

Grand Manan

19 – 28 August 2006

Trip Report

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Introduction

Once again this trip has been one marked by good company, wonderful wildlife experiences and a variety of weather, most of it good.

My thanks go to Denis and Den for their good cheer, excellent driving and profound knowledge of New Brunswick and its wildlife. I can't wait to get back to the Bay of Fundy.

It is hard to place emphasis on any one aspect of the trip although, for me, the highlights were the whale watching and the much smaller species such as the frogs, butterflies and dragonflies. This trip is always one of "swings and roundabouts". If we had experienced overcast, showery weather on Grand Manan we would no doubt have seen a greater variety of migrant birds but then we might have missed fantastic views of feeding Fin Whales and North Atlantic Right Whales going through their full repertoire of behaviour.

The Diary

Saturday 19 August

Most group members met at Heathrow, having managed to rearrange their packing to cope with the new restrictions. Everything seemed set for an 'on time' take off when the 'tractor' pushing the plane from the gate developed engine trouble. We finally got away an hour late but made up a bit of time by our arrival at St John's, Newfoundland, where everyone had to deplane to enter Canada, collect the baggage and check it in again. Our birding began with the plastic Bald Eagles 'bird scaring' by the runway and a few American Crows - not an auspicious start!

Still running late, we took off again for Halifax and our meeting with Denis Doucet, Den Banford and the last two members of the group. We were soon on the road for Sackville having added House Sparrow and Starling to our list. A distant Osprey on one of the many nests and three White-tailed Deer, quickly glimpsed, completed our sightings for the day. On arrival at the wonderfully chintzy Marshland Guesthouse, we hastened in for our evening meal and retired gratefully to our beds.

Sunday 20 August

SACKVILLE - am 8/8 cumulus, persistent rain, pm Fine, overcast, sunny spells.

Several members were awoken by thunder and the sound of rain beating on the windows. Fortunately no early birding had been planned and a kitchen crisis which delayed breakfast gave Denis time to rearrange our schedule. We headed first for Fort Beausejour where we went to look out over the nearby marsh despite the intermittent drizzle and determined mozzies. As the visibility was poor we spent less time than usual on this and concentrated on watching song birds in the nearby scrub. Our attempts to get to grips with American Sparrows produced at least a dozen Song Sparrows and rather fewer Savannah Sparrows. A single Bobolink was a pleasant surprise. One lone bush held two Common Yellowthroat, and a Yellow Warbler. A near adult Bald Eagle flew over closely followed by an immature which perched on top of a tree giving us good telescope views. During our observations we noted Cedar Waxwings and Purple Finch in the same area. Denis started his dragonfly catching by managing to trap a Saffron-winged Meadowhawk which was a new addition to our list.

We then spent an hour exploring the star shaped Fort, built by the French in 1751. Terese, a local guide, gave us a talk on Acadian history and we had an enjoyable look around the Museum. As we left, we discovered that the weather had improved, enabling us to get good views of a passing Northern Harrier. Den had set out an excellent lunch in one of the shelters on the site, which we enjoyed as we dried out.

We drove back to Sackville, stopping briefly to visit a craft centre before heading to Sackville Waterfowl Park where we spent the rest of the afternoon. The Park was a haven for wildfowl and waders including both Yellowlegs, Solitary and Spotted Sandpipers, Wilson's Snipe and Short-billed Dowitcher. A very close view of Sora Rail was a delight. Everyone enjoyed a particularly good view of a feeding Muskrat. Our attention turned to wildfowl which included families of Blue-winged Teal and of Ring-necked Duck. Great activity among the Red-winged Blackbirds and Cedar Waxwings heralded the arrival of a Sharp-shinned Hawk. We were then entertained by the antics of Pied-billed Grebe and Belted Kingfisher. Soft calls overhead announced the presence of both Tree and Bank Swallows. As the weather became warmer, insects became more active; Common White-tailed Dragonfly, White-faced and Cherry-faced Meadowhawks were all well seen. Eventually at 16.00 we dragged ourselves away from this intriguing site. Our journey onward to Bouctouche was punctuated by sightings of Snowshoe Hare, Common Grackle, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher and a lone American Kestrel.

We soon settled into our hotel, enjoying a fine meal (some practising lobster dissection!) before attempting to catch up on some sleep.

Monday 21 August

BOUCTOUCHE - 8/8 cumulus, persistent heavy rain until 15.00, then showers NE 3.

Again we were woken by the ominous sound of rain lashing against the windows. Some members quickly reset their alarm clocks but a few brave souls joined Denis to see if anything could be observed from the hotel lobby.

In fact the persistent rain lasted until 15.00, frustrating our hopes of a long walk on Bouctouche Dune. Desperate watching from the hotel windows over breakfast added an Eastern Grey Squirrel to the list. Plan B then came into effect when Denis gave us a presentation on local wildlife in preparation for better weather (!) The salient identification features were covered with the help of Denis' excellent photographs of frogs / toads, "dragons and damsels", lady bugs and butterflies. At 10.15 we decided to brave the rain and made our way to Rotary Park, a grassland area from which extended a walkway into the saltmarsh. Ironically we had good views of Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, normally an elusive bird, which seemed to have become over-confident in the steady rain. A lone Whimbrel was also seen. Our next venue was the Sewage Farm where some 70 Bonaparte's Gulls were still at roost. Despite being dressed for the rain we had become unpleasantly wet and mounted an orderly retreat in the direction of the Hotel.

After lunch we headed for the Irving Eco Centre at Bouctouche Dunes. En route we stopped to admire a fishing Osprey and waders, including Grey Plover, feeding on the roadside mudflats. Once we reached the Centre, the rain became even heavier so we sheltered under the eaves of the Education Centre from where we could observe passing Common Terns, gulls and a lone Northern Gannet. The beach was totally undisturbed by human activity allowing us to watch feeding waders including Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Sanderling and Turnstone. At 15.00 the rain almost stopped so we were finally able to walk through some scrub woodland along the dunes to the beach. The woodland sheltered a feeding flock of birds including Yellow-rumped Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Catbird and the inevitable Black-capped Chickadee. Least Flycatcher, Ruby-crowned kinglet, American Redstart and Red-eyed Vireo were also heard or glimpsed. On emerging from the woodland onto the boardwalk we had wonderful views of Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow and a Northern Harrier. Waders in a small bay included Least Sandpiper. Offshore were a flock of Black Scoter. The remainder of the afternoon was spent revisiting the Sewage Farm and Rotary Park. Notable events at the former were a fishing Osprey, Wood Ducks, Goldeneye and a Pearl Crescent butterfly. A passing Merlin was the highlight at the Park. Returning to the Hotel at 17.00 gave us time to dry out before dinner.

Tuesday 22 August

BOUCTOUCHE - 7/8 cumulus, sun, NW 2pm 2/8 cumulus, sun SW 3-4.

Seven o'clock saw a bright sunrise and keen members joined Denis in front of the Hotel for excellent views of a Cedar Waxwing before exploring the adjacent shoreline. Ten species of wading birds were noted including three Willet, a Short-billed Dowitcher and Least Sandpiper.

Most of the morning was spent in driving between Bouctouche and New River Beach south of Saint John, New Brunswick. Notable sightings included a Red-tailed Hawk, a Broad-winged Hawk, two Ospreys and a Turkey Vulture. At New River Beach we enjoyed an exceptional picnic consisting of local pates, cheeses and wines.

We arrived at Black's Harbour at 13.45 in time to be at the front of the queue for the 15.30 ferry. Despite the whole area being unrecognisable due to the construction of a new ferry terminal, we did manage to discover two Killdeer, two species of grasshopper and Monarch butterflies.

Boarding the ferry 'Grand Manan IV' we were able to watch Belted Kingfisher, an adult Bald Eagle, two Turkey Vultures and a Black Guillemot. As we left harbour, four Common Seals were seen on rocks and in the water, with at least two Harbour Porpoises nearby. Not long after we were surprised to see three Arctic Skuas. The rest of the crossing was spent searching for sea birds and cetaceans with some success. Only a handful of Common Guillemot was seen but Puffin numbered at least fifty. We were delighted to see large numbers of Great Shearwater, a handful of Sooty Shearwater and two Manx Shearwater - the latter being locally scarce. Two more Harbour Porpoises were discovered as was an obliging Minke Whale which appeared on the surface on four occasions. As we arrived at North Head, Grand Manan we were met by some fifty Black-legged Kittiwakes. We soon settled into our Guest House giving some members time for a quick walk before our evening meal.

Wednesday 23 August

GRAND MANAN - am 1/8 cumulus, sun, pm 2/8 cumulus, sun, SW 2 – 3.

At 07.00 we walked through the Guesthouse garden to the nearby graveyard. Chickadee were calling which alerted us to the presence of a feeding flock of birds including Northern Parula, Blackthroated Green Warbler, Yellow Warbler and Red-breasted Nuthatch. We also had fine views of a Blue Jay. The first raptor of the day was a Broad-winged Hawk.

At 09.00 we drove south arriving at Bancroft Point within a few minutes. There on the pond we saw two Green-winged Teal, and overhead were Sand Martins and Cliff Swallows. Out in the bay we watched an Osprey and then found a Peregrine Falcon perched on one of the small islands. The Falcon only flew off when an adult Bald Eagle appeared. Also in the bay were some two hundred Eider and a few Grey Seals. Our attention then turned to the pond where we enjoyed wonderful views of Twelve-spotted Skimmer dragonflies. Next we had close views of three species of damselflies caught by Denis as he waded through the marsh, net in hand and attended by an over enthusiastic local dog.

We then set off for South West Head, spotting Northern Harrier and Broad-winged Hawk en route. At the Head we were delighted by an assembly of at least sixty Monarch butterflies all avidly feeding on thistles. These were all migrants as were a nearby Wandering Glider dragonfly and American Painted Lady butterflies. On approaching the edge of the basalt cliffs we found three hundred Kittiwakes and sixty Black Guillemots on the rocks and in the water below us. Looking further out to sea we gained good views of Grey Seal, at least five Minke Whales and a dozen Harbour Porpoises. Walking the cliff top, we came across yet another migrant dragonfly - Band-winged Meadowhawk and, much to our surprise, a diminutive female Eastern Tailed Blue butterfly - enabling Denis to take the first photographic record of a species only noted on three previous occasions in New Brunswick. An early lunch was taken at Anchorage Provincial Park where we saw a Ring-necked Duck with its family, an Osprey and the smallest of the sub-species of Canada Goose - '*minima*'. Other delights included two Great Spangled Fritillary butterflies.

By 12.45 we had moved on to Seal Cove, soon to board 'Day's Catch', our whale watching boat for the afternoon. We were greeted by Peter Wilcox (Captain) and Durlan Ingersoll (Mate); we knew

from previous experience that we were in very good hands. 'Day's Catch' headed quickly out towards White Island and in these inshore waters we noted three Great Northern Divers, a Bald Eagle and three Pomarine Skuas, one of which pursued a Kittiwake. As we moved into deeper water, we encountered flocks of Sooty and Great Shearwaters, Puffins and a few Gannets. Suddenly, everywhere we looked there were Wilson's Storm Petrels - some seven hundred in all and often joined by small groups of Red-necked Phalarope.

After an hours sailing at about 14.10, we came across pods of feeding Fin Whales and estimated there must be at least fourteen individuals. It was exciting to watch up to ten of these greyhounds of the sea surging forward as they fed on shoals of herring. An hour later we sped off in search of North Atlantic Right Whales, gaining good views of one individual which surfaced repeatedly and distant views of a second. Finally we left the Right Whales to return to the Fin whales - still avidly feeding, and, at the edge of the master's table, were Harbour Porpoises picking up the crumbs. With some regret we had to turn for home, several of us having enjoyed our first close experience of whales.

Thursday 24 August

GRAND MANAN - 1/8 cumulus, sun, SW 1 – 2 17.00 W 4.

It is hard to believe that one could complain about the weather being too good. Our morning walk in the grounds of the Marathon Hotel produced few birds. Those that we did see included Solitary Sandpipers, Black-throated Green Warbler and Red-eyed Vireo. The good weather though resulted in good sightings of a number of insects including an American Copper butterfly and a Yellow-legged Meadowhawk dragonfly. We were particularly excited when we came across a perched Wandering Glider - a dragonfly which demonstrates its powerful flight by migrating to islands almost world wide. Part of the morning was spent shopping and exploring the Whale Research Centre. By 11.30 we had boarded the yacht 'Elsie Menota' and our trip out to sea could not have been more different from that of the previous day. For an hour and twenty minutes we motored and sailed out to the Grand Manan Basin. Apart from two rafts of Eider numbering about 200, birds were in short supply.

At 12.50 we came across our first North Atlantic Right Whale, seemingly an isolated individual. Fifteen minutes later we saw a distant Right Whale breach three times. By 13.20 we had reached an area where Right Whales were very active. We watched courtship, tail-lobbing and spy hopping. Three whales breached simultaneously then two moved away leaving a calf which breached continuously. Eventually we found a single adult quietly logging on the surface, demonstrating its V-shaped blow before raising its tail and sounding - diving deep in search of food. We left the area at 14.45, though our last whale sighting came some twenty minutes later. Unexpected sightings on the way back to harbour included two Tree Swallows and a Whimbrel.

In the evening we had a fine meal at McLaughlin's Wharf Inn where the 'Merlot Club' took the opportunity to extend their tasting.

Friday 25 August

GRAND MANAN - am clear, cool, sunny, still warm later.

We woke to clear skies and sunshine although it was deceptively cool. A cold front was reputed to have passed over the area but there seemed little sign of it on Grand Manan. An early morning walk near the Guest house led us to the usual Chickadees, one or two Warblers, a Downy Woodpecker and an Eastern Red Squirrel raiding an apple tree.

At 09.00 we set off for The Whistle, stopping en route when we saw a flock of birds which included Blue Jay, Common Grackle, Cedar Waxwing and White Throated Sparrow. By 09.30 we had reached a one-time rubbish dump now a circular arena surrounded by light forest. Here there was ample evidence of bird migration. We came across Red-eyed Vireo, Dark-eyed Junco, a Downy Woodpecker and a selection of Warblers including American Redstart and Northern Parula. White-throated and Chipping Sparrows were also present. Some time was spent watching Flycatchers which

were unusually vocal; Willow, Alder and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were eventually identified. Brown-headed Cowbirds were also noted, as, unexpectedly were two Bobolink which eventually gave us very good views.

By 10.45 we were at The Whistle where we could look out over a wide expanse of sea. Two Bald Eagles and up to eight Harbour Porpoises were the main attractions and a small flock of Cedar Waxwings provided excellent photographic opportunities.

Lunch was taken at Castalia Marsh where small numbers of sandpipers were noted. Semi-palmated Sandpipers were particularly easy to watch on the beach and provided more excellent chances for our photographers. A hunting Northern Harrier proved very entertaining. Later as we approached Anchorage Provincial Park a Broad-winged Hawk flew over our heads. At the Park we concentrated our main efforts out to sea where we were delighted to find small parties of Red-necked Grebe and Velvet (White-winged) Scoter. A Great Northern Diver and another Northern Harrier also got into the act. On leaving the beach we took a short walk into the Boreal forest finding Golden-crested Kinglet and a fine Shadow Darter dragonfly. A marshy area at the end of the trail gave us fine examples of insectivorous pitcher plants which are the state flower of nearby Newfoundland.

The late afternoon was spent at a South West Head where the butterflies were again spectacular. Some sixty Monarchs were feeding on thistles and the Question Mark and Viceroy butterflies were also encountered. On scanning the calm surface of the sea we discovered two more Minke Whales. The climax of the afternoon was probably the Smooth Green Snake which we discovered on the cliff top. As we returned to our Guesthouse we saw a Broad-winged Hawk perched on a tree top and being mobbed by an American Robin. Soon after we came across two Merlin chasing each other.

Two members had taken the opportunity of a second trip on the 'Elsie Menota' and we eagerly questioned them about their excellent experiences. After a fine sea food dinner we were treated to a talk on cetaceans and other aspects of wildlife research in the area by Laurie Murison of the Whale Research Centre.

Saturday 26 August

GRAND MANAN - am 0, cool, sun, pm 6/8 cumulus, sunny spells, evening 2/8 cumulus, fine.

Our early morning walk again took us through the graveyard but this time we continued on to the rather gloomy spruce lined track to Whale Cove.

A number of birds responded to Denis' calls, including a Bald Eagle which did a 'double take' as it flew over.

Everyone had their luggage ready promptly after breakfast so, leaving Den to load the vehicles, we walked towards the Whale Research Centre where some members stopped to shop while the rest of us explored the scrub behind the Ferry Terminal. We then walked on up the Swallowtail Road obtaining good views around a bird feeder. At least four Blue Jays gave us clear views of their beautiful colour. More warblers and a Blue-grey Gnatcatcher were found in the trees beyond the gardens. Then a Ruby-throated Hummingbird was glimpsed by some of the group. By the time we returned to the Ferry Terminal it was time to board the vehicles for the 11.30 crossing on 'Grand Manan V'. Although we all keenly watched the tide race as we left, the only sightings were of a host of Harbour Porpoises. However later in the crossing we passed some small whale watching boats which pinpointed a Humpback Whale and a Fin Whale.

Lunch had been taken on board so we were able to head north to the Fundy National Park where we stopped to walk the Caribou Plain Trail. From the board walk we revelled in watching three species of frogs. The woodland walk provided more sightings of birds. One of our keen eyed members noted some bear 'scat' by the end of the board walk and Den pointed out the saprophytic 'Indian Pipe', a strange looking plant.

After a brief stop in Alma where we noted the tidal range in the little harbour, we reached the Florentine Guesthouse - more generally referred to as 'Mary's'. Here we received a warm welcome and an excellent meal before heading outside to try some bat detecting. Small Brown Bats flitting through the trees above the doorway were identified by their 45kh calls using the bat detector. Some star and planet identification followed but the real highlight of the evening was a Great Horned Owl

responding to Denis' calls and finally giving good views in a torch beam.

Sunday 27 August

MARY'S POINT ROAD - am 6/8 cumulus, dull, pm 3/8 cumulus, sunny.

An early morning drive to Lars Larsen Lake produced good sightings of duck, Canada Goose, Swamp Sparrow and a variety of warblers. On our return to 'Mary's' three Hairy Woodpeckers were feeding in the trees in front of the house.

By 09.45 we were at Hopewell Rocks. Dark-eyed Juncos met us in the car-park. As soon as we had explored the excellent interpretation centre we set off for the platform overlooking Daniel's Flats. Here we could see a vast area of mud and the distant waters of the Bay of Fundy. The tide was flowing. We hurried off to the beach to enjoy the spectacular "flower-pot" stacks before the tide came in.

Our next stop was Moncton where we left Gill who was off exploring the St Lawrence and its Blue Whales. We then drove to the familiar setting of Sackville Waterfowl Park where we had lunch. As we had quite a long drive to Halifax Airport, we pressed on into Nova Scotia. At Truro we explored the delightful Victoria Park, an area of wooded gorges on the edge of the town. Woodland birds included Northern Flicker. Later, in the middle of the town, we were overflown by a dashing Merlin.

After an early evening meal we made our way to the airport, passing Stewiak which claimed to be "half way between the North Pole and the Equator".

At Halifax Airport we said goodbye to Jan who was to fly home to the USA on the following day.

The journey to Heathrow was uneventful except for the fact that we landed forty minutes early!

CHECKLIST

KEY

BOUCTOUCHE	BOU
FORT BEAUSEJOUR	FB
FUNDY NATIONAL PARK	FU
GRAND MANAN INC BOAT TRIPS	GM
LARS LARSON LAKE	LL
SACKVILLE WATERFOWL PARK	SA

BIRDLIST

DIVERS	<i>Gaviidae</i>	
Great Northern Diver	<i>Gavia immer</i>	Five records (GM)
GREBES	<i>Podicipedidae</i>	
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Four SA, two FB and one LL
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	Four GM
PETRELS & SHEARWATERS	<i>Procellariidae</i>	
Great Shearwater	<i>Puffinus gravis</i>	est 450 GM
Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	est 80 GM
Manx Shearwater	<i>Puffinus puffinus</i>	Six GM
STORM PETRELS	<i>Hydrobatidae</i>	
Wilson's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	est 700 GM
BOOBIES & GANNETS	<i>Sulidae</i>	
Northern Gannet	<i>Sula bassana</i>	22 GM
CORMORANTS	<i>Phalacrocoracidae</i>	
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Common
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	One FB and one Saint John

HERONS & BITTERNS	<i>Ardeidae</i>	
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	26 throughout
WILDFOWL	<i>Anatidae</i>	
Canada Goose	<i>Branta Canadensis</i>	131 including one sub-species minima at GM
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Six Bou and two LL
American Wigeon	<i>Anas Americana</i>	Thirty-seven throughout
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Five SA and two LL
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Two SA, two GM and seven LL
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Widespread but nowhere numerous
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	Very common
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	Common esp Bou
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	Four adults with families
Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	Some 600 GM
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Fifteen Bou
Velvet Scoter	<i>Melanitta</i>	Three GM
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Three Bou
AMERICAN VULTURES	<i>Catharidae</i>	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	One near Saint John and two Black's Harbour
OSPREY	<i>Pandionidae</i>	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Widespread. Eleven records on the mainland
HAWKS	<i>Accipitridae</i>	
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Fourteen records throughout
Northern (Hen) Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Eight records mainly from marshes
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	One SA
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Six records of migrants
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	One near Saint John
FALCONS & CARACARAS	<i>Falconidae</i>	
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	One Bou and one FU
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Widespread – a total of five
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Two GM
PHEASANTS & Partridges	<i>Phasianidae</i>	
(Common) Pheasant	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Widespread
RAILS & COOTS	<i>Rallidae</i>	
Sora Rail	<i>Porzana Carolina</i>	Fine view of an immature bird SA
PLOVERS	<i>Charadriidae</i>	
Grey (Black-bellied) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Three Bou
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	Two Black's Harbour
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	Twenty Bou and ten GM
SANDPIPERS	<i>Scolopacidae</i>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	One Bou and one GM
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Widespread – some seventy five
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Widespread – some eighty five
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Two SA and two GM
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	Widespread – total ten
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	Three Bou
(Ruddy) Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Five Bou
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Approx 110 GM
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicate</i>	Twelve SA
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	Five SA and one Bou
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Eight Bou and two GM
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Thirty-six Bou and thirty GM

Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	Three Bou, thirty-five GM and two LL
SKUAS	<i>Stercorariidae</i>	
Pomarine Skua (Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	Three GM
Arctic Skua (Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Three GM
GULLS	<i>Laridae</i>	
Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	Common
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	Common
Great Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus marinus</i>	Common
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	Eighty Bou and one off The Whistle GM
(Black-legged) Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	700 – 800 at coastal locations
TERNs	<i>Sternidae</i>	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Widespread
AUKS	<i>Alcidae</i>	
Common Guillemot	<i>Uria aalge</i>	Eight records GM
Black Guillemot	<i>Cephus grille</i>	One hundred or so – peak count sixty off SW Head GM
Atlantic Puffin	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	est 120 GM Fifty from the ferry to GM was unexpected
PIGEONS & DOVES	<i>Columbidae</i>	
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common near habitation
American Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	Widespread
OWLS	<i>Strigidae</i>	
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	An adult at 'Mary's'
HUMMINGBIRDS	<i>Trochilidae</i>	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	Glimpsed – two GM
GIANT KINGFISHERS	<i>Cerylidae</i>	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	Seven records at widespread locations
WOODPECKERS	<i>Picidae</i>	
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Three sightings GM
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	One GM and one Victoria Park, Truro
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	<i>Tyrannidae</i>	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	One GM
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	One Bou
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	One GM
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Three GM
SWALLOWS & MARTINS	<i>Hirundinidae</i>	
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Widespread – total fifteen
Bank Swallow (Sand Martin)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Four SA and two GM
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	One GM
Cliff Swallow	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	Two GM
SILKY FLYCATCHERS	<i>Bombycillidae</i>	
Cedar Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedorum</i>	Common throughout
WRENS	<i>Troglodytidae</i>	
Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	One heard GM
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS	<i>Mimidae</i>	
Grey Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Three Bou, two GM and others heard
THRUSHES	<i>Turdidae</i>	
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	Widespread

GNATCATCHERS	<i>Poliptilidae</i>	
Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptilia caerulea</i>	One GM
KINGLETS	<i>Regulidae</i>	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Heard Bou. Seen GM, FU and Victoria Park
TITS & CHICKADEES	<i>Paridae</i>	
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>	Very Common
NUTHATCHES	<i>Sittidae</i>	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta Canadensis</i>	Four records GM and FU
JAYS & CROWS	<i>Corvidae</i>	
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Widespread
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	Common
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Widespread
STARLINGS	<i>Sturnidae</i>	
Common (European) Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Common
NEW WORLD SPARROWS and BUNTINGS		<i>Emberizidae - Emberizinae</i>
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Common – noted on all eight days
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza Georgiana</i>	Heard SA and seen LL
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	Only on GM
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	One Bou, one GM and four FU
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Widespread
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>	Four Rotary Park, one on dunes Bou and one Catalia Marsh GM
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Two GM
NEW WORLD WARBLERS	<i>Parulidae</i>	
Northern Parula	<i>Parula Americana</i>	Eight GM
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Common migrant – thirteen records
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	Eight records GM
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	One Bou, two GM and four LL
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Two Bou, six GM and four LL
Common Yellow-throat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Twenty records throughout
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	GM
VIREOS	<i>Vireonidae</i>	
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Heard Bou and five GM
FINCHES	<i>Fringillidae</i>	
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	Common
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Two FB and two GM
SPARROWS	<i>Passeridae</i>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	One Halifax Airport
NEW WORLD ORIOLES	<i>Icteridae</i>	
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	A flock SA
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Widespread
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Four GM
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorous</i>	One FB and two GM
MAMMALS		
BATS	<i>Chiroptera Vespertilionidae</i>	
Little Brown Bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Several at 'Mary's' identified with the bat detector
CARNIVORES - Seals	<i>Carnivora - Phocidae</i>	
Common (Harbour) Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Seven records Black's Harbour

Grey Seal	<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Some twenty records (GM)
CETACEANS - Porpoises	<i>Cetacea - Phocoenidae</i>	
Harbour Porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Approximately one hundred sightings including forty-five on the ferry to Black's Harbour (GM)
CETACEANS - Rorquals	<i>Cetacea - Balaenopteridae</i>	
Minke Whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	Eight records (GM)
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	At least fourteen from the whale boat GM and one near Black's Harbour
Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	One GM from ferry to Black's Harbour
North Atlantic Right Whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Two 23 rd , ten-fifteen 24 th and about twelve 25 th – all from whale boats GM
EVEN-TOED UNGULATES – Deer	<i>Artiodactyla – Cervidae</i>	
White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	Three en route to Sackville
RODENTS - Squirrels	<i>Rodentia - Sciuridae</i>	
American Red Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	Ten GM and two Victoria Park, Truro
Eastern Grey Squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	Two Bou
RODENTS - Mice & Voles	<i>Rodentia - Muridae</i>	
Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	Two SA
HARES	<i>Lagomorpha</i>	
Snowshoe Hare	<i>Lepus Americanus</i>	One en route to Bou
AMPHIBIANS		
Spring Peeper Frog	<i>Hyla crucifera</i>	
Green Frog	<i>Rana clamitans</i>	
Northern Wood Frog	<i>Rana sylvatica</i>	
American Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	
REPTILES		
Smooth Green Snake	<i>Opheodrys vernalis</i>	
BUTTERFLIES		
Large white		
Pieris brassicae		
Orange Sulphur	<i>Colias eurytheme</i>	
American Copper	<i>Lycaena americana</i>	
Eastern Tailed Blue	<i>Everes comyntas</i>	A female 23 rd and a male 26 th (Grand Manan) were the fourth and fifth records for New Brunswick. They were the first to be photographed. The others are pinned specimens only one of which is in good condition.
Great Spangled Fritillary	<i>Speyeria cybele</i>	
Northern Crescent	<i>Phycoides cocyta</i>	
Question Mark	<i>Polygonia interrogationis</i>	
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Two Black's Harbour. A massive migration of at least sixty feeding at South West Head, Grand Manan, 23 rd and 25 th
American painted lady	<i>Vanessa virginiensis</i>	Several (GM)
Common Wood Nymph	<i>Cercyonis pegala</i>	
Inornate Ringlet	<i>Coenonympha tullia inornata</i>	
Viceroy	<i>Limenitis archippus</i>	
DRAGONFLIES		
Eastern Forktail	<i>Ischnura verticalis</i>	
Familiar Bluet	<i>Enallagma civile</i>	
Lyre-tipped Spreadwing	<i>Lestes unguiculatus</i>	
Shadow Darner	<i>Aeshna tuberculifera</i>	
Lance-tipped Darner		
Canada Darner	<i>Aeshna canadensis</i>	
Green Darner	<i>Anax junius</i>	

Common Whitetail	<i>Libellula lydia</i>
Twelve-spotted Skimmer	<i>Libellula pulchella</i>
Spot-winged Glider	<i>Pantala hymenaea</i>
Wandering Glider	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>
Saffron-winged Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum costiferum</i>
Band-winged Meadowhawk	<i>S. semicinctum</i>
Cherry-faced Meadowhawk	<i>S. interum</i>
White-faced Meadowhawk	<i>S. obtrusum</i>
Yellow-legged Meadowhawk	<i>S. vicinum</i>

OTHER TAXA

Southern Lady Beetle
Band-winged Grasshopper
Carolina Locust

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