

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland June 19 to July 2, 2013



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Introduction

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in Canada do most definitely not belong to the most well-known birding destinations within the ABA for most birders. Being keen ABA-twitchers we wanted to go there in the summertime for a load of speciality birds, i.e. breeding species like *Roseate Tern*, *Black-headed Gull* and *Bicknell's Thrush*, alcids like *Razorbill*, *Black Guillemot* and *Atlantic Puffin* and seabirds like *Great-* and *Manx Shearwater* and *Wilson's-* and *Leach's Storm-Petrel*. In hindsight, we now know for sure that not only the birds are appealing features in this region; the scenery is spectacular, people are friendly and there are interesting historic sites to be visited, not least L'Anse aux Meadows on Newfoundland. We can really recommend a visit to this "remote" area off the beaten birder's track!

We began our trip in Nova Scotia where we drove from Halifax to Cape Breton Island to try to find the elusive *Bicknell's Thrush* north of Cape Breton Highlands NP. We then took the ferry from North Sydney to Argentia, being able to do seabird watching both during the evening close to Nova Scotia, and during the morning when approaching Newfoundland. On Newfoundland we began by visiting the fantastic *Northern Gannet* colony at Cape St. Mary's, followed by a drive along the Irish Loop, and a whale-watching tour from Bay Bulls. We then spent a day in St Johns, looking for rare ducks in various ponds and enjoying a pub crawl on George Street. From there we continued to Terra Nova National Park, where our main target species were *Spruce Grouse* and *Boreal Owl*. This was followed by the long drive to Plum Point, where we spent a memorable morning with two friendly local birders who showed us breeding *Rough-legged Hawks* and *Rusty Blackbirds*. After this came the highlight of the trip, L'Anse aux Meadows, with its fantastic scenery and Nordic history. Thereafter, we birded Stephenville Crossing, for breeding *Black-headed Gulls* and Codroy Valley for *Piping Plovers*. We then took the ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, being able to do seabird watching during the entire trip. Back in Nova Scotia we drove to Brier Island where we had planned to do a second whale-watching tour. Unfortunately, this tour was cancelled due to thick fog, but nevertheless we had an enjoyabable stay. After a visit to the historic site in beautiful Annapolis, we drove to Lower West Pubnico, where we managed to get good views of breeding *Roseate Terns* when the fog lifted for a short while. We were then able to enjoy the 1st of July celebrations, both at the Acadian Museum in West Pubnico¹, where we were guided by a very enthusiastic man, and on Cape Sable Island. Our final morning was spent in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park. A lot of time was spent in the planning process of the trip, and all in all we feel that we managed to put together a very good, varied trip, although we probably started the trip too late in June for *Bicknell's Thrush*, and were too early for being allowed to hike the trail in Gros Morne National Park for *Rock Ptarmigan* and to see larger amounts of migrating shorebirds. Nevertheless, the total amount of species seen was 146, and we managed to see 11 out of 13 of the main target species. Considering that this was Robert's seventh birding trip to the ABA area, the fact that he got 24 ABA-ticks shows the quality of the area, also for a keen ABA-lister.

On the outbound trip we flew with Lufthansa from Gothenburg to Frankfurt, and from Frankfurt to Halifax with Condor. Having read very negative reviews about Condor online we were pleasantly surprised, as quality was rather average for long-haul flights. This trip was 3570 SEK. On the homebound trip we flew with US Airways from Halifax to New York via Philadelphia² (1743 SEK). We spent a few days in NY before the last stretch of the trip, the flight with Norwegian from New York to Gothenburg via Stockholm (3464 SEK). Norwegian was less good than Condor. On the plane we found out that all food had to be

¹ <http://www.museecadien.ca/>

² There is an extra luggage charge on these flights

preordered, which we had not been informed about. Furthermore, not even water was served free of charge. Apart from the cost for flights, other major expenses were car rental, ferries and the whale-watching tour. We rented a car via Holiday Autos to be picked up and returned at Halifax Stanfield International Airport. It cost us 4736 SEK for the thirteen days we rented it. Petrol for the entire trip was 420 CAD. We took two ferries during the trip, the first one the long trip from North Sydney to Argentia, which cost us 647 CAD, including a 4-Berth Cabin, and the second one the shorter trip from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, which cost us 127 CAD. We had planned to do two whale-watching tours, one on Newfoundland, and one in Nova Scotia (Mariner Cruises, Brier Island). The last one was unfortunately cancelled due to foggy weather conditions. The one on Newfoundland, out on Witless Bay from Bay Bulls, with Gatherall's, was excellent, and well worth the 63,50 CAD pp it cost.



Whale-watching, Witless Bay, Newfoundland

Itinerary

- June 19 Flight from Gothenburg to Frankfurt with Lufthansa (10.25 am-12.15 pm). Flight from Frankfurt to Halifax with Condor (5.35-7.55 pm: 7 hours 20 minutes).
- June 20 Drive from Truro to Cape Breton Island, where we birded at Lake Ainslie, Pillar Rock, Bog Trail and Benjie's Lake Trail. Drive to Bay Road Valley where night spent.
- June 21 Early morning at Cape North/Money Point followed by drive to North Sydney. Ferry at 5 pm from North Sydney towards Argentina.
- June 22 Arrival to Argentina at 9.30 am. Visits to Cape St. Mary's, St Vincent's Beach and Biscaya Bay.
- June 23 Portugal Cove South, Cappeheyden, Renews and whale-watching tour out to Witless Bay.
- June 24 St. Johns: Kenny's Pond, Kent's Pond and Long Pond. Search for Rusty Blackbird in Goobies followed by walk along Sandy Pond Trail in Terra Nova NP.
- June 25 Walk along Bluehill West Trail in Terra Nova NP. Search for Rusty Blackbird in Wiltondale. Scan the sea at Castors River and Pond Cove.
- June 26 Plum Point and L'Anse aux Meadows.
- June 27 Plum Point, Parson's Cove, Westbrook Pond Trail in Gros Morne NP, Stephenville Crossing and Codroy Valley.
- June 28 Codroy Valley Provincial Park. Ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney. Dusk at Chimney Swift site in New Glasgow.
- June 29 Brier Island
- June 30 Brier Island, Annapolis, Belleisle Marsh and Lower West Pubnico.
- July 1 Lower West Pubnico, Cape Sable Island and Port Joli area.
- July 2 Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park. Flight from Halifax to New York at 1.30 pm.

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Site-by-site Account

NOVA SCOTIA

Belleisle Marsh

This site is situated approximately 13 kms northeast of Annapolis Royal. Just west of the church in Belleisle there is a gravel road leading south to the marsh. It is possible to drive down this gravel road and park at a designated parking area, before entering the marsh area on foot. The most interesting species we saw here were *Nelson's Sparrow*, *Bobolink*, *Wood Duck*, *Turkey Vulture*, *Sora* and *Common Nighthawk*.



Nelson's Sparrow, Belleisle Marsh



Blackburnian Warbler, Bay Road Valley

Cape Breton Island

The main target species here were *Bicknell's Thrush*, *Great Cormorant* and *Spruce Grouse*. On our way towards Cape Breton Highlands National Park we made a stop at MacKinnon's Campground on the southeast part of Lake Ainslie. This site produced some good species like *Evening Grosbeak* and *Black-throated Blue Warbler*. Thereafter, we managed to find *Great Cormorant* at a site called Pillar Rock north of Chéticamp along Cabot Trail. The evening was spent walking along Bog Trail and Benjie's Lake Trail. Bog Trail was very slow, but at Benjie's Lake Trail we saw *Pine Grosbeak*. The morning after was spent walking along Tower Road. Despite a very early start and a long walk we were not able to find *Bicknell's Thrush* at this site, which is supposed to be the best one for the species in Nova Scotia. Nevertheless, it was a very rewarding site to bird; we saw nine warbler species, including *Bay-breasted Warbler*, plus *Ruffed Grouse* and *White-winged Crossbill*.

Cape Sable Island

This site in southwest Nova Scotia is famous for rarities and migrating shorebirds. Unfortunately, the day we visited was a foggy one. We managed to hear the *American Oystercatchers* breeding here, but apart from that it was a very disappointing visit to say the least.

Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park

This site is also known as Lewis Lake Provincial Park and is situated approximately 28 kms west of Halifax. We mainly visited the site as it was a convenient short stop on our way to the airport. The most interesting species we saw here were *Black-throated Blue-* and *Chestnut-sided Warbler* and *Ovenbird*.



Ovenbird, Jerry Lawrence PP



Blue-headed Vireo, Port Joli

Lower West Pubnico

Roseate Terns breed here on two islands called The Brothers visible from the end of Pond Road.

New Glasgow

Between 8.30 to 9 pm we were able to enjoy the spectacular show when approximately 75 *Chimney Swifts* flew into a chimney for the night at Temperance Street Elementary School.

Port Joli

This site was mentioned in a brochure called “Nova Scotia Birding”, which we received at the Acadian Museum in West Pubnico. Since the area was on our way towards Halifax we decided to give it a try. We drove down St. Catherine’s River Road a couple of kilometres before we started to walk along the road. We found *Blue-headed Vireo* and *Veery* here.

Further down the road one is supposed to get “(...) viewpoints across tidal mudflats, white sand beaches and freshwater brooks” and “[t]he endangered Piping Plover can be found on beaches in this area”, but we never went there due to a combination of lack of time and that we had already seen *Piping Plover* earlier during the trip.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Cape St. Mary’s

This is a must site, both for the birds and the scenery. Among the breeding species encountered here were *Black-legged Kittiwake*, *Thick-billed Murre*, *Black Guillemot*, *Razorbill*, *Great Cormorant*, *American Pipit* and *Horned Lark*.



Cape St. Mary’s: Northern Gannet colony and Fox Sparrow

Ferries to and from Newfoundland

We took the evening ferry from North Sydney to Argentia, which allowed us to do seabird watching both in the evening and in the following morning. On this route we saw *Northern Fulmar*, *Greater-, Manx- and Sooty Shearwater* and *Wilson’s Storm-Petrel*.

We left Newfoundland on a ferry at lunch time from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney. From this ferry we saw *Northern Fulmar*, *Sooty Shearwater* and *Wilson’s-* and *Leach’s Storm-Petrel*.



L'Anse aux Meadows

Apart from being an interesting historic site situated at a stunningly beautiful place, it was only here that we encountered *Black Scoter*, *Common Redpoll* and *White-crowned Sparrow*. It is also supposed to be good for *Gray-cheeked Thrush*, although we never saw any.



L'Anse aux Meadows



Common Redpoll

Plum Point

We birded an area east of Plum Point with the friendly, local birders John and Ivy Gibbon. They showed us two pairs of breeding *Rough-legged Hawks* and a pair of *Rusty Blackbirds*. The day after we birded with them, they saw a *Black-backed Woodpecker* in the same area. This is also an area where *Northern Hawk-Owl* is found most years. We found a *Glaucous Gull* in a harbor north of Plum Point on our drive to L'Anse aux Meadows.



Rough-legged Hawk



Glaucous Gull

Stephensville Crossing

This is the site where we easily saw several *Black-headed Gulls*. We saw them from the "gut bridge" area just as one enters the community. There is a gull colony in the inner part of the bay. Black-headed Gulls can also usually be seen flying around that general area from the main road in the community. Bonaparte's Gull does occur here occasionally, but is not expected, according to Jared Clarke.

Terra Nova National Park

Our main targets here were *Spruce Grouse* and *Boreal Owl*. We walked Sandy Pond Trail in the evening and Bluehill West Trail in the morning. These trails were said to be the best spots for *Spruce Grouse* by John Gosse and Jared Clarke. Other good sites for this species are Dunphy's Pond Trail and the road leading to the town of Terra Nova itself. Unfortunately, we never saw *Spruce Grouse*, but were happy enough to see (!!!) a *Boreal Owl* at Bluehill West Trail. The best species encountered along Sandy Pond Trail were *Olive-sided Flycatcher* and *Palm Warbler*. If one wants to go listening for *Boreal Owls*³ in the nighttime the places recommended by John Gosse are "anywhere around Newman Sound Campground, Bluehill Road, Ochre Hill Road or anywhere along Trans Canada Highway".



Boreal Owl

Witless Bay

Birdwise this might not be an essential stop, since all species were seen elsewhere, but it was a most pleasant experience to see *Humpback Whales* and the huge amounts of breeding *Atlantic Puffins*. There are a few whale-watching tour operators in the area. We went with Gatherall's, in the small town of Bay Bulls, which is an operator we can recommend.

³ Regarding *Boreal Owl* one might also want trying other localities; Jared Clarke mentioned the Salmonier Line (Route 90) from St. Catherine's and north, and the area around La Manche Provincial Park.



Atlantic Puffin, Witless Bay

Target Species Not Seen

Bicknell's Thrush

It was very difficult to find updated information about *Bicknell's Thrush* in Nova Scotia. The information we did find pointed in the same direction, i.e. to visit an area called Cape North Mountain, north of Cape Breton Highlands NP. This is how Fritz McEvoy describes the area: "Tower Rd. is one of the names for the dirt road that takes you from Bay St. Lawrence Rd. to the communication towers on Cape North Mountain (a large high elevation peninsula on the northeast tip of Cape Breton Island); which is different from Cape North Village. You may also hear Cape North Mountain referred to as Money Point (and the road as Money Point Rd.), which refers to the lighthouse that used to be at the tip of the peninsula. It is the area referred to on pg. 269 of Blake's book."

We began our walk on Tower Road/Money Point Road at 3.30 am and were back to our car at 9 am. Unfortunately, we were not able to hear/see any *Bicknell's Thrushes*, probably because June 21 was too late in the season. According to Blake Maybank "[t]he prime period use[d] to be the middle two weeks of June, but with birds now arriving earlier [he] would aim for the second week of June."

Fritz McEvoy also recommended the following sites for *Bicknell's Thrush*: the Paquet Lake trail and at the start of the Benji's Lake trail.



Tower Road, Cape Breton Island

Gray Partridge

We received the following information from Blake Maybank prior to the trip: "This species is now virtually extirpated from Nova Scotia. Its range is contracting a bit in Prince Edward Island as well. Look at the change in the distribution of the species between the two Maritime Breeding Bird Atlas projects, taken 20 years apart. The web page is here: <http://www.mba-aom.ca/jsp/map.jsp?lang=en>"

Long-eared Owl

According to Susann Myers *Long-eared Owls* are rare in Nova Scotia and subject to undue pressure from listers, which might be the main reasons why we were neither able to get information about any breeding sites, nor did we find any updated info online. Probably next to "impossible" on a trip like ours during the summertime.

Northern Hawk-Owl

According to Jared Clarke they "(...) are difficult to find, although one or two breeding pairs are often staked out on the Northern Peninsula" on Newfoundland. John and Ivy Gibbon usually find breeding birds in the area close to Plum Point. This year they unfortunately did not find any until July 13, when we had already visited the site, but normally they find them earlier.

Rock Ptarmigan

This species is supposed to be easy to find at the top of the Gros Morne Mountain, after a very strenuous walk. To protect the nests the trail is normally closed to the public until the last weekend in June. Going to Alaska next year, where Rock Ptarmigan is supposedly easy to see, and visiting the area before the trail had opened for the public, we decided to skip this site in our itinerary.

Spruce Grouse

A local birder in Nova Scotia recommended Taylor Head Provincial Park and Cape Breton Highlands National Park. When it comes to *Spruce Grouse* on Newfoundland one will find the relevant information above below the header “Terra Nova National Park”.

Willow Ptarmigan

Jared Clarke wrote the following regarding this species: it “(...) is fairly widespread although sometimes elusive (they are well camouflaged and live mostly on open barrens, of course). We see them most reliably on the barrens of the southeast Avalon (Cape Race road and St. Shott's areas) or the road to Cape St. Mary's. My strong suggestion is to get to those roads early in the morning - being the first car to travel those roads after sunrise increases your chances of seeing ptarmigan greatly, since any traffic (however light) ahead of you will flush them away from the roads and onto more distant patches of ground where they can hide very well.” Note that the road to Cape Race from Portugal Cove South is a rather rough one; some people we spoke with said it is recommendable to drive it with a 4WD vehicle.

List of Bird Species

In the species list below, we have followed the nomenclature of Clements Checklist 6.8.

Common Loon *Gavia immer*

Seen ten days, 36 birds totally.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

5 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*

5 and 25 respectively from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentina, June 21 and 22, 2 at Portugal Cave South and 15 in Witless Bay, June 23, 1 at Pond Cove, June 25 and 10 from the ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, June 28.

Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*

15 and 3 respectively from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentina, June 21 and 22 and 15 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

1 from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentina, June 21.

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

4 and 1 respectively from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentina, June 21 and 22, 40 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22, and 3 from the ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, June 28.

Wilson's Storm-Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus*

1 from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentina, June 21 and 5 from the ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, June 28.

Leach's Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*

5 from the ferry from Port-aux-Basques to North Sydney, June 28.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

8 at Pillar Rock, Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20, and 2 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*

Seen eleven days.

Northern Gannet *Morus bassanus*

Seen eight days, with the largest numbers at the colony at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

12 in the Cape Breton area, June 20, 7 in the Codroy Valley, June 27, 1 in the Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28, 2 at Belleisle Marsh and 1 in Lower West Pubnico, June 30, and 3 on Cape Sable Island, July 1.

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

Seen seven days.

Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

1 male at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Seen four days.

American Black Duck *Anas rubripes*

2 adults and 7 juveniles in the Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20, 10 in ponds in St John, June 24, 1 in Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28, 15 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 4 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Gadwall *Anas strepera*

2 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 4 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

American Wigeon *Anas americana*

2 in Margaree Harbour, June 20, 2 in Codroy Valley, June 27 and 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

4 at Goobies, June 24, 1 at Plum Point, June 26, 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 1 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*

3 south of Pillar Rock, Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

2 in Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28 and 3 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*

2 in a pond north of Plum Point, June 26.

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*

Seen six days, especially numerous at Pond Cove, L'Anse aux Meadows and Brier Island.

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*

1 at Biscaya Bay, June 22.

White-winged Duck *Cairina scutulata*

25 from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentia and 20 at Biscaya Bay, June 22, and 8 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26.

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*

1 from the ferry from North Sydney to Argentia and 1 at Biscaya Bay, June 22.

Black Scoter *Melanitta americana*

10 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26.

Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*

1 Margaree Harbour, June 20, 1, 3 and 1 respectively at Plum Point, June 25-27 and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus*

1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*

1 at Plum Point, June 27.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

Seen five days.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

7 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

2 between Gros Morne NP and Plum Point, June 25, 1 at Plum Point, June 26, 1 in Codroy Valley, June 28 and 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

1 along the road from Cape Sable Island to Port Joli, July 1.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

3 along the road from Truro to Cape Breton, June 20, 1 at Cape North, June 21 and 1 close to Argentia, June 22.

Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*

4 and 3 respectively east of Plum Point, June 26-27.

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

12 in the Cape Breton area, June 20, 1 between Plum Point and L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26, 2 at Westbrook Pond Trail, Gros Morne NP and 1 in Codroy Valley, June 27 and 28.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

1 in Codroy Valley, June 27 and 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Merlin *Falco columbarius*

2 in Wiltondale, June 25.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

1 seen along the road from North Sydney to New Glasgow, June 28.

Ruffed Grouse *Bonasa umbellus*

2 at Cape North/Tower Road, June 21.

American Coot *Fulica americana*

1 in St. Johns, June 24.

Sora *Porzana carolina*

3 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*

4 in Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

1 at Portugal Cove South, June 23, 1 at Sandy Pond Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 24, 1 at Plum Point, June 26 and 2 at Plum Point and 5 in Codroy Valley, June 27.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

1 in Englishtown, June 21, 2 in Codroy Valley, June 27, 3 in Lower West Pubnico, June 30 and July 1, and 7 and 3 respectively on Cape Sable Island and in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Seen eight days.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

1 in Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

2 on Cape Sable Island, July 1.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*

3 along Sandy Pond Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 24, 1 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25 and 2 and 1 respectively at Plum Point, June 26 and 27.

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*

7 at ferry landing, Argentia, June 22 and 1 at Pond Cove, June 25.

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

7 at Stephenville Crossing, June 27.

Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*

Seen nine days.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus smithsonianus*

Seen every day of the trip.

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*

1 2cy bird in harbour north of Plum Point, June 26.

Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*

Seen every day of the trip.

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*

Common in southwest Newfoundland, for example at Cape St. Mary's. Furthermore, 1 at Pond Cove, June 25, and 1 from the ferry between Port-aux-Basques and North Sydney, June 28.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

1 at Castors River, June 25, 1 at Plum Point, June 27 and 1 in Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Seen every day of the trip.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

Seen at St. Vincent's Beach, June 22, Renewes, June 23, Castors River and Pond Cove, June 25, Stephenville Crossing, June 27, Codroy Valley Provincial Park, June 28 and Lower West Pubnico, June 30 and July 1.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii*

2 and 7 respectively at Lower West Pubnico, June 30 and July 1.

Common Murre *Uria aalge*

Common in southwest Newfoundland, for example at Cape St. Mary's. Furthermore, 4 from ferry between Port-aux-Basques and North Sydney, June 28.

Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia*

Approximately 60 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Razorbill *Alca torda*

3 from ferry between North Sydney and Argentia, June 21, 4 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22, common in Witless Bay, June 23, 1 from ferry between Port-aux-Basques and North Sydney, June 28 and 2 on Brier Island, June 29.

Black Guillemot *Cephus grylle*

6 at Pillar Rock, June 20, 4 from ferry between North Sydney and Argentia, June 21, 10 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22, common in Witless Bay, June 23, 3 at Pond Cove, June 25, 2 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26 and 4 from ferry between Port-aux-Basques and North Sydney, June 28.

Atlantic Puffin *Fratercula arctica*

5 and 25 respectively from ferry between North Sydney and Argentia, June 21 and 22, 9 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22, common in Witless Bay, June 23, 1 at Pond Cove, June 25 and 3 from ferry between Port-aux-Basques and North Sydney, June 28.

Mourning Dove *Zenaidura macroura*

Seen in Nova Scotia four days.

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Seen five days.

Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

1 at Flower's Cove, June 26.

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*

1 in Bay Road Valley, June 20-21.

Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus*

1 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor*

2 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*

75 in New Glasgow, June 28.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*

2 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Belted Kingfisher *Megasceryle alcyon*

1 along Hwy 1 close to Corner Brook, June 27, 1 in Lower West Pubnico, June 30 and July 1, and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*

1 in Codroy Valley, June 28 and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*

1 in St. Johns, June 24, 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

1 along Sandy Pond Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 24.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*

1 in Goobies, June 24, and 2 in Plum Point, June 26.

Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum*

1 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 5 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 in Plum Point, June 27 and 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Least Flycatcher *Empidonax minimus*

2 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 1 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25 and 1 along Westbrook Pond Trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*

1 in Goobies, June 24, and two along the road in western Nova Scotia with no specific sites noted, June 29 and June 30.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Common on Cape Breton Island, June 20-21, 2 at Plum Point, June 26, 1 in Codroy Valley, June 28 and 1 on Brier Island, June 29.

Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*

2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Blue Jay *Cyanocitta cristata*

1 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 1 south of Placentia, June 22, 1 at Cappeheyden, June 23, 1 at Goobies, June 24, 1 at Plum Point, June 27, 1 on Cape Sable Island and 1 in the Port Jolio area, July 1.

Gray Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*

2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra NP, June 25 and 2 at Plum Point, June 26.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*

Seen eleven days.

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
Seen every day of the trip.

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*
1 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*
4 in Parson's Cove and 3 in Codroy Valley, June 27 and 15 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*
Seen seven days.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Surprisingly scarce: 2 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 1 close to New Glasgow, June 28 and 4 on Cape Sable Island, July 1.

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
1 close to Placentia, June 22, 4 in St. Johns and 2 at Goobies, June 24, 2 along Bluehill West trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25, 1 in Plum Point, June 27, 1 on Cape Sable Island and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Boreal Chickadee *Poecile hudsonicus*
2 in St. Johns and 1 at Goobies, June 24 and 4 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*
1 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*
2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*
2 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 at Goobies, June 24, 3 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25, 1 in Plum Point, June 26 and 2 along Westbrook Pond Trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
Seen every day of the trip.

Veery *Catharus fuscescens*
1 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*
4 along Tower Road, June 21, 2 in Plum Point, June 26, 2 on Brier Island, June 29 and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
2 along Bog Trail, Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20, 1 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 in Goobies, June 24, 1 in Plum Point, June 25 and 2 in the Port Joli area.

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
Seen on twelve days of the trip.

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*
4 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22.

Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum*
Common on Cape Breton Island, June 20-21, 5 in Goobies, June 24 and 7 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*
1 along Tower Road, June 21 and 1 in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*
1 in Goobies, June 24, 1 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25, 3 and 2 respectively in Plum Point, June 26 and 27, 1 in Codroy Valley PP, June 28 and 1 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*
2 in Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20, 2 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 in Cappeheyden, June 23, 2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25, 1 in Plum Point and 1 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26 and 1 along Westbrook Pond trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27 and 5 in Jerry Lawrence PP, July 2.

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*
2 in Plum Point, June 26 and 2 along Westbrook Pond trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia*
1 east of Plum Point, June 26.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*
1 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 2 on Brier Island, June 29, 10 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30 and 1 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*
Common on Cape Breton Island, June 20-21, 1 along Westbrook Pond trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27, 1 on Brier Island, June 29 and 6 in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Northern Parula *Setophaga americana*
4 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 3 along Tower Road, June 21, 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1 and 3 in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia*
1 at Tim Horton's just north of Canso Causeway along Hwy 104, June 20, 15 along Tower Road, June 21, 2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25, 2 in Plum Point, June 26 and 3 in the Port Joli area, July 1 and 1 in Jerry Lawrence PP, July 2.

Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea*
1 along Tower Road, June 21.

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca*

1 in Bay Road Valley, June 21.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*

Seen eleven days.

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica*

2 males and 1 female in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata*

1 in Cappeheyden, June 23, 4 in Goobies, June 24, 1 in Plum Point and 1 in L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26 and 1 along Westbrook Pond Trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

Black-throated Blue Warbler *Setophaga caerulescens*

1 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 1 in Bay Road Valley, June 21 and 2 in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Palm Warbler *Setophaga palmarum*

3 along Sandy Pond Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 24 and 2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*

Seen eight days.

Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens*

2 in Plum Point, June 26, 2 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30, 4 in the Port Joli area, July 1 and 4 in Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park, July 2.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*

2 along Bluehill West trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina*

2 in Chéticamps, June 20.

Nelson's Sparrow *Ammodramus nelsoni*

2 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*

Seen every day of the trip.

White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis*

Seen eleven days.

Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*

5 between Argentia and Cape St. Mary's, June 22, 2 at Pond Cove, June 25, 6 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26 and 2 along Westbrook Pond Trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

Seen nine days.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*

1 in Plum Point and 1 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26 and 2 in Codroy Valley, June 27.

Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana*

Common on Newfoundland, June 22-27, plus 1 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

4 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*

Common – seen nine days.

Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*

5 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

3 at Lake Ainslie, June 20 and 15 at Belleisle Marsh, June 30.

Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*

2 close to Plum Point, June 26.

Common Grackle *Quiscalus quiscula*

Seen four days.

Evening Grosbeak *Coccothraustes vespertinus*

1 at Lake Ainslie, June 20.

Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*

2 along Benjie's Lake Trail, Cape Breton Highlands NP, June 20, 1 at Cape St. Mary's, June 22, 1 at Cappeheyden, June 23, 1 at Pond Cove, June 25, 2 in Plum Point and 1 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26, 2 in Plum Point and 2 along Westbrook Pond trail, Gros Morne NP, June 27.

Purple Finch *Haemorhous purpureus*

2 along Tower Road, June 21, 1 in Wiltondale and 1 at Pond Cove, June 25.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*

2 along Bluehill West Trail, Terra Nova NP, June 25.

White-winged Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*

2 along Tower Road, June 21.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*

Seen six days.

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*

3 at L'Anse aux Meadows, June 26.

American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*

5 at Lake Ainslie, June 20, 4 in Bay Road Valley, June 21, 4 at Belleisle Marsh and 7 at Lower West Pubnico, June 30, 2 on Cape Sable Island and 2 in the Port Joli area, July 1.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
Surprisingly scarce, only seen 3 days.