
Purple Finch								1			1	1	3	(2)
House Finch	7			2		13	16	4			42	1	8	34
Common Redpoll	79	24	12			15	72	4	14		220	1	-	220
Pine Siskin			3			1					4	1	-	4
American Goldfinch	38	76	10	22	9	110	39	12			316	1	271	45
<u>IMPORTS</u>														
House Sparrow	3		30					28			61	1	98	(37)
GRAND TOTAL	1,002	284	6,971	240	271	524	599	675	1,197		11,763	63	12,702	(937)
TOTAL SPECIES	42	18	31	17	24	34	25	32	35			63	67	(4)