

SAINT JOHN NATURALISTS' CLUB

Eighth Annual Saint John Christmas Bird Count

Date: Saturday, January 2, 1965.

Area: A 15-mile diameter circle centred near Milledgeville, including Woodman's Point, Westfield, Grand Bay, Lancaster, Saint John, East Saint John, Anthony's Cove, Lakewood, Golden Grove, Rothesay, and a large portion of the Kingston Peninsula south and west of Moss Glen.

The object: To compile a list of the number of individual birds of each species seen on the count day from as complete a coverage of the area as possible by observers in the field and by persons watching their bird feeders.

Observers: The only portion of the area that is relatively intensively covered is a portion of Rothesay and East Riverside. We are eager to obtain new participants from any place in the area. We welcome both stay-at-home feeder watchers and outdoor hikers. If each former participant would interest someone new we would make quite a stride forward towards complete coverage of the area. All that is required is recording of the number of birds of each species that you see on Jan. 2.

Persons whose names are on the accompanying list will be contacted for their results on the evening of Jan. 2. If you plan to take part and your name is not listed or you have obtained a new participant please call one of the compilers or Dr. W.A. Squires (693-1196).

Change in organization: In order to quickly collect the data from a, hopefully, increasing number of observers, the area has been subdivided into six districts. Mrs. V.B. Watters and Henrik Deichmann will be assistant compilers, each responsible for two districts.

This year promises to be one of little variety so we will probably need all the reports we can get in order to keep ahead of the species totals in Moncton and St. Andrews. You may have at your feeder the only Song Sparrow or the only Purple Finch that will be seen. In the past the species total has varied from a low of 24 in 1958 to a high of 52 in 1961 and we have alternated between good years and bad years. Last year was good, so if the trend continues this year will be bad. Possibly we can break the even-numbered jinx this year with an increased force of observers.

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District 1 (Grand Bay-Westfield Tel. Exch.) -- Mrs. V.B. Watters
Mrs. C.H. Cameron, Elson Fletcher, Mrs. Eva Journeay, Denis Last, Mrs. G.E. Logan, Stuart MacFarlane.

District 2 (Lancaster, South Bay) -- Mrs. V.B. Watters, 672-3023
Mrs. E.J. Cram, Henrik Deichmann, Miss Frances Hayes, Miss Grace Hayes, Miss Jane Hazen, Mrs. Chas. Laskey, Carle Smith, Mrs. W.L. Smith, Mrs. V.B. Watters, Richard Williamson.

District 3 (City of Saint John) -- Henrik Deichmann, 694-5556
Miss Helen Brown, David Christie, Miss Florence Christie, Mrs. C.M. McJunkin, Roy Proctor, W.A. Squires

District 4 (Simonds Parish) -- Henrik Deichmann, 694-5556
Mrs. S. Cathline, Mrs. K.W. Clark, Mrs. W.E. Clark, Mrs. M.J. Duffy, Mrs. G.L. Hunter, Miss Shirley Saunders, Miss Marion Sherwood.

District 5 (Parish of Rothesay) -- David Christie, 693-4630
Mrs. G.G. Anglin, Mrs. C.H. Brock, Fred Brock, Mrs. R.A. Cowan, Mrs. J.A. Gillies, Mrs. J.A. Golden, Mrs. A.R. Goucher, Mrs. W.G. Henderson, Mrs. A. Lee-White, Mrs. W.R. Mathers, Miss Barbara Miles, Mrs. D.A. Ross, Mrs. I.L. Sear, Mrs. W.J. Simon.

District 6 (Kingston Peninsula) -- David Christie, 693-4630
We need resident observers here.

Jan. 2, 1965

☒ Common Loon
☐ Red-necked Grebe
☐ Horned Grebe
☒ Great Cormorant
☒ Black Duck
☒ Common Goldeneye
☒ Bufflehead
☐ Oldsquaw
☐ Common Eider
☐ White-w. Scoter
☒ Common Merganser
☒ Red-br. Merganser
☐ Goshawk
☒ Sharp-shinned Hawk
☐ Rough-legged Hawk
☐ Bald Eagle
☐ Ruffed Grouse
☒ Gray Partridge
☐ Purple Sandpiper
☒ Glaucous Gull
☒ Iceland Gull
☒ Grt. Blk-backed Gull
☒ Herring Gull
☒ Ring-billed Gull

☒ Black-headed Gull
☒ Rock Dove (Pigeon)
☐ Great Horned Owl
☒ Snowy Owl
☐ Barred Owl
☐ Short-eared Owl
☐ Saw-whet Owl
☐ Pileated Woodpecker
☒ Hairy Woodpecker
☒ Downy Woodpecker
☐ Horned Lark
☐ Gray Jay
☐ Blue Jay
☒ Common Raven
☒ Common Crow
☒ Blk-capped Chickadee
☐ Boreal Chickadee
☐ White-br. Nuthatch
☐ Red-br. Nuthatch
☐ Brown Creeper
☒ Robin
☐ Golden-cr. Kinglet
☐ Northern Shrike
☒ Starling

☒ House Sparrow
☒ Common Grackle
☒ Brown-headed Cowbird
☒ Evening Grosbeak
☐ Purple Finch
☐ Pine Grosbeak
☐ Common Redpoll
☐ Pine Siskin
☒ AM. Goldfinch
☐ Red Crossbill
☐ White-w. Crossbill
☐ Rufous-s. Towhee
☒ Slate-col. Junco
☒ Tree Sparrow
☐ White-thr. Sparrow
☐ Fox Sparrow
☒ Song Sparrow
☒ Snow Bunting
☒ Ruby-cr. Kinglet
☒ Red-w. Blackbird
☒ Dickcissel
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Season's greetings!