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PABC Events 1995

Pembroke Christmas Bird Count '95

Date: Saturday, Dec.16, 1995. 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. After the Count, on Count Day, participants are invited to meet after 5:00 PM, to tally results and share in free pizza (courtesy of the Bird Club). We'll meet at the home of Manson and Judy Fleguel, on the 'B-Line' Road.

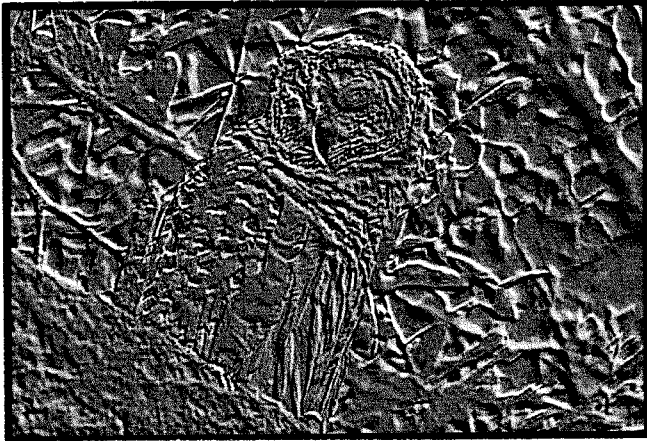
Eganville Christmas Bird Count '95

Date: Dec.17, 1995 This is the third annual ECBC, 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), or at Valley Films (628-2614), or drop in at Valley Films, Eganville. The Count welcomes the participation of home-based *Feeder Watchers*. After the Count, on Count Day, we'll meet to tally the day's numbers at the Country Rose Restaurant in Eganville, after 4:30 PM. Be there or be left out in the cold!

Pembroke Christmas Bird Count Circle

Eganville Christmas Bird Count Circle

PABC Field Trips: Spring/Summer 1996



A Trip to Bellow's Bay:(Westmeath PP)

Date: Saturday, April 20, 1996. Time: 9AM. Trip Leader: Manson Fleguel, 732-7703. Meet at the marina in Pembroke, at the mouth of the Muskrat River. We can car pool if desired. Bring rubber boots. Some past sightings have been Snow Goose, Gadwall, Norther Shoveller, Canvasback, Redhead and Rusty Blackbird.

PABC Annual Meeting. Wed., April 17, 1996, Room 201, Algonquin College, Pembroke. Business meeting from 7 PM-7:30 PM. Our feature presentation will be by Ron Tozer, long time Park Naturalist in Algonquin Provincial Park. Ron has authored many articles dealing with birds and wildlife. An experienced and very entertaining speaker, he will start at 7:45.

A Walk in the Pembroke Crown Game Preserve (Fish Hatchery)

Date: Sunday May 12, 1996. Time: 5 PM. Trip Leader: Myron Loback. Meet at the lower parking lot of the prem-

ises, which is on Laurentian Drive, just East of Petawawa. Take old 17 (Pembroke Street). Some early migrant songbirds as well as waterfowl can be expected. Good outing for children as Canada Goose will be present. Myron: 735-1278

Lake Dore Butterfly Count

Date: Sat. July 6, 1996 (Rain date, Sun. July 7. Call me if in doubt.) Time: 9 AM
Organiser: Chris Michener, 625-2263. Meet at the parking area Hwy. 41 and County Rd.30. Bring butterfly field guide, binoculars, net (for catch & release). A map of the 7.5 km. radius circle will be available as well as a species list. A participants fee (under 12 free) of \$2 is asked to cover publishing costs of the North American results (North American Butterfly Association).

Hog Island Butterfly Count

Date: Sat., July 13, 1996 (lousy weather day, Sun., July 14). Time: 9 AM.
Organiser: Chris Michener. 625-2263. Meet at Mullen's Esso, Pembroke St. E. (Old Hwy.17, near the turn to Quebec). This butterfly Count is half in Ontario and half in Quebec. See previous event.

Marina /Waterfront Bird Walk.

Date: Saturday, August 24, 1996. 8 AM. Trip Leader: Chris Michener, 625-2263 Meet at the Pembroke marina at the mouth of the Muskrat River. River view and riparian habitat. Vireos, warblers and ?

1995 Pembroke Christmas Bird Count Notes

The 1995 Pembroke Christmas Bird Count is now history. December 16, 1995 will be remembered by all the participants as the day it snowed from first to last light. Although accumulations were not that great, (4-5") it was the fact that it fell on top of the 20 to 30" already on the ground, that made it hard to believe. Anyway, the numbers are in and they look respectable.

For this years count, 21 field people and 61 feeder watchers, tallied 4905 birds of 44 species. That's an impressive number of people on our Count. Two more species, White-Crowned Sparrow and Barred Owl were seen during Count Week .

Both types of participants are essential to a successful count. For example, the field parties located most of the species, but our count would have been short 6 species had it not been for the participation of our feeder people! That represents over 10 % of the total species seen! Feeder watchers, this year, also provided us with fully 33 % of the total birds counted!!! These are amazing statistics when you consider the amount of effort expended by the two types of participants. The field birder rises early, spends the full day looking to get a respectable number of species, drives (on average in this count) 96 kilometers using his own gas, and then pays the participant fee, which for us is \$5.00 US. Contrast this with the feeder watcher who need only pay a casual interest to his feeder, counting his birds while enjoying a warm house and doing those weekend jobs, but both provide an essential part of the data making up a CBC.

Many Thanks to all who participated.

The total species by sector are as follows:

1W, with 22 species found by Alain Valliere's and Robin Cunningham. They had 1 feeder watcher to assist them. This pair turned in the only Golden-crowned Kinglet and Gray Jays for the count.

1E, with 24 species found by Martin Roncetti and Manson Fleguel and 2 feeder watchers. This year the lack of open water in other sectors tended to help this area as it has an extensive area of Ottawa River rapids. A Boreal Chickadee, Harelequin Duck and Barrow's Goldeneye were a nice bonus in this sector.

2N, with 26 species found by Carey and Gwen Purdon with the assistance of 13 feeder watchers. A Common Loon was a "Best find" award for this sector.

2S, with 21 species was field inspected by Chris Michener, Jean Brereton and Jason Dombroskie as well as Joanne Murray and Ken Birkett. Their Bohemian Waxwings and Northern Shrike were "Best Birds". (Jason, you couldn't have had a better teacher for the day) They had the assistance of 8 feeder watchers.

3E, with 26 species found by Ken Hooles and Pat Wolfe, Teresa Frechette and George Young, and Merv Fediuk and Bob Harnish. Thanks to their efforts, a Coopers Hawk, Bald Eagle, Black-backed Woodpecker and Hoary Redpoll made it to the list for "Outstanding Birds". They had 11 feeders being watched in their sector.

3W, with 22 species found by Myron and Evan Loback, and Stuart and Theresa Tremblay. Their efforts were rewarded by finding 2 Brown Creepers and a Common Grackle for "Best Birds" award. While these folks were in the field, 9 feeders were also being watched.

The following list, in alphabetical order, names each feeder watcher whose data has made a significant contribution to our count. Without this data, the species count would have been much lower. Below that is the list of all birds counted.

1995 Feeder Watchers

Anderson, Jim	Howe, Parnel	Payne, Pam
Anderson, Marg	Kingsley, Edna	Recoski, Barb
Armstrong, Nancy	Klatt, Germaine	Recoski, Ken
Bertrand, Lorraine	Klatt, Joe	Recoskie, A.J.
Bertrand, Ron	Levoy, Allan	Rumbles, Jack
Bucholtz, Sheila	Levoy, Ivy	Rumbles, Marilyn
Clarke, Ann	Loback, Beth	Siegel, Judy
Clarke, Jim	Loback, Wes	Siegel, Lois
Demers, Roland	Lund, Einer	Stoneman, Doug
Dickerson, Luci	Marcotte, Francis	Stoneman, Kathleen
Dickerson, Dwight	Mask, Joe	Thrasher, Dianne
Doran, Bea	Maves, Erna	Tubman, Dianne
Farnel, Dawn	Maves, Victor	VanWinckle, Art
Farnel, Tom	Mclaughlin, Wendel	VanWinckle, Krista
Fick, Harry	Milton, Attie	VanWinckle, Shirley
Fick, Marie	Milton, Floyd	VanWinckle, Tim
Fraser, Jim	Nitschke, Viola	Walton, Gary
Gorr, Donna	Oelke, Elva	Walton, Sue
Gorr, Ken	Oelke, Stan	Wirth, Harold
Guimond, Moe	Payne, Dillon	Wolfgram, Judy
Gutz, Nancy		

1995 Bird List

Common Loon	1	Common Raven	60
American Black Duck	1	Black-Capped Chickadee	693
Mallard	1	Boreal Chickadee	1
Harlequin Duck	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	21
White-winged Scoter	1	White-breasted Nuthatch	44
Common Goldeneye	157	Brown Creeper	3
Garrow's Goldeneye	1	Golden-crowned Kinglet	1
Bufflehead	1	Bohemian Waxwing	68
Common Merganser	13	Northern Shrike	6
Bald Eagle	1	European Starling	213
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4	American Tree Sparrow	9
Cooper's Hawk	1	Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco	2
Ruffed Grouse	8	Snow Bunting	675
Rock Dove	382	Common Grackle	1
Mourning Dove	66	Pine Grosbeak	273
Downy Woodpecker	44	House Finch	7
Hairy Woodpecker	57	Common Redpoll	321
Black-backed Woodpecker	1	Hoary Redpoll	1
Pileated Woodpecker	12	Pine Siskin	8
Gray Jay	4	American Goldfinch	34
Blue Jay	231	Evening Grosbeak	1040
American Crow	174	House Sparrow	262
		TOTAL:	4905

Eganville Christmas Bird Count Results

11 Dec. 95

Compiler: Bernd Krueger

Species	Green Lk.	Micksburg	Mink Lake	Hwy. 41 S.	Augsburg	Golden Lk.	Feeders	#
Common Loon								0
American Black Duck						2		2
Mallard		1						1
Greater Scaup								0
Common Goldeneye								0
Hooded Merganser								0
Common Merganser								0
Sharp-shinned Hawk								0
Northern Goshawk								0
Red-tailed Hawk								0
Rough-legged Hawk								0
Gray Partridge								0
Ruffed Grouse						2		2
Rock Dove	2	10	43			11	15	81
Mourning Dove							19	19
Great Horned Owl						1		1
Snowy Owl		1						1
Barred Owl								0
Boreal Owl			1					1
Belted Kingfisher		1						1
Downy Woodpecker	1			1		2	14	18
Hairy Woodpecker	7	5	2		1	5	16	36
Black-backed Woodpecker	1							1
Pileated Woodpecker			1			2	1	4
Horned Lark								0
Gray Jay	1					5	2	8
Blue Jay	84	34	15	2		53	93	281
American Crow	4	16	16		2	7	1	46
Common Raven	14	1	15		33	30		93
Black-capped Chickadee	160	26	43	5	12	146	170	562
Boreal Chickadee							1	1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4		1			1	6	12
White-breasted Nuthatch	5		2				14	21
Brown Creeper		1	1					2
Golden-crowned Kinglet								0
American Robin								0
Bohemian Waxwing								0
Northern Shrike								0
European Starling			1		13	1	14	29
Northern Cardinal							2	2
American Tree Sparrow	1					1	11	13
Dark-eyed Junco							12	12
Common Grackle								0
Snow Bunting		75	50		48	104		277
Pine Grosbeak	26	2	10		2	31	30	101
Purple Finch		1					9	10
House Finch							5	5
Red Crossbill						15		15
White-winged Crossbill			3					3
Hoary Redpoll								0
Common Redpoll		6	3				165	174
Pine Siskin							7	7
American Goldfinch						3	36	39
Evening Grosbeak	68	15	63		17	109	236	508
House Sparrow	10					8	13	31
# Species/Zone	15	15	17	3	8	21	24	37
Total # Individuals	388	195	270	8	128	539	892	2420

Species highlighted like this line are new to the count this year.

Quick Takes

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Ladybug, Ladybug Fly Away Home

Your house is on fire, your children are gone. That grisly nursery rhyme may come back to haunt us if ladybug species imported from Europe and Asia prove to be too stiff competition for indigenous species. To find out what's up (or down) with ladybugs across the country, the Canadian Nature Federation is looking for urban and rural volunteers nationwide to help spot ladybugs in their backyards and on their farms next spring. Volunteers will be asked to fill out a form identifying the species (with the help of illustrations and information provided by CNF), while reporting where the beastie was found and what it appeared to be doing.

Although there are more than 500 species of lady beetles in Canada, the CNF has limited its survey to 13 of the more common ones, including two introduced species, that people may find in their area. Volunteers may collect information anytime in the spring, summer and into early fall, and there's no limit to the sightings they can report--"the more the better." Fields, forests, flower and vegetable gardens and greenhouses, trees and plants that harbour ants and aphids (a primary food source) are common locations for sighting ladybugs. Once found, the behaviour of the ladybug can be noted: i.e. what kind of plant or tree is it sitting on? what insect is it eating? The information provided will help the CNF determine the effect the influx of "alien" ladybugs is having on native populations.

For more information on this project, part of the Endangered Plants and Invertebrates Program (EPIC) or to become a member of CNF (\$33)*, please contact Scott Plunket at the CNF, Suite 520, 1 Nicholas St., Ottawa, ON, K1N 7B7. Tel. (613) 562-3447.

*(editor's note: The PABC is an affiliated member of the Canadian Nature Federation. This item was found in the magazine, Explore, Feb/ Mar 1996.)

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Excursions from the Federation of Ontario Naturalists (FON)

Day & Weekend Trips, Adult Nature Camps and Young Naturalists Camps are available to our members. Trips include such activities as kayaking, canoeing, birding and wildflower watching and travels to Moosonee with Bruce Di Labio, the Rockies and various beautiful places around Ontario with other experienced trip leaders. Call Chris at 625-2263 for more information or the FON at (416) 444-8419, fax: (416) 444-9866.

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The Madawaska Highlands Draft Land Use Plan

Copies of the draft plan are available for public viewing at the MNR. The Club also has a copy and anyone interested in this issue can call Chris at 625-2263 to arrange to view the Club copy. Also, we have several information tabloids that summarize the Draft Plan and are available for the asking. Deadline for comments on the Plan is March 31, 1996.

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Pembroke & Area Bird Club

PABC 1996/'97 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DUES TO:
THE PEMBROKE & AREA BIRD CLUB, BOX 1242, PEMBROKE, ONTARIO K8A 6Y6
SENIORS:.....\$5.00; INDIVIDUAL:....\$7.00; FAMILY:.....\$10.00

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES:

Comments:

Your membership in the Pembroke & Area Bird Club runs from April 1 to March 31. There will be two (please note this change) newsletters per year in which all the Club outings are advertised. Articles include members sharing their experiences while traveling and while on field trips, results of the Pembroke Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the Eganville CBC, the two July Butterfly Counts and results of the Club's field trips. Special articles appear from time to time; examples: bird-finding information, bird occurrence charts. The PABC is an affiliate member of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists (FON) and the Canadian Nature Federation (CNF). We hold liability insurance through the FON, which gives us a good rate. Please encourage other bird-interested friends and relatives to join the PABC and attend our field trips.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, Room 201, Algonquin College, 315 Pembroke St. E.

Agenda:

7 PM to 7:30 PM.: business meeting including election of officers.
7:45 PM to 9:30 PM.: Social time, refreshments and slide presentation with
Ron Tozer, Algonquin Park Naturalist and an
excellent, entertaining speaker. **Don't miss this!**

Inquiries: Chris Michener, 625-2263 or Manson Fleguel, 732-7703.

Notice: Call for nominations for directors. If you know of a Club member who would like to be a director for the next year, please send their name and an accompanying letter, in which they state a willingness to serve as director, to: The Secretary, The Pembroke & Area Bird Club, Box 1242, Pembroke, ON K8A 6Y6. Please do this as soon as possible. Thank You. There are 11 positions on the Board of Directors.