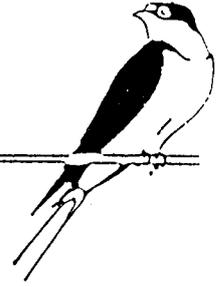
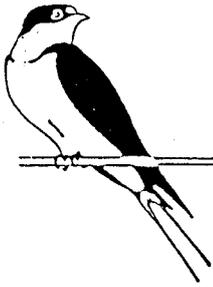


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Great Black-backed Gull at the Alice & Fraser Landfill, Fall '92. Photo by Chris Michener

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## COMING EVENTS FALL '93

### **Wednesday, Dec.15, 1993: Christmas Bird Count organizing meeting.**

Place: Pembroke Public Library Board Room

Time: 7:00 pm.

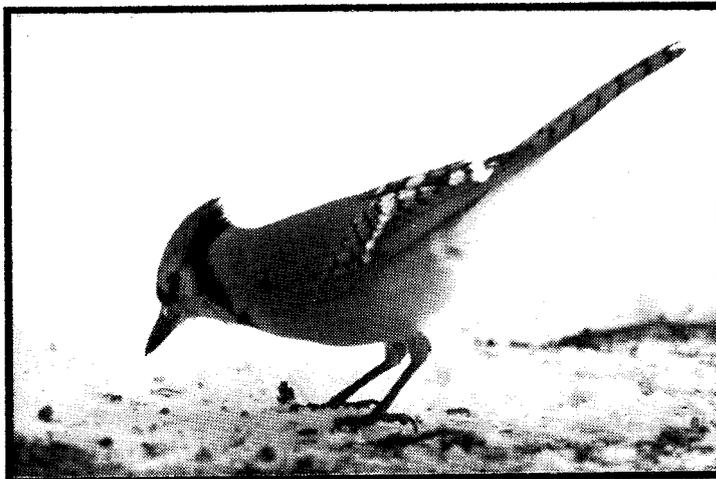
Anyone who is interested in participating as a field participant or a feeder watcher in the CBC will find answers to all their questions by attending this meeting. If you can't attend this information session, you are invited to call Manson Fleguel, the Count organizer, at 732-7703.

### **Saturday, Dec.18, 1993: Pembroke Christmas Bird Count.** To confirm

your participation and to receive information about this day of bird counting, please call Manson at 732-7703. At noon, anyone interested in sharing morning stories can gab at the BurgerKing for lunch and hot coffee. Meet there at noon. From 4 pm to 6:30 pm, we will be dining on free pizza (courtesy of the Pembroke & Area Bird Club) at the cafeteria of Algonquin College. As well as sharing pizza together, we will be compiling the numbers from the day of birding.

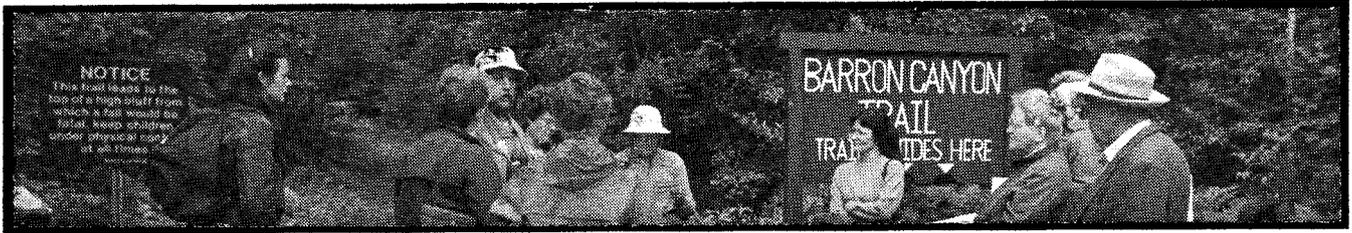
### **Sunday, Dec.19, 1993: The First Annual Eganville Christmas Bird Count.**

Here we go with a new Count in our area. This Count will include the area within a circle of a 7.5 mile radius around the intersection of Hwy.41 and the water tower road (Griersford). The circle is divided into six zones: Augsburg, Golden Lake, Green Lake, Micksburg, Mink Lake, Hwy.41 South. The compiler is Bernd Krueger (625-2879 evenings). This Count is sponsored by **Valley Films, Eganville**. We may be meeting for supper afterwards. Stay tuned.



Blue Jay

Photo by Bernd Krueger



### Change in Newsletter Format

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the PABC, I mentioned that the large format of the newsletter has become a bit too time consuming for me to compile. I stated my wish to produce a single page mailing, twice a year, for the purpose of informing members of birdwalks, social occasions, etc. I received their permission to do so. So, the Winter issue will be the last of this style of newsletter (unless someone wants to take over the duty of newsletter editor).

Instead of the time spent on the newsletter, however, I am starting to research and write a Birdfinding Guide to the Pembroke birding area.

This is something I once started about seven years ago, but didn't get too far. The area is huge and there are many good 'birdy' places that remained unexplored. Besides, researching a guide is a good excuse to go birding! If you would like to help by informing me of places that you know are good birdfinding spots, I would love to hear about them.

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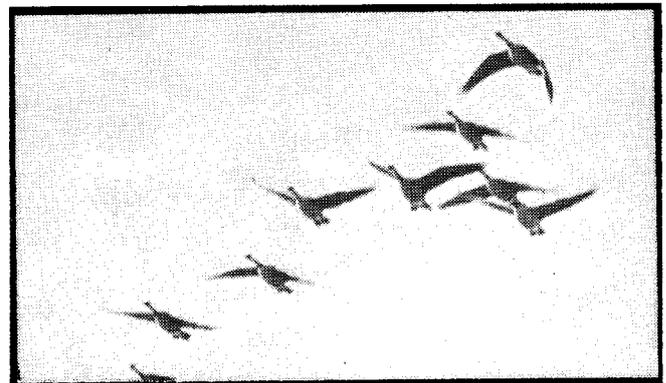
### August 28/'93 Marina Birdwalk

by Chris Michener

It looked like we might have perfect weather for this walk, but twenty-nine species into a promising list, the wind and rain and more wind came sweeping down the Ottawa River. It was an uninvited guest and all the birds dove for cover. Did we? No. We struggled to find any bird with even its beak above the blowing foliage.

Manson started us on a course for success by pointing out a Northern Pintail (female), that the rest of us had overlooked, feeding with Mallards and American Black Ducks. Blue-winged Teal, Great Blue Heron, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, Belted Kingfisher and Spotted Sandpiper were all seen off the marina. Walking East along the waterfront, we found Rock and Mourning Dove, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Cedar Waxwing, European Starling, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Chestnut-sided, Yellow-rumped and Wilson's Warblers, Common Yellowthroat, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Swamp Sparrow, American Goldfinch and House Sparrow.

A flock of Canada Geese made us all stop and admire the honkers as they came in low over the city, heading to the river.

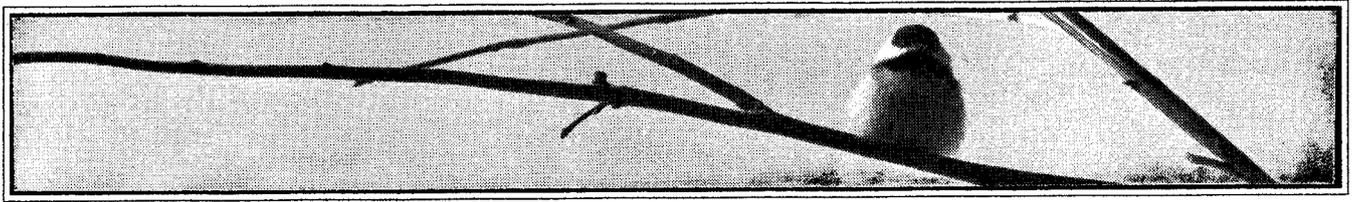


Canada Geese photo by Bernd Krueger

Well, the wind became very strong after an hour and we thought we were skunked, but on the way back, we found a Song Sparrow with its beak above the foliage. That made an even thirty.

Thanks to Viola, Margaret, Ken, Pat, Manson, Ralph, Ken and Karl for making it fun for me.

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## **The Pembroke Marina Waterfront Birdwalk**

**by Ken Hoopes**

A few dedicated birders attended the early morning Pembroke Marina Birdwalk held on Sunday, August 8th. This was held in conjunction with the Pembroke Waterfront Festival. This was the first time I had participated in this walk which is usually guided by Myron Loback. I think that this is one of the more enjoyable trips as it requires no driving and goes at a leisurely pace.

The weather was excellent this year which probably accounts for the high number of species located. Forty-five species were identified, which ties the record for previous Marina Walks.

The two highlights of the trip were the sighting of several Wilson's Warblers and a Merlin. Both species were seen at the beginning of the walk.

The group also located three types of Waterfowl - a Black Duck, Mallard ducks, and a lone Cormorant. We thought this was fairly good considering the commotion of the early morning start of the fishing derby boats.

Four varieties of Sparrows were identified including White-throated, Chipping, Song and House Sparrows.

All three types of Finches were located: Gold, Purple and House Finches as well as three types of Warblers: Yellow, Yellow-rumped and Wilson's.

Other interesting finds were: Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Northern Oriole, Catbird, Great Blue Heron, Common Tern, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Cedar Waxwings, both Red-eyed and Warbling Vireo and a Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

As usual, many of the common species were present such as Crows, Ravens, Chickadees, Killdeers, Ring-billed Gulls, Downy Woodpecker, Robins, Nuthatches, Mourning Doves and many others.

It is interesting to note that the group could have broken the Marina record had they located a Tree Swallow, Phoebe, Flycatcher or Blue Jay. For some unknown reason these birds that are often at the Marina could not be located. I guess it was not meant to happen this year! Next year, we will try for the magic number of 46 species!

