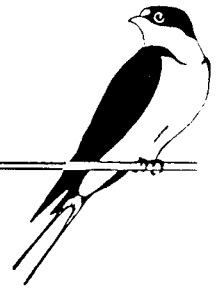


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Northern Saw-whet Owl, Amherst Island by Chris Michener

ONTARIO NEST RECORDS SCHEME

NEST RECORDS INDICATE STATE OF ENVIRONMENT!

The Ontario Nest Records Scheme (ONRS) is a continuing volunteer program and the most important and comprehensive source of bird breeding biology data in the province. It was started 35 years ago and its 100,000 plus nest cards (from 1860 to 1991) span over a century and a quarter of nesting activity of Ontario's breeding birds.

These records are stored in the Department of Ornithology, Royal Ontario Museum and are studied by researchers, university students, government personnel and others concerned with our changing environment and its effect on birdlife, and ultimately on ourselves.

Now, perhaps more than ever, these nest records serve to not only extend our knowledge of nesting biology and breeding ranges, but of equal importance, they continue to provide us with up-to-date information of changes in nesting and breeding populations. Because our environment is under constant attack, it is vital that we know what effect on our breeding birds has resulted. It is only through knowledge that we can attempt to lessen some of these impacts and perhaps prevent a "silent spring" from soon occurring.

We strongly urge bird watchers, field biologists, and nature lovers in general to record information (date, locality, contents, habitat etc) of each bird's nest they find and send it to the ONRS. Records (current and previous years) of all nesting species are needed. We request that Field Naturalists clubs and other natural history organizations inform their memberships of the need and importance of nest card contributions.

Requests for information, blank nest cards and copies of the annual report should be sent to:

ONTARIO NEST RECORDS SCHEME
Department of Ornithology
Royal Ontario Museum
100 Queen's Park Crescent
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6
Tel: (416) 586-5519

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Coming Events

Wed. Nov.10 Social Night. Guest speaker will be Kathy Nihei, Director, Bird Rehabilitation Center, Nepean.
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Where: Algonquin College, Pembroke, Room 201

Wed. Dec.11 Christmas Bird Count Organizing Meeting.
Place: Pembroke Public Library Board Room.
Time: 7:00 P.M.
For more information on the Christmas Bird Count, please call Manson Fleguel, compiler, at 732-7703

Sat. Dec.14 Christmas Bird Count. To confirm your participation and to receive information, call Manson.
The College is open from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for compilation of results. The Club will be supplying some food (pizza, coffee +). At lunch time (12:00), those who are interested in exchanging morning stories will be meeting at the Burger King in east end Pembroke.
This event is one of the highlights of the birding year. Whether you are a feeder-watcher or a field participant, you are invited to participate. Birds must be observed within 7.5 miles of Pembroke City Hall.

Pine Siskin near Golden Lake



by Chris Michener

MEMBERSHIPS: SENIORS \$4.00
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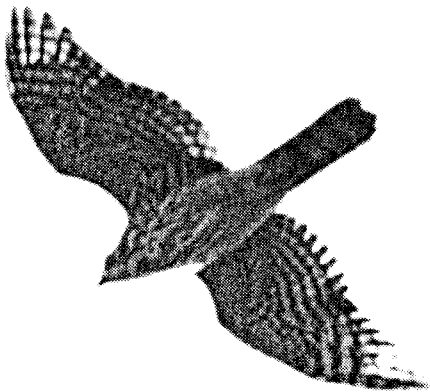
From this point on, the trip improved! The group enjoyed the next few stops and the spectacular scenery at the canyon and despite the weather, we recorded 29 species. Some of the trip highlights included: Solitary Vireo, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Pine and Magnolia Warblers and a Ruffed Grouse. In addition, I observed a Cape May Warbler, but, unfortunately, no one else did.

Other interesting sightings included Yellow, Yellow-rumped and Black-and-White Warblers, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Common Raven, a lone Canada Goose at the marina, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Black-capped Chickadees and three types of swallows. Noticeably absent were woodpeckers, shorebirds, Gray Jays, crossbills and hawks. Nevertheless, everyone seemed to enjoy the outing and hopefully, next year, the conditions will be perfect so that it will only be "the best of times".

Bird Club Tidbits from the President

By Ken Hooles

- A. The executive would like to acknowledge and thank the following members:
- a special thanks to Ted Williams for taking over the Club's membership drive and preparing the envelopes for the summer newsletter..
 - special thanks to the Board members who all contributed and got the summer newsletter out in Chris' absence.
 - special thanks to Myron and Beth Loback who took on the task of selling our display panels and raised over \$500.00 for the Club.
 - special thanks to Manson Fleguel and Gordon Verch for their preparation of the PABC float in the Festival of Swallows parade. Thanks again, Gordon, for the use of the truck.



B. The Birdathon was a success this year. Five members participated and raised close to \$600.00. Three hundred dollars has been put towards the scholarship fund bringing our total to approximately \$600.00.

C. The Club would like to welcome Chris Michener back to the area after a busy summer working up north. We missed all your sightings, Chris.

Have a good Fall, birding!