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## COVER MARCH/APRIL

by Bertha McHaffie-Gow

"An Ichneumon wasp grooming her antennae".  
Ichneumon wasp, *Ischeumonidae*, length 60 mm.

This slender-bodied wasp has four wings, a narrow waist and a long ovipositor. They play an important role in controlling many harmful insects. They belong to the same group of insects as bees and wasps. Their larvae are parasites of caterpillars, and of larvae of beetles, flies, and other pests. The long-tailed ichneumon female, with her unusually long ovipositor, attracts attention and is sometimes feared by those who do not know she is harmless. This ovipositor can pierce several inches of wood.

### EDITOR'S NOTES

By Marjorie E. Elston

A few tidbits about the Xmas Count. We spotted 133 species, and I thought you might like to compare this to our fellow birders in the East.

Toronto birders saw a total of 76 species, an above-average count for them. Sightings included a black-billed magpie, 6 house finches, 1 Thayer's gull, their first ever for count.

Point Pelee, the birders' mecca, had 77 species and highlights were 1 yellow-headed blackbird, 13,000 cowbirds (the starling equivalent!), 5 red-bellied woodpeckers, 874 snow buntings and 1 virginia rail. Not bad considering the weather in December back east.

Once again, I am asking for contributions, particularly from the non-birders amongst us. I will accept anything and everything you have to offer.

Any questions? Please call me at home after 5:00 p.m.

### BIRD HOTLINES

NANAIMO 758-4576 - Mark Saunders  
(This is not a tape.)

VANCOUVER 734-4554

SWAN LAKE - FRANCIS AND FREEMAN KING PARKS

by Giff Calvert

The Christmas Hill - Swan Lake directorate's main efforts this past year have been toward the planning of a new Nature Centre. These plans are well advanced but are unlikely to be fulfilled in the near future due to financial restrictions placed upon various sources of funds.

The final count of pupils and others visiting the Sanctuary during 1981 is not in, but it looks as if, once again, there has been a considerable increase over the previous year. The \$2,500 contribution by our Society towards the operating costs of the Centre was accepted with gratitude.

At Francis and Freeman King Parks, which are now under the management of the G.V.R.D., advised by a committee of volunteers, the main problems have had to do, as usual, with various forms of vandalism and abuse, mainly by horse riders. The good news is that the boardwalk for wheelchair and elderly visitors has been completed for half its planned length. This year should see the completion of this fine project. Our Society here also contributes financially, in this case to the income of the part-time naturalist David Baird. Members will remember his recent excellent presentation on the Parks at one of our general meetings. In my view, both these amenities are worthy of our continued support.

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS, JANUARY 16

Leader: Anne Knowles

Place: Beacon Hill Park

It had rained for about five days already, so we didn't expect any more. The odds were about five to one against it. (If that's the way you figure the odds.) (in Victoria.)

It is not known how many birds and birders stayed at home on account of the rain. (It was pouring.) But there were ducks of course. Mergansers, droves of wigeons, buffleheads, lesser scaup, and such. Then our leader found us some others in the trees: downy woodpecker, sapsucker, varied thrush. Through the murky mist, I didn't think it was possible. And a group of golden-crowned kinglets came down and put on a show for us.

Not a high count, but that wasn't the name of the game this time. It was sort of an experiment to see how many prospective birders were interested in getting started therein. Was it successful? Hard to tell because of the rain. (Did I mention that it was raining?). But those who did come out were very pleased with the knowledgeable and interesting explanations given by Anne Knowles; also by Alice Elston, who came along to help out. No doubt about that. They were emphatic on that point.

So I guess it was worthwhile, whatever the non-rain statistics might have been.

VICTORIA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTDECEMBER 19, 1981

Despite wet and windy weather, the 1981 Victoria Christmas Bird Count surpassed all earlier counts, except the 139 species on the 1977 Count. A record of 110 observers totalled 133 species and 68,356 birds, plus one additional race (Eurasian Green-winged Teal). Seen during the Count Period but not on the Count Day were American Goldfinch.

We totalled 13 all-time highs or equal to highs and only one all-time low, White-winged Scoter 114 (previous low 127 in 1974). Among the significant highs were Barrow's Goldeneye 189 (previous high 50 in 1980), and Anna's Hummingbird 19 (previous high 13 in 1973). New to the count this year were 2 Yellow-headed Blackbirds, an adult at Cedar Hill Golf Course and an immature at Martindale Flats, plus a Black Duck at Beacon Hill Park. While Black Ducks have been seen on previous counts, this is the first year that we have actually recorded one on the Count.

This year the Post-Count gathering was held at the St. Lukes Church Hall on Cedar Hill Road, and as usual, it was a smashing success.

Thanks to all the participants and the volunteers at the Post-Count gathering for helping to make the 1981 version of the Victoria Christmas Bird Count one of the best on record.

*Mike Shepard, Count Co-Ordinator*COUNT AREAS

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. Butchart Gardens - Northern Highlands | 13. University-Cadboro Bay       |
| 2. Central Highlands                     | 14. Ten Mile Point-Arbutus Rd.   |
| 3. Goldstream-Finlayson Arm              | 15. Gordon Head-Mount Douglas    |
| 4. Thetis Lake-Hastings Flats            | 16. Swan Lake-Cedar Hill         |
| 5. Langford Lake                         | 17. Blenkinsop Lake-Panama Flats |
| 6. Albert Head-Triangle Mountain         | 18. Elk Lake-Cordova Bay         |
| 7. Esquimalt Lagoon-Mill Hill            | 19. Prospect Lake-Quick's Bottom |
| 8. Esquimalt Harbour                     | 20. Martindale-Bear Hill         |
| 9. Portage Inlet-The Gorge               | 21. Zero Rock (no count)         |
| 10. Victoria Harbour                     | 22. Chain Islets                 |
| 11. Beacon Hill Park-Ross Bay            | 23. Juan de Fuca (no count)      |
| 12. Oak Bay                              |                                  |

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Common Loon	4	-	3	-	3	3	6	-
Arctic Loon	-	-	1	-	1	-	5	-
Red-throated Loon	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	-
Loon sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-necked Grebe	3	-	8	-	3	2	6	-
Horned Grebe	8	-	9	-	11	6	26	4
Eared Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Grebe	-	-	-	-	1	1025	50	-
Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	7	11	-	8	-	10
Double-crested Cormorant	-	-	17	1	6	15	7	115
Brandt's Cormorant	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Pelagic Cormorant	-	-	1	-	8	1	38	4
Great Blue Heron	4	1	4	2	4	7	13	4
Mute Swan	-	-	12	-	5	7	-	6
Trumpeter Swan	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
White-fronted Goose	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	848	4	77	170	49	16	6	77
Black Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pintail	58	-	30	-	-	-	-	-
Green-winged Teal	28	-	19	440	-	-	-	15
Eurasian Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Wigeon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Wigeon	1110	-	84	444	22	-	-	176
Northern Shoveler	-	-	4	24	-	-	-	-
Ring-necked Duck	2	-	-	13	-	4	-	1
Canvasback	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62
Greater Scaup	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	204
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Scaup sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Goldeneye	2	1	102	-	7	-	48	2
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	-	182	-	-	-	4	-
Bufflehead	5	3	91	7	67	295	42	278
Oldsquaw	-	-	-	-	6	2	12	-
Harlequin Duck	-	-	-	-	3	2	8	-
White-winged Scoter	-	-	15	-	4	50	2	-
Surf Scoter	-	-	30	-	27	36	25	-
Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

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Common Loon	6	1	2	2	7	1	-	-
Arctic Loon	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Red-throated Loon	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Loon sp.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-necked Grebe	73	3	17	1	11	5	-	-
Horned Grebe	31	10	16	10	33	73	-	-
Eared Grebe	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Western Grebe	5	2	7	2	16	4	-	-
Pied-billed Grebe	1	-	-	1	1	-	3	1
Double-crested Cormorant	31	15	22	1	37	1	2	2
Brandt's Cormorant	-	-	5	-	8	1	-	-
Pelagic Cormorant	33	7	25	2	29	13	-	-
Great Blue Heron	3	2	1	4	-	1	2	5
Mute Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Trumpeter Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120
White-fronted Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snow Goose	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Mallard	24	425	83	140	28	113	71	457
Black Duck	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gadwall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pintail	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	41
Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	32
Eurasian Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
European Wigeon	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
American Wigeon	204	110	365	210	41	27	340	122
Northern Shoveler	-	3	-	-	-	-	7	-
Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Canvasback	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Scaup	-	-	68	-	4	11	-	-
Lesser Scaup	-	15	-	-	-	8	1	-
Scaup sp.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Goldeneye	10	3	75	2	20	19	-	-
Barrow's Goldeneye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bufflehead	77	20	140	23	28	29	9	3
Oldsquaw	-	6	60	-	59	1	-	-
Harlequin Duck	15	26	38	-	23	13	-	-
White-winged Scoter	3	1	11	1	15	1	-	-
Surf Scoter	38	11	8	11	45	15	-	-
Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-

	1	2	3 & 4	19	20	22	Total
Common Loon	5				2	3	48
Arctic Loon	11					4	24
Red-throated Loon	3				1	1	15
Loon sp.						19	21
Red-necked Grebe	2				6	8	148
Horned Grebe	83				9	94	423
Eared Grebe	1						4
Western Grebe	4						1116
Pied-billed Grebe				14			57
Double-crested Cormorant	23			14	2	12	323
Brandt's Cormorant	26					154	196
Pelagic Cormorant	6				2	102	271
Great Blue Heron	3			5	1	27	93 High
Mute Swan				2			34
Trumpeter Swan							15
Canada Goose	43			71	36		277
White-fronted Goose							1
Snow Goose							1
Mallard	191			107	2114	4	5004
Black Duck							1 New
Gadwall				29			29
Pintail	3				124		276
Green-winged Teal	11			8	41		624
Eurasian Green-winged Teal							1
European Wigeon	1			1			12
American Wigeon	135			123	1665	224	5402
Northern Shoveler	4			25			67
Ring-necked Duck	7			103	4		137
Canvasback				6	4		72
Greater Scaup	4				8		310
Lesser Scaup							26
Scaup sp.	75			1			79
Common Goldeneye	11				1	75	378
Barrow's Goldeneye				2			189 High
Bufflehead	67			25	51	162	1422
Oldsquaw	21				1	57	225
Harlequin Duck	3				2	61	194
White-winged Scoter	4					7	114 Low
Surf Scoter	45				27	47	365
Ruddy Duck							9

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	1	2	3 & 5	4	6	7	8	9
Hooded Merganser	4	1	6	13	11	16	33	21
Common Merganser			120	20	7		3	6
Red-breasted Merganser	4		2		10	34	24	2
Duck sp.	300							
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			1				
Cooper's Hawk		1						
Accipiter sp.					1			
Red-tailed Hawk	4	1	3	3	3			
Bald Eagle	3		11	1	2	2	4	1 High
Gyr Falcon								High
Peregrine Falcon								High
Merlin	1							
American Kestrel				1				
Ruffed Grouse				1				
California Quail		3		14	1	12		
Ring-necked Pheasant	11					1		
Virginia Rail								
American Coot		1		2	2	41	1	108
Black Oystercatcher							2	
Killdeer			5		15	1		2
Black-bellied Plover					4	3		
Surfbird								
Black Turnstone					9	10	40	
Common Snipe		1			16	8	8	
Spotted Sandpiper							1	
Greater Yellowlegs					1		1	1
Rock Sandpiper								
Least Sandpiper								
Dunlin					15	30		
Long-billed Dowitcher					1			
Western Sandpiper						1		
Sanderling								
Glaucous Gull	2		2					High
Glaucous-winged Gull	3965	9	2782	481	681	156	880	380
Western Gull								
Herring Gull	22		1					
Thayer's Gull	430							High
Mew Gull	65		60	2	310		9	396
Bonaparte's Gull								98
Gull sp.	1000				20			
Common Murre								

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Hooded Merganser	12	15	18	4	7	1	-	-
Common Merganser	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	21	6	39	1	36	9	-	-
Duck sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Cooper's Hawk	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Accipiter sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bald Eagle	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-
Gyr Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Kestrel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
California Quail	11	-	15	33	19	35	-	-
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Coot	1	2	27	3	-	-	19	1
Black Oystercatcher	1	5	40	-	-	-	-	-
Killdeer	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	18
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-
Surfbird	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Black Turnstone	27	8	9	-	2	-	-	-
Common Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greater Yellowlegs	5	2	5	1	-	-	-	3
Rock Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunlin	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanderling	9	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glaucous-winged Gull	500	285	230	73	752	136	47	210
Western Gull	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Herring Gull	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thayer's Gull	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	12
Mew Gull	150	6	330	266	353	408	400	1636
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-
Gull sp.	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Murre	5	-	1	-	5	-	-	-

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	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hooded Merganser	10	8	-	39	219
Common Merganser	602	33	1	7	806
Red-breasted Merganser	23	9	-	4	224
Duck sp.	-	-	-	-	300
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	2	-	10
Cooper's Hawk	-	3	-	-	7
Accipiter sp.	-	-	-	-	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	4	9	1	31
Bald Eagle	2	4	1	1	37 High
Gyr Falcon	-	-	1	-	2 High
Peregrine Falcon	-	2	-	3	5 High
Merlin	-	1	-	1	3
American Kestrel	-	-	1	-	2
Ruffed Grouse	-	-	-	-	1
California Quail	14	16	-	-	173
Ring-necked Pheasant	-	-	2	-	23
Virginia Rail	1	-	-	-	1
American Coot	51	43	1	-	303
Black Oystercatcher	-	-	-	14	62
Killdeer	14	3	2	-	65
Black-bellied Plover	-	-	12	-	28
Surfbird	-	-	-	4	10
Black Turnstone	-	-	-	31	136
Common Snipe	-	-	2	-	35
Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	1
Greater Yellowlegs	-	16	-	2	37
Rock Sandpiper	-	-	-	34	34
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	1	1
Dunlin	-	-	430	16	492
Long-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	1
Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	1	2
Sanderling	-	-	9	-	22
Glaucous Gull	-	-	-	-	4 High
Glaucous-winged Gull	1483	58	31	400	13,539
Western Gull	-	-	-	-	1
Herring Gull	-	-	-	4	34
Thayer's Gull	-	-	-	4	448 High
Mew Gull	28	240	1113	64	5836
Bonaparte's Gull	-	2	-	32	154
Gull sp.	-	1530	-	-	2750
Common Murre	-	-	-	2	13

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Pigeon Guillemot	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Marbled Murrelet	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Ancient Murrelet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhinoceros Auklet	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Band-tailed Pigeon	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Dove	25	-	2	-	-	2	-	15
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Screech Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Anna's Hummingbird	-	-	8	-	2	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	2	1	1	1	1	2	4	1
Common Flicker	9	-	4	10	9	3	13	3
Pileated Woodpecker	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hairy Woodpecker	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	1	-	5	1	-	3	-	1
Steller's Jay	6	2	25	12	4	10	4	-
Common Raven	45	6	13	10	4	5	4	3
Northwestern Crow	1964	9	215	151	256	36	75	116
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	28	7	25	47	18	8	2	119
Bushtit	22	17	-	20	-	-	-	4
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	1
Brown Creeper	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	3
Dipper	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	3	7	-	19	23	1	8	2
Bewick's Wren	4	1	3	2	2	-	6	5
Long-billed Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
American Robin	297	17	374	75	139	53	37	38
Varied Thrush	34	2	12	15	4	2	-	-
Hermit Thrush	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	62	7	9	72	90	11	21	12
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	1	4	11	-	-	4	1
Water Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Shrike	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Starling	482	2	33	251	36	22	75	180
Hutton's Vireo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Townsend's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	2	-	-	6	-	16	2	2

	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Pigeon Guillemot	2	1	4	-	8	3	-	-
Marbled Murrelet	11	1	6	-	1	-	-	-
Ancient Murrelet	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhinoceros Auklet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Band-tailed Pigeon	-	-	12	24	-	-	-	-
Rock Dove	122	41	54	20	2	3	23	20
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Screech Owl	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anna's Hummingbird	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	5	-	-	2	2	1	-	-
Common Flicker	1	-	4	4	18	9	2	4
Pileated Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Hairy Woodpecker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Downy Woodpecker	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	1
Steller's Jay	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-
Common Raven	1	2	-	3	2	4	-	4
Northwestern Crow	25	1	29	34	53	555	30	215
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	3	6	8	44	121	15	-	9
Bushtit	10	2	20	72	20	90	2	-
Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Brown Creeper	4	5	1	4	2	1	1	1
Dipper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Winter Wren	2	4	14	10	15	4	4	2
Bewick's Wren	2	4	4	4	7	6	9	-
Long-billed Marsh Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Robin	22	1	76	74	721	226	50	268
Varied Thrush	-	-	2	1	19	45	1	1
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet	27	27	35	52	113	62	10	13
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	4	15	12	3	3	3
Water Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedar Waxwing	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	24
Northern Shrike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Starling	48	43	8	36	120	79	2600	156
Hutton's Vireo	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Townsend's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
House Sparrow	21	17	2	61	8	5	-	24

	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pigeon Guillemot	-	-	-	24	44
Marbled Murrelet	5	-	-	5	32
Ancient Murrelet	-	-	-	69	74
Rhinoceros Auklet	-	-	-	-	1
Band-tailed Pigeon	44	17	13	1	126
Rock Dove	4	8	12	3	356
Barn Owl	-	1	-	-	1
Screech Owl	-	1	-	-	5
Great Horned Owl	-	4	-	-	4 High
Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-	1
Anna's Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	19 High
Belted Kingfisher	1	4	-	1	29
Common Flicker	13	41	8	5	160
Pileated Woodpecker	-	1	-	-	3
Hairy Woodpecker	2	-	-	-	4
Downy Woodpecker	3	-	-	2	22
Steller's Jay	2	10	5	-	94
Common Raven	5	33	13	2	159
Northwestern Crow	825	138	492	42	5261
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	22	39	13	5	539
Bushtit	6	15	21	-	321 High
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1	-	-	1	11
Brown Creeper	-	3	3	1	42
Dipper	-	-	-	-	3
Winter Wren	35	16	-	5	174 High
Bewick's Wren	14	3	3	-	79
Long-billed Marsh Wren	-	4	-	-	5
American Robin	1156	392	535	15	4566
Varied Thrush	5	23	14	7	187
Hermit Thrush	-	-	1	1	6
Golden-crowned Kinglet	81	199	2	26	931 High
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7	11	-	1	84
Water Pipit	-	-	-	10	11
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	1	-	1
Cedar Waxwing	-	-	-	-	34
Northern Shrike	-	1	-	-	5
Starling	559	186	1207	30	6153
Hutton's Vireo	1	-	-	-	3
Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-	2
Townsend's Warbler	-	-	-	1	1
House Sparrow	15	4	20	-	205

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	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 &amp; 5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
Western Meadowlark	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Brewer's Blackbird	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evening Grosbeak	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Purple Finch	1	-	6	1	-	4	1	-
House Finch	-	-	8	-	4	-	5	10
Pine Siskin	10	35	-	-	350	96	50	34
Red Crossbill	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	10	1	7	13	7	1	12	2
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	53	30	192	94	44	38	29	153
White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Golden-crowned Sparrow	6	5	3	-	4	1	2	-
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	3	3	5	2	5	1	7	6
Song Sparrow	5	8	9	12	5	4	13	3
TOTAL	11026	199	4674	2479	2355	2125	1684	2695
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Western Meadowlark	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	20	1	2
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	57
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-
Purple Finch	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
House Finch	3	6	25	41	22	3	50	8
Pine Siskin	-	32	25	160	40	-	-	-
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rufous-sided Towhee	3	-	7	9	14	6	5	9
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dark-eyed Junco	5	15	45	105	104	103	21	31
White-crowned Sparrow	2	-	-	5	1	-	-	1
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4	-	13	24	6	31	16	2
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow	6	4	9	11	16	16	7	9
Song Sparrow	7	3	13	12	23	6	7	3
TOTAL	1848	1214	2130	1641	3078	2268	3808	3545

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## BIRD LISTS - AN UPDATE

Lists, lists, lists. Here's the latest bird lists as of January 1st, 1982.

B.C. Life (Threshold 200)

1. David Stirling	366
2. Mike Shepard	356
3. Wayne Weber	340
4. Ray Williams	290
5. Anne Knowles	275
6. Alf Porcher	274
7. Marjorie Elston	247
8. Vi Peters	240
9. Rosamond & Richard Sewell	238
10. Don Carruthers	220

1981 B.C. (Threshold 150)

1. Mike Shepard	295
2. David Stirling	285
3. Ray Williams	281
4. Vi Peters	225
5. Marjorie Elston	222
6. Alf Porcher	214
7. Anne Knowles	211
8. Marion & Art Durkee	209
9. Rosamond & Richard Sewell	197
10. Don Carruthers	187
11. Ed Coffin	177

Vancouver Island Life  
(Threshold 150)

1. David Stirling	284
2. Mike Shepard	261
3. Ray Williams	239
4. Vi Peters	224
5. Alf Porcher	217
6. Don Carruthers	201
7. Ed Coffin	176

1981 Vancouver Island  
(Threshold 125)

1. Ray Williams	227
2. Vi Peters	213
3. Mike Shepard	208
4. David Stirling	192
5. Don Carruthers	176
6. Ed Coffin	173
7. Alf Porcher	173

Victoria Life (Threshold 150)

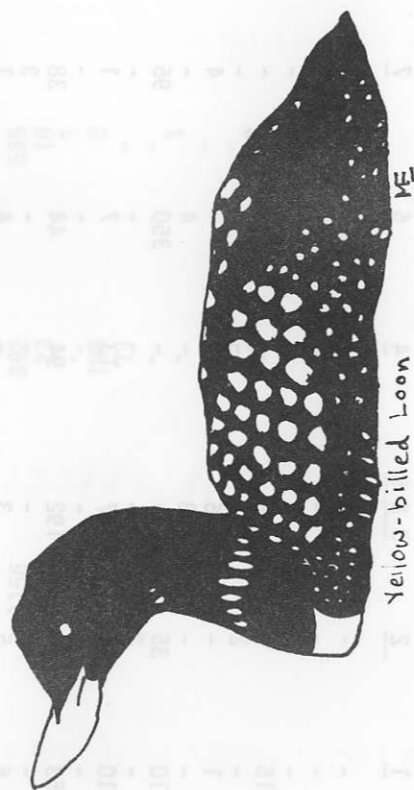
1. David Stirling	278
2. Mike Shepard	240
3. Ray Williams	227
4. Vi Peters	215
5. Anne Knowles	206
6. Alf Porcher	201
7. Rosamond & Richard Sewell	197
8. Don Carruthers	190
9. Wayne Weber	186

1981 Victoria (Threshold 125)

1. Ray Williams	216
2. Vi Peters	200
3. Mike Shepard	182
4. David Stirling	180
5. Alf Porcher	173
6. Don Carruthers	160
7. Rosamond & Richard Sewell	157
8. Anne Knowles	150
9. Marion & Art Durkee	146

Our plan is to publish a list update in the September-October issue of "The Victoria Naturalist", but we need your help. We know there are many birding members of our Society who have highly respectable bird lists and we would like to be able to publish these totals in our next update. Please take the time to compile your bird lists and watch further issues of the magazine for information on how and when to submit the lists.

Western Meadowlark	18	19	20	22	Total
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	-	1	2	5
Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	10	1	2 New 36
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	182	-	274
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	16	-	5
Purple Finch	2	-	59	11	43
House Finch	9	34	370	-	298
Pine Siskin	371	339	-	-	1912
Red Crossbill	19	9	-	-	11
Rufous-sided Towhee	-	17	10	2	154
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	101	1	1
Dark-eyed Junco	120	107	-	20	1410
White-crowned Sparrow	1	4	20	-	37
Golden-crowned Sparrow	4	3	26	-	150
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-	2 High
Fox Sparrow	12	8	9	-	139
Song Sparrow	49	15	10	56	263
TOTAL	6415	4200	8895	2077	68356



## BIRD OBSERVATIONS

## DECEMBER

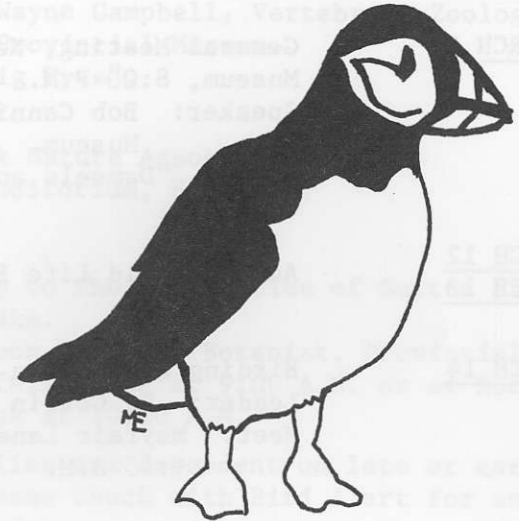
NO.	SPECIES	DATE	AREA	OBSERVER
1	Northern Fulmar	1	Swartz Bay	Dave Fraser
1	Rufous Hummingbird	2	Penrhyn Street	M. & R. Mackenzie-Grieve
1	Glaucous Gull	3	Goldstream River	Ray Williams
1	Green Heron	8	Kaltasin Road	Maywell Wickheim
5	Bohemian Waxwing	13	2411 Alpine Cres.	Joan Inglis
1	"Eurasian" Green-winged Teal	14	King's Pond	Alf Porcher
1	Saw-whet Owl	25	Quadra St. Overpass	Alan Petersen
1	Rough-legged Hawk	26	Martindale Flats	Beryl Holt
1	Townsend's Warbler	30	3640 Cedar Hill Rd.	Anne Wrenshall

## JANUARY

1	Townsend's Solitaire	1	Belcher Avenue	Leila G. Roberts
1	Rufous Hummingbird	2	Penrhyn Street	M. & R. Mackenzie-Grieve
12	Brown Creeper (flock)	4	Rose Lake, Beacon Hill Park	Richard Sewell
10	Winter Wren (flock)	4	517 Witty Beach Rd.	M. & V. Goodwill
1	Redhead	5	Elk Lake	Mark Lewis
1	Semipalmated Plover	6	Clover Point	Mark Lewis
1	Whistling Swan	9	Tod Creek Flats	Ron Satterfield
1	Goshawk	9	Fort Rodd Hill	Rosamond & Fred Stoba
1	Short-eared Owl	20	Ogden Point	Ron Satterfield

If you see anything of interest, please call 478-9715 as soon as possible.

JUNIORS  
PROGRAMME

MARCH 6

Orienteering at Uplands Park. Learn to use a compass as well as a compass with a map.  
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. - Meet at the Cattle Point parking lot at 10:00 A.M.  
Bring a compass if possible, a pen or pencil and some paper and your lunch.  
PARENTS: Please let me know well beforehand if you can provide an adequate compass for this outing.

MARCH 20

Come to 2670 Queenswood Drive, the home of Mrs. Helen Vieser. Mrs. Vieser has kindly offered to show us her slides of local marine life and then go diving off Smugglers Cove and bring up some live samples for us to see.  
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
Bring lunch and wear rubber boots.

APRIL 3

Hike at Matheson Lake and tree identification.  
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Meet at Mayfair Lanes at 9:30 A.M. or at Matheson Lake parking lot at 10:00 A.M. Bring lunch. This is the January trip that was cancelled.

APRIL 17

To the Cowichan and Gordon Rivers to see the pink lilies and the spring woods. Details will be mailed to all Juniors later on.

## BIRD OBSERVATIONS

PROGRAM - MARCH & APRIL, 1982TUES. MARCH 9

General Meeting, Newcombe Auditorium, Provincial Museum, 8:00 P.M.  
 Speaker: Bob Canning, entomologist, Provincial Museum.  
 Topic: "Damsels and Dragons".

FRI. MARCH 12

Audubon Wild Life Film.

SAT. MARCH 13SUN. MARCH 14

Birding at Whiffen Spit.  
 Leader: Ed Coffin (592-0964).  
 Meet: Mayfair Lanes 9:00 A.M. or at the Spit at 9:45 A.M.

TUES. MARCH 16

Botany Night, Swan Lake Nature Center.  
 Leader: Steve Mitchell, Botanist at UVic.  
 Time: 7:30 P.M.

THURS. MARCH 18

Thetis Park Nature Association.  
 Newcombe Auditorium, Provincial Museum, 8:00 P.M.

WED. MARCH 24

Birder's Night.  
 Time: 7:30 P.M.

SAT. MARCH 27

Botany Trip to Mill Hill.  
 Leader: Steve Mitchell.  
 Meet: Mayfair Lanes at 9:00 A.M. or at Mill Hill parking lot at 9:30 A.M.

SAT. APRIL 3

Birding Trip to Island View Beach.  
 Leader: Bill Sendall (721-3040).  
 Meet: Mayfair Lanes 8:00 A.M. or at the Beach at 8:30 A.M.

TUES. APRIL 13

General Meeting, Newcombe Auditorium, Provincial Museum, 8:00 P.M.  
 Speaker: Wayne Campbell, Vertebrate Zoology, Provincial Museum.  
 Topic: "Big Eyes".

THURS. APRIL 15

Thetis Park Nature Association.  
 Newcombe Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.

SAT. APRIL 17

Botany Trip to the Pink Lilies of Sutton Creek, Cowichan Lake.  
 Leader: Leon Pavlick, Botanist, Provincial Museum.  
 Meet: Mayfair Lanes at 9:00 A.M. or at Sutton Creek at 10:00 A.M.

Because lilies are dependent on late or early Spring, please check with Bird Alert for any changes in date.

TUES. APRIL 20

Botany Night, Swan Lake Nature Center.  
 Leader: Steve Mitchell.  
 Time: 7:30 P.M.

SAT. APRIL 24

Gulf Island Birding.  
 Leader: Roy Prior.  
 Meet: Mayfair Lanes 8:45 A.M.  
 Swartz Bay 9:15 A.M.  
 We will walk on.  
 Fare: \$1.75.  
 Bring your lunch.

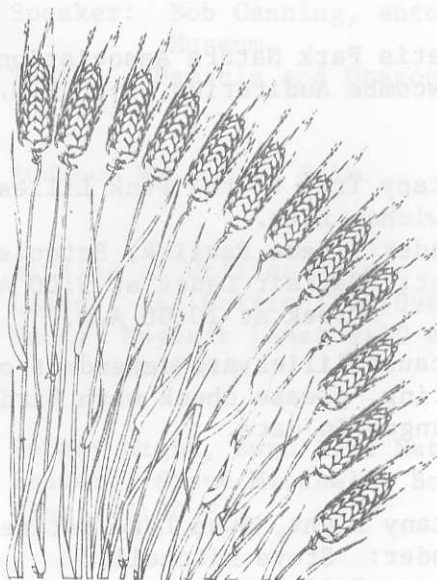
SUN. APR. 25

Botany at Thetis Lake.  
 Leaders: Richard & Ros. Sewell.  
 Meet: Thetis Lake Parking Lot at 2:00 P.M.  
 (NOTE: This is a departure from our usual formula of outings to accommodate those people who work on Saturdays and attend church on Sunday mornings.)

WED. APRIL 28

Birders Night.

Time: 7:30 P.M.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CHANGES, PLEASE CALL BIRD ALERT - 478-8534.

Mayfair Lanes is at the corner of Oak and Roderick, by Bowling Alley.

Always take a lunch, and if wet, gumboots or strong shoes.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE MAGAZINE FOR THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE IS MARCH 26, 1982.

\* For Audubon Nights and V.N.H.S. Meetings, parking is free behind the Museum in the Museum Parking Lot.