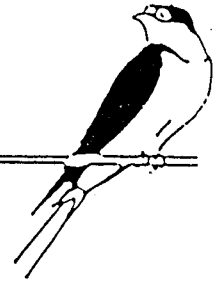


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"This is my best smile! Hate cheese. Like mice, though!" Photo by Bernd Krueger

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Marina Bird Walk, August 27, 1994

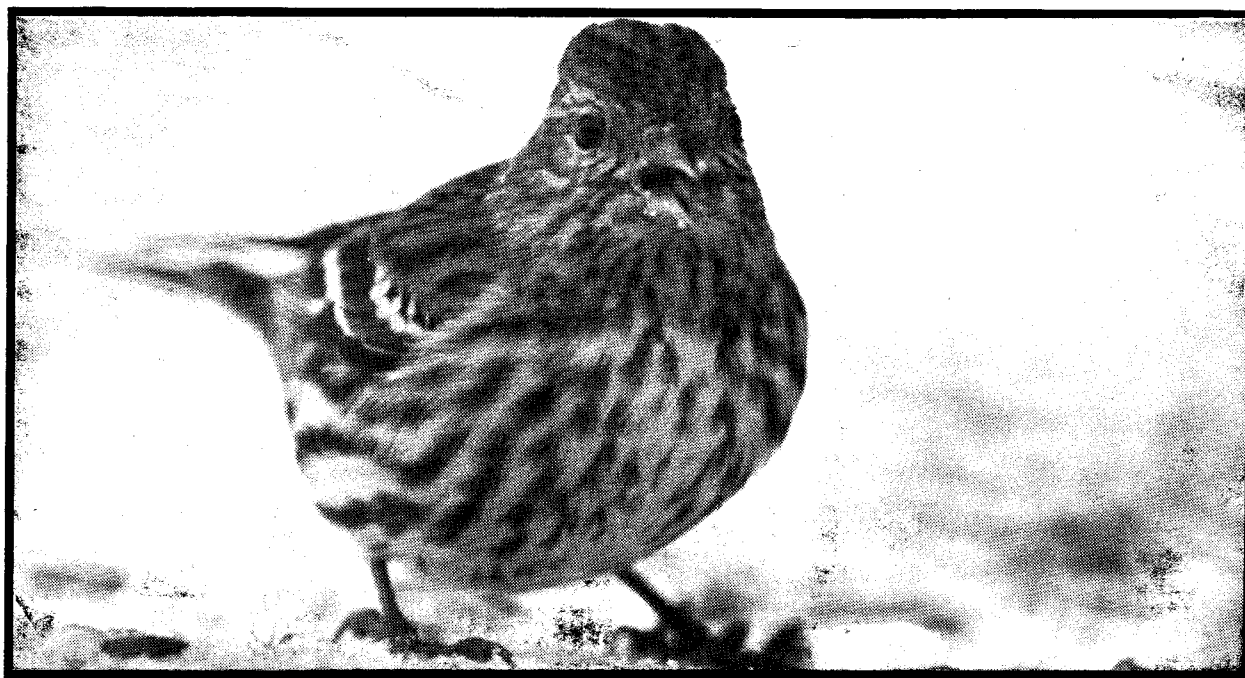
by Chris Michener

The marina, sand flats in the mouth of the Muskrat River, Willow Island, the shore and rocks in front of Supple Landing Apartments, the shrubbery below the Beer Store and the little woods East of there, offer pretty good birding. Jacques used to keep a list of the birds of the marina when he lived in Pembroke. Gyrfalcon, American Coot, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Parasitic Jaeger, Caspian Tern, Boreal Chickadee and Connecticut Warbler are some of the species that have been observed in the area within 400 meters of the mouth of the Muskrat River. This is why, every year at the end of August, the PABC holds a waterfront birdwalk. The high count for this walk is 45 species (as I recall).

This year, however, we had 28 species. Eight people turned out for the walk and we had a good time. The following species were noted:

Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Green-winged Teal, American Black Duck, Mallard, Osprey, Broad-winged Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, American Robin, Gray Catbird, European Starling, Red-Eyed Vireo, Nashville Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Song Sparrow, American Goldfinch and House Sparrow.

It's a long time until next August, but even now I'm looking forward to it. See you then!



A Code of Ethics for Birders.

In the Volume 6, Number 2 - February '94 issue of Winging It, Newsletter of the American Birding Association, a Code of Ethics was presented to the membership. A number of PABC members are also ABA members and those of you that are will be familiar with the following.

I present the Code here for a couple of reasons. Birders travel to places that have many birds and sometimes many birders, eg. SE Arizona, Southern Texas, Point Pelee. Some of these guidelines address concerns about birding heavily birded areas. The PABC has numerous field trips during the year and some of these guidelines address this.

American Birding Association Code of Ethics

I. Birders must always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife.

In keeping with this principle, we will

Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way.

Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.

Only sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not use these methods in heavily birded areas.

Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger.

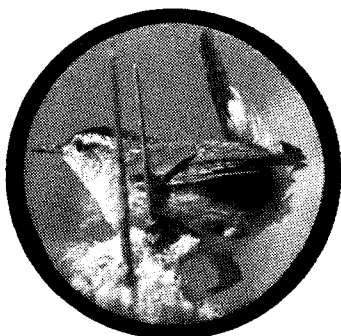
Refrain from handling birds or eggs unless engaged in recognized research activities.

II. Birders must always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment.

In keeping with this principle, we will

Stay on existing roads, trails, and pathways whenever possible to avoid trampling or otherwise disturbing fragile habitat.

Leave all habitat as we found it.



III. Birders must always respect the rights of others.

In keeping with this principle, we will

Respect the privacy and property of others by observing "No Trespassing" signs and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands.

Observe all laws and the rules and regulations which govern public use of birding areas.

Practice common courtesy in our contacts with others. For example, we will limit our requests for information, and we will make them at reasonable hours of the day.

Always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community in the eyes of the public.

IV. Birders in groups should assume special responsibilities.

As group members, we will

Take special care to alleviate the problems and disturbances that are multiplied when more people are present.

Act in consideration of the group's interest, as well as our own.

Support by our actions the responsibility of the group leader(s) for the conduct of the group.

As group leaders, we will

Assume responsibility for the conduct of the group.

Learn and inform the group of any special rules, regulations, or conduct applicable to the area or habitat being visited.

Limit groups to a size that does not threaten the environment or the peace and tranquility of others.

Teach others birding ethics by our words and example.



Jim Ferguson, Jean Brereton, Marie Fick & Chris Michener observing Rails at the Cobden Marsh, June 3, 1989 Photo: Bernd Krueger

PABC Events 1994

Pembroke Christmas Bird Count '94

Date: Saturday, Dec.17, 1994. The Count Area is a 15 mile diameter circle with its center, the west-end microwave tower on Hwy.62. You can participate by counting birds while driving, skiing, walking or swimming. This type of participation in the Christmas Bird Count makes you a *Field Participant*. It is always a brisk, refreshing day in the field! You can also count birds at your feeder and become a *Feeder Watcher*. Either way, please contact Manson Fleguel, the Co-ordinator, at 732-7703 to get more information. There will also be an information night in the Boardroom, at the Pembroke Public Library, on Wednesday, Dec.14 at 7:00 PM., where forms will be available. After the Count, on Count Day, participants are invited to meet around 4:30 PM, to tally results and share in free pizza. Meet in the cafeteria at Algonquin College, Pembroke.

Eganville Christmas Bird Count '94

Date: Dec.18, 1994 This is the second year for this Count, which is sponsored by Valley Films of Eganville. The Count Area is a 15 mile diameter circle, centered at the intersection of Hwy.41 and Water Tower Road (Lett's Corners). The circle is divided into six zones and to become a *Field Participant* in one of the zones, call the Co-ordinator, Bernd Krueger at 625-2879 (home), at Valley Films (628-2614), or drop in at Valley Films, Eganville. The Count also needs *Feeder Watchers*. Tell your friends and relatives about these Counts, please! After the Count, on Count Day, we'll meet at the Country Rose Restaurant, Eganville, after 4:30 PM., to tally the day's numbers. Be there or be left out in the cold!

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