



COMING EVENTS

•**Friday, April 1, 2005, 7:30 p.m.** - Cobourg Public Library (*Please note that this is the “March” meeting, scheduled so to avoid Easter weekend.*)

Speaker: **Terry Sprague**. Topic: **10 Days on the Rideau. Kayaking from Kingston to Ottawa**. Terry discusses both the human history and natural history of the Rideau Canal.

•**Owl Outing - Changed - Saturday, April 2, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**

This outing is to visit a few of our members’ Breeding Bird Atlas squares to try to get owls to call back. We will meet at the Car Pool lot of Phillips Road in Port Hope and leave from there. Contact Ben Walters at 905-885-8586 for more information.

•**Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. - Cobourg Pitch-in Day**. This is our second year participating in the event. We will clean up an area in the vicinity of the Cobourg Yacht Club and west headland. This is an area that is often full of litter and is visited by club members on a nearly daily basis throughout the year. We will be able to do some waterfowl watching at the same time. Please bring friends and family for any time that you can spare. Bring work gloves if you have them.

•**Friday, April 29, 2005, 7:30 p.m.**, District Health Unit, Rose Glen Rd., Port Hope
Speaker: **Vic Orr**; Topic: **Watching Warblers**. Learn about the lives of the warblers that breed in Eastern North America. A video depicts the nesting, feeding and migration habits of this colourful family of birds.

•**Saturday, April 30, 2005 - Opening of Peter’s Woods**. Contact Russell Lake 905-372-3636 for information.

Watch The Curlew for more details of meeting programs and additional outings throughout the year.

NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR CURLEW

In an effort to reduce WBFN's expenses, the executive has decided, on a trial basis, to change the manner of distribution of the *Curlew*. The *Curlew* will be available for pick-up at the monthly meetings. If members regularly see a member who is not at the meeting, they are asked if they might deliver a copy to them. Copies left at the end of the meeting will be mailed on the next business day following the meeting.

We stress that this system is a trial. The executive would be happy to receive comments from the members about this process.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Sylvie Comtois, Cobourg

Welcome back to
Isobel Kirkpatrick, Port Hope
Doug Watkins, Campbellcroft



REMINDER: 2005 Membership dues are now due. Please submit them to the Treasurer by mail at the P.O. Box 421, Port Hope, ON, L1A 3Z3 or bring them to the next general meeting..

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NAME CHANGES, SPECIES SPLITS AND OTHER TAXONOMIC TREATS

by Clive Goodwin

It's almost nine years since my last article in *The Curlew* on bird name changes and the like. I had good intentions of writing something on a regular basis, but then the changes that came in the next set of revisions didn't seem to affect us too much, and then I got busy, and..... Anyway, an article is now clearly overdue, because the taxonomists certainly haven't been idle. Some readers may recall that the American Ornithologists' Union issues a revision to its official Check-List [an 800+ page tome] every two years, and in fact a full revised edition of the Check-List – the seventh – appeared in 1998. The changes include a lot of revisions to the sequence of bird names, a few name changes and some species splits.

As in the former articles, I'll not bother with changes in scientific names, or with changes that are not likely to be of interest to someone who birds purely in Northumberland. First, the sequence changes. There are a few relatively small ones, a couple are larger, and there is one major change that most people haven't adopted yet. I'll discuss that one later.

If you refer to the standard check-list sequence, starting with loons and ending with House Sparrow, the first change you would encounter would be vultures. It seems that vultures might look rather like hawks, but really they're more closely related to storks! So now they appear immediately after them. The next changes are in the waterfowl, which have been rearranged. The sequence now is:

Greater White-fronted Goose	American Black Duck	Common Eider
Snow Goose	Mallard	Harlequin Duck
Ross's Goose	Blue-winged Teal	Surf Scoter
Brant	Cinnamon Teal	White-winged Scoter
Cackling Goose*	Northern Shoveler	Black Scoter
Canada Goose	Northern Pintail	Long-tailed Duck*
Mute Swan	Green-winged Teal	Bufflehead
Trumpeter Swan	Canvasback	Common Goldeneye
Tundra Swan	Redhead	Barrow's Goldeneye
Wood Duck	Ring-necked Duck	Hooded Merganser
Gadwall	Tufted Duck	Common Merganser
Eurasian Wigeon	Greater Scaup	Red-breasted Merganser
American Wigeon	Lesser Scaup	Ruddy Duck
	King Eider	

Asterisked species are discussed below.

Next, Gyrfalcon changes places with Peregrine Falcon, and Sabine's Gull with Kittiwake. We then arrive at one of the major changes in sequence. It's now believed that shrikes, vireos, crows

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and jays are all closely related, and that they should be listed immediately following the Tyrant Flycatchers [Tyrant, to distinguish them from the Old World Flycatchers, which are unrelated].

Loggerhead Shrike	Cassin's Vireo*	Gray Jay
Northern Shrike	Blue-headed Vireo*	Blue Jay
White-eyed Vireo	Warbling Vireo	American Crow
Yellow-throated Vireo	Philadelphia Vireo	Common Raven
Plumbeous Vireo*	Red-eyed Vireo	

The only change in sequence in the remaining families between the flycatchers and the warblers is that starling is moved up to follow Brown Thrasher.

Finally, on the sparrow and finch groups, the cardinals and their allies [Northern Cardinal through Dickcissel] now follow the sparrows instead of preceding them. Then the last changes that concern us are that Spotted Towhee now precedes Eastern, and Harris's Sparrow now appears between White-throated and White-crowned, the latter followed by Golden-crowned Sparrow.

At this point you could well be wondering what the point is in all this hocus-pocus. The formal check-lists follow what is currently believed to be the sequence of evolutionary development, with the birds listed from the most primitive to the most advanced. In earlier years this sequence was never much more than an educated guess, because evolutionary relationships could only be deduced from examination of the bird [particularly its skeleton] and grouping like with like. The New World vultures are a good example of the hazards of this approach: structurally they resemble hawks, presumably because they behave rather like hawks. They have become adapted for soaring, they have bills for tearing flesh, and so on. But they have bare heads [like storks] and they lack the lethal talons of hawks. So there was always some debate about where they fitted in the scheme of things. But nowadays it is possible to analyse birds' DNA and their chemical make-up to get a much clearer idea of evolutionary relationships. It turns out that vultures are odd-ball storks.

All of which brings me to the remaining, large change, one that has not yet been widely adopted. The ducks, geese and swans [called the Anseriformes], followed by the pheasants, grouse and quails [the Galliformes] move to the very beginning of the list. Everything else, from the loons on, moves down. However, in announcing this change the committee that looks after classification and nomenclature warned everyone that more was yet to come. I was going to say something about 'waiting for the other shoe to drop' except that the committee makes it clear that there is a whole series of shoes! These analyses are a relatively new field, and much work is going on. So more – much more – will eventually appear, and in the meantime it seems prudent to wait a little while.

So much for the sequence of the check-list; the simple name changes are much easier to deal with. In fact, there are only five. The change from Oldsquaw to Long-tailed Duck has already been adopted by *The Curlew*. Mongolian Plover now becomes Lesser Sand-Plover, to conform

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with terminology in the U.K. [some readers will recall that one of these was seen at Presqu'île some years back], and Common Snipe now becomes Wilson's Snipe. This is really a split, as our bird is now separate from the European one. If you have ever seen a snipe in Europe you have just acquired a life bird! Rock Dove now becomes Rock Pigeon. While I can easily restrain my enthusiasm for Long-tailed Duck and Sand Plover, I think this change is good. Most of us call the birds pigeons anyway, and the general pattern is to call the larger members of this family pigeons and the smaller ones doves. Finally, another transatlantic split elevates our Three-toed Woodpecker to a full species, and hence, American Three-toed Woodpecker.

There are a couple of species-splits that have resulted in some new names – and new identification challenges! When we pick up a field guide it's easy to forget that at some point someone [or many persons] had to wrestle with the issue of how to tell one species from another, otherwise the guides could never have been written. Fortunately, on one of the splits, the identification criteria had already been well worked out. The three races of the Solitary Vireo have now been elevated to full species. The grayish bird in the south-western U.S. is now the Plumbeous Vireo; the west coast bird, with mainly greenish upperparts, becomes Cassin's Vireo, and the widespread eastern bird reverts back to the former name of the complex, Blue-headed Vireo. The other two species are possible vagrants here, and indeed the Plumbeous has already appeared at Presqu'île. The best identification review of these three was an article by Matt Heindel in the December 1966 issue of *Birding*.

Alas, there are no neat identification summaries for the other split. Until recently there were 11 races, or subspecies, of Canada Goose. Seven of these are larger birds which breed in the interior of the continent and south of the tundra, while four are smaller, tundra nesting races. Of these latter, three are mainly western birds which winter primarily along the Pacific coast, but one [*hutchinsii*] breeds east to the tundra on the west side of Hudson Bay, and winters south to Texas. It is the only one, as far as seems to be known, that has occurred in Ontario.

These four races are now split into a separate species. The birds were called Aleutian, Cackling [the smallest], Taverner's and [*hutchinsii*] Richardson's Canada Geese; they are now collectively named *Branta hutchinsii*, the Cackling Goose.

I've been birding in Canada for over 55 years and have now lived through three name changes of *hutchinsii*, but until late February last, as far as I know, I had only seen one once. In late 1971 a Hutchin's goose, as we called it then, appeared around Toronto Islands, and Joy and I were lucky enough to see it. It was a delightful little bird, seemingly not much bigger than the Mallards it was with, with an evenly barred, grayish back, a short neck, neat rounded head and a tiny conical bill. We both felt it was hard to believe it was the same species as the big, ungainly Canadas a little further along the shore. I guess it really wasn't!

Now, of course, we're hearing of Cackling Geese fairly often. But - and indeed this provided one impetus for this article – I happened to glance out of the window a few weeks ago and saw three very excited birders whom I didn't know down at the end of the harbour looking at what appeared to me to be a fairly average-looking group of Canada Geese. Judge my surprise later to discover that some birders from outside the county had reported a flock of Cackling Geese in Cobourg Harbour that day.

Possible misidentifications aside, many goose populations have been increasing in recent years, and now everyone is looking more closely at Canada Geese, so it's not surprising more possible

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Cackling Geese are being seen. In fact, the harbour has hosted two small geese over the winter. I happened to see the first as I walked into our dining room just in time to see a flock of Canadas flying north. At the rear of the flock was a bird that seemed little bigger than half the size of the others, but it was gone before I could see more. A day or two later I found this little goose in the harbour. It was indeed very small, but otherwise it looked just like the other Canadas; and that's just what I believe it was.

On February 27 there was another small goose. This time it was somewhat paler, and showed the short neck, rounded head and neat conical bill I remembered from our 1971 bird. It seemed a little larger and not as grey – in fact it looked rather more like a Canada than our first bird – but Canada-type geese are very variable and 30-year old memories are notoriously suspect, so I had no real qualms about calling everyone to report it.

What was the first bird? I discussed it with Margaret Bain [who also saw it] and we both feel it was probably the Lesser Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis parvipes*, now the smallest of the Canada races. A recent article in the *OFO News* by Ken Abraham on this topic says that this race is possible in Ontario but has never been confirmed, and it can be confused with Cackling. If our bird was of this race, then its structural similarity to the other Canadas – bill and head shape - make Cackling an unlikely option.

I suppose the moral of this story is that identifications of 'new' species should be approached with great caution! If you wish to read more on the goose subject Ken Abraham's article is in the February 2005 issue of *OFO News* [Vol.23 #1], and he also cites a very interesting web site: www.sibleyguides.com/canada_cackling.htm

OUTING TO PETROGLYPHS PROVINCIAL PARK

Saturday, February 19th, 10 Willow Beach members ventured north to visit Petroglyphs Provincial Park to seek out winter signs of life in the Kawarthas. The driving was good and the snow was holding off. Nearing our destination the lead car caught a glimpse of an immature Bald Eagle as it was being harassed by a pair of crows. When we reached our destination the cold hadn't subsided and we were greeted by many Chickadees and a Hairy Woodpecker. It was a beautiful walk through the transition area of the boreal forest listening to the wind howl through the tops of the conifers. The ambience was perfect as snow made its way through the branches of the spruce, pines, hemlock and oak. A few ventured down on to a lake just in time to see four deer crossing at the far end. The view of the day was a very close pair of Pileated Woodpeckers as they worked their way up and down a White Pine. Some of the group also observed a Golden Eagle as it crested and soared over the opening at the far end of a wetland. We then made haste to get to Tim Horton's in Lakefield and make one last stop at Lake Katchewanooka to look for waterfowl. It was the first time I have seen Mallards at a bird feeder. It was another unforgettable outing, even though some of us were hoping for finches. The following is a list of our sightings, thanks to all who joined me.

Ben Walters

Pileated Woodpecker (4)	White-breasted Nuthatch	Common Raven	American Crow
Golden Eagle	Mourning Dove	Rock Pigeon	European Starling
Red-breasted Merganser	Mallard	Red-tailed Hawk	Bald Eagle
Hairy Woodpecker	Downy Woodpecker	Black Capped Chickadee	Blue Jay
Brown Creeper	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Common Goldeneye	

Below is a list of the donors and prizes which were raffled at the Annual General Meeting. Thank you very much to all the donors. Funds raised through this raffle will support the ongoing work of Willow Beach Field Naturalists

2005 BUCKET RAFFLE – FEB. 25/05

DONOR	PRIZE
Chris Lyons	Owl nest box
Peter Greathead	Hand-crafted wooden basket
Nancy Logan	4 Scarves
Louise Schmidt	Hand-crafted walking stick
Norma Wallace	Smoked Salmon
Bryan Baxter	2 Bottles of wine
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Kathryn McHolm	Garden package
Barry Walker	2 Suet feeders
Anon.	Perennial garden book
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Helen Hunt	Bottle of wine
Bob Popham	Tape player with bird & frog tapes
Barry Walker	Nuthatch house
Anon.	2 Bird books
Anon.	Book - Birds of America - early illustrated edition
Barbara Edwardes-Evans	Home-made jams
Marg Short	Craft - wall-hanging
Backyard Seeds	Birdseed
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MID-WINTER WATERFOWL INVENTORY

by Roger Frost

On January 9, 2005, 10 members of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists participated in the Lake Ontario Mid-winter Waterfowl Inventory. This year, Alison Elliott and Ben Walters covered the area from Wesleyville to the west edge of Port Hope. Elizabeth Kellogg, Graydon Bowman and Louise Schmidt covered the Port Hope waterfront, the Cobourg Waterfront west of the Harbour, and Garden Hill Pond. Mike Johnston and Roger Frost walked the beach from Cobourg to Port Hope. Clive Goodwin covered Cobourg Harbour. Lori Wensley covered the Lakeshore Road in Cobourg area. Maureen Campeau covered the east end of Cobourg to the Wicklow Beach boat ramp.

With this excellent coverage and good weather, the group totaled 6552 waterfowl of 13 species. Most species were found in higher numbers this year compared to last year when high winds made counting the ducks on the lake very difficult. Mallards were found in relatively small numbers. The 704 counted were about half their normal number. Greater Scaup, however, were seen in record numbers, with the 1095 birds about 20 times their normal numbers. Highlights included three Harlequin Ducks in Port Hope Harbour, and two American Wigeon in Cobourg Harbour. In addition, two Great Gray owls were counted in the Wesleyville OPG property.

Canada Goose	2498
American Black Duck	54
Mallard	704
American Wigeon	2
Redhead	27
Greater Scaup	1095
Harlequin Duck	3
Long-tailed Duck	257
White-winged Scoter	7
Common Goldeneye	1476
Bufflehead	202
Common Merganser	47
Red-breasted Merganser	180
Mallard X Black Duck (hybrid)	1
Great Gray Owl	2

Observation of Red-bellied Woodpecker

Yesterday, Feb. 21st., the male Red-bellied Woodpecker came to the suet hanging from the maple tree near my balcony. It pecked at the suet for about 3 minutes and then flew to the maple to a well pecked branch. While it was there, a Blue Jay landed on another branch very near it. The Red-bellied Woodpecker absolutely froze and stayed frozen until the Blue Jay left. Then it returned to pecking the maple branch before flying off ... It returned to the suet later in the day again. The Red-bellied Woodpecker has been coming regularly since before Christmas. (*Barbara lives in the Cold Springs area.*)

Barbara Edwardes-Evans

Blue Jays are common predators of other bird species. It could very well be that the woodpecker recognized the Blue Jay as a potential threat to his well-being. By staying frozen, the woodpecker was trying to stay as inconspicuous as possible. This behaviour is often also observed when a Sharp-shinned or Cooper's Hawk is in the area. If the potential prey does not have time to flee, it will often freeze in place until the threat leaves.

Elizabeth Kellogg

Saturday, April 23, 2005

Earth Day

Earth Day will be celebrated this year on Saturday, April 23.

In Port Hope: “Stepping Lightly Upon This Earth” (Port Hope Environmental Advisory Committee)

9 a.m. - noon:

Annual Plant Sale (shrubs, plants, perennials and composters). 2 Locations: Town Hall Parking Lot and Canton Transfer Station

Art Installation with Rick Beaver - “Creating art from local materials to celebrate time & place”, Port Hope Town Hall

9 a.m. - 2

Environmental Displays/Booths, Port Hope Council Chambers

12-1:30

Port Hope Character Committee Logo Launch and BBQ, Memorial Park

2-3:00

“Living Sustainably in Port Hope”, Lecture/discussion with Rick Beaver, Port Hope Council Chambers

In Cobourg: Pitch-In Day:

Cobourg Environmental Advisory Committee is organizing a pitch-in day. Come to Victoria Hall at 9 a.m. to be assigned an area to collect trash.

Watch the local press for more details about Earth Day Activities. There may be events in other municipalities about which we don't have information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

•WBFN member, **Barb Loucks** competed in the Senior Winter Games in Barrie in February and brought home a gold medal in Alpine Downhill Skiing. Although she taught skiing for 26 years, this is the first time (and last time) that she participated in competition in Alpine Downhill. - exhilarating.

•The Willow Beach Field Naturalists extend their deepest sympathy to Elizabeth Kellogg on the death of her Dad, Lloyd Kellogg, on March 5, 2005. This has been a heart-wrenching year for Elizabeth and husband, Roger Frost. Roger's Dad passed away on January 21.

-N.E.W.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

compiled by Ted McDonald

Cackling Goose	Feb. 27-Mar. 4	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, MB
Mute Swan	Feb. 11	3	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 16, 18	8	Cobourg Harbour - high count	CEG
American Wigeon	Feb. 2-Mar. 4	2 m	Cobourg Harbour	CEG, MB
Northern Pintail	Feb.. 2	1 f	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Green-winged Teal	Feb. 24	1	Port Hope Harbour	GL
	Feb. 27	1 f	Cobourg Creek/King St.	MB
Redhead	Feb. 4	75	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 7	65	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 8	40	off Lake St.-Gage's Creek, PH	RF
Greater Scaup	Feb. 3	500	Lake off Cobourg Harbour - highest count	CEG
	Feb. 7	85	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 8	2500	off Lake St.-Gage's Creek, PH	RF
Lesser Scaup	Feb. 15	9	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
White-winged Scoter	Feb. 8	16	off Lake St.-Gage's Creek, PH	RF
	Feb. 15	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
	Feb. 15	20	off Lake St., PH	GL
	Feb. 24	4 m	Chub Point	MB
	Feb. 28	3	Cobourg Harbour - high count	CEG
	Mar. 1	4 m	Cobourg Harbour	MB
Long-tailed Duck	Feb. 8	200	off Lake St.-Gage's Creek, PH	RF
	Feb. 15	2	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Common Goldeneye	Feb. 13	28	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Bufflehead	Feb. 13	7	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Red-breasted Merganser	Feb. 15	32	off Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Northern Harrier	Feb. 15,16	1f	Haskill Rd. and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Feb. 11	1m.	McEwan Rd. & Hwy. 2. Territorial flight!	CEG
	Feb. 14	1	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 3,22	1	Lakeshore Rd. and Brand Rd.	BW
Cooper's Hawk	Feb. 10	1	Durham St., PH - took a starling	EK, MT
	Feb. 13	1	Lakeshore Rd. and Haskill Rd.	BW
	Feb. 16	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb. 25	1	Young St., PH	NW
	Feb. 26	1	Peter St. and Lake St.	BW
	throughout Feb.	1	Bowman Farm, PH Ward 2	GB
Northern Goshawk	Feb. 1	1	Albert St., Cobourg	CEG
	Feb. 2	1	Ganaraska River - eating a Mallard on a picnic table	MH
	Feb. 8	1	Hwy. #2 east of PH	ERM
	Feb. 8	1	Gage's Creek marsh	RF
Rough-legged Hawk	Feb. 12	1	dark phase, Wesleyville Rd. and Lakeshore	BW
	Feb. 15	1	light phase, Haskill Rd	BW
	Feb. 20	1	dark phase, Deer Park Road	BW
	Feb. 23,24	1	Haskill Rd. and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
	Feb. 26	3	1 dark phase, Dickinson Road, PH Ward 2	BW
Merlin	Feb. 18	1	Pentecostal Rd., Hamilton Twp.	CEG
Gyrfalcon	Dec. 8	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Ruffed Grouse	Feb. 22	4	Candlewick Woods, PH Ward 2	RF
Wild Turkey	Feb. 12	15	Elizabethville, n. of Cty. Rd. 9	DW
	Feb. 20	50	6th Line west of Osaca, PH Ward 2	RF, GB
	Feb. 23	24	Telephone Rd. at Herron	CEG
Thayer's Gull	Feb. 14	1 ad.	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Iceland Gull	Feb. 11, 14	1, 2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Feb. 14	2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Glaucous Gull	Feb. 3-20	1, 2	Cobourg Harbour	CEG

Sightings - cont'd.

Great Horned Owl	Feb. 5	1	calling, Lakeshore Rd. and Brand Rd.	BW
	Feb. 6,19	1	Wesleyville, OPG property	BW
	Feb. 7	1	Willow Beach Rd. and Lakeshore Road.	BW
	Feb. 27	1	Port Britain Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
	Feb. 12	1	Gage's Creek marsh	EB
Snowy Owl	Feb. 16, 20, 23	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
Northern Hawk Owl	Feb.1-28	1	w. of Welcome, Hwy. 2	M.Obs.
Barred Owl	Feb. 6	1	Wesleyville	BW
	Feb. 8	1	Zion Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
	Feb.12	2	Wesleyville	BW
	Feb. 12	1	east of Wesleyville village	BW
	Feb. 12	1	west end of Wesleyville plant	BW
	Feb.26	1	Wesleyville	BW
	Feb. 24	1	Willow Beach Rd.N., PH Ward 2	ERM
Great Gray Owl	Feb. 1	1	Willow Beach Rd.	BW
	Feb. 12	1	Lakeshore Rd, Port Britain	RA
	Feb.23	2	Port Britain Rd. and Lakeshore	BW
	Feb. 24	1	Lakeshore Rd. & Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	ERM
	Feb. 24	1	Cty Rd.65 and 5th Line	BW
	Feb. 24	1	Willow Beach Rd.	BW
	Feb. 25	1	5th Line & Jamieson Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
	Feb. 25	3	4th Line and Pit Rd., PH Ward 2	BW, RF, EK
	Feb. 27	1	4th Line & Cty. Rd. 65, PH Ward 2	MI
Short-eared Owl	Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 27	1	Lakeshore Road and Newtonville Rd.	BW
Northern Saw-whet Owl	Feb. 27	1	Brown St., PH	AH
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Feb. 12	1	Port Britain Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
Downy Woodpecker	Feb. 22	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
Hairy Woodpecker	Feb. 22	2	Roseneath Landing	DS
Pileated Woodpecker	Feb. 6	1	Young St., PH	EB
	Feb. 22	1	Victoria St.S., PH	MM
Pileated Woodpecker	Feb. 23	1	Walton St., PH	BW
	Feb. 23	2	Telephone Rd. e. of Vernonville, Pair	CEG
Northern Shrike	Feb. 1,26,27	1	Lakeshore Rd. and Brand Rd.	BW
Northern Shrike	Feb. 10	1	Cobourg Harbour	CEG
	Feb.10	1	4th Line and Deer Park Road	BW
	Feb.11,12	1	Wesleyville	BW
	Feb.11	1	Morrish Church Road	BW
	Feb.11	1	Clarington boundary, Lakeshore Road	BW
	Feb.12	1	Willow Beach Rd.	BW
	Feb.15	1	Cranberry Rd. and Dale Road	BW
		1	Campbell Rd. and Cty Rd.9	BW
	Feb.28	1imm	Marsh Road and Baulch Rd.	BW
	Feb. 24	1	Willow Beach Rd.N., PH Ward 2	ERM
Common Raven	Feb. 2	1	Cobourg Harbour being chased by crows	CEG
	Feb. 10	1	Deer Park Rd., s. of Hwy. 401	BW
	Feb. 13	1	Cty Rd.9 and Cty. Rd. 10	BW
	Feb. 23	2	Hwy. #45, Boy Scout Camp area	DS
Horned Lark	Feb. 2	11	Newtonville Rd.	MR
	Feb. 3,10,20	10	Mastwoods Rd.	BW
	Feb.20	24	7th Line and Beech Hill Rd.	BW
	Feb. 22	70	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
	Feb. 26	80+	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2 - singing	MB
	Feb. 27	50	Bowman Farm, PH Ward 2	RF, EK, GB
White-breasted Nuthatch	Feb. 22	1	Roseneath Landing area	DS
Carolina Wren	Feb. 6	1	Oxford & Alfred St., PH, at feeder	MHa

Sightings - cont'd.

Eastern Bluebird	Feb. 22	5	Meyers Rd., Baltimore	BT
American Robin	Feb.3	3	Mastwoods Rd.	BW
	Feb.3	1	Perrytown Rd.	BW
	Feb.4	1	7th Line, Perrytown	BW
	Feb.4	6	Camborne area	HP
	Feb.12	8	Wesleyville, OPG property	BW
	Feb. 21	18	Dartford area	DS
	Feb. 27	3	Colborne area - singing	KB
	Feb. 28	20	Baltimore area	DS
Brown Thrasher	Dec. 4/04-Feb. 28/05	1	Lakeshore Rd. w. of Willow Beach Rd., PH Ward 2	DT
American Tree Sparrow	Feb. 22	2	in song, Brand Rd.	BW
Song Sparrow	Feb.6-28	1	at Brand Rd. feeder	BW
White-throated Sparrow	Feb. 12	6	Port Britain Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
Dark-eyed Junco	Feb. 10-15	10	Lakeshore Rd., Cob.	LW
Lapland Longspur	Feb. 6	2	Deer Park Rd., PH Ward 2	GL
	Feb. 22	6	Dickinson Rd., PH Ward 2	RF
	Feb. 23	3	Dickinson Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
	Feb. 26	1	Dickinson Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
	Feb. 27	2	Bowman Farm, PH Ward 2	RF, EK, GB
Snow Bunting	Jan. 31	10	Colborne area	JF
	Feb. 1	25	Colborne area	KB
	Feb. 20	200	Beech Hill Rd. and 7th Line	BW
	Feb. 21	400	Lakeshore & Dickson Rd., PH Ward 2	RF, GL
	Feb. 28	300+	9th Line, Gore's Landing	DS
	Feb. 28	50	Cty. Rd. #18, Roseneath Landing	DS
Northern Cardinal	Feb. 22	1	in song, Brand Rd., PH Ward 2	BW
Red-winged Blackbird	Feb. 6	1	Lake St. Marsh, PH	GL
Rusty Blackbird	Feb. 26	4	Wesleyville Rd./Lakeshore, PH Ward 2	MB
Common Grackle	Feb. 25	1	between Haskill rd. and Dickinson Rd.	BW
Brown Headed Cowbird	Feb. 15	10	between Haskill rd. and Dickinson Rd.	BW
	Feb. 22	28	Lakeshore Rd. and Brand Rd.	BW
	Feb. 28	36	Haskill Rd. and Dickinson	BW, MS
	Mar. 1	28	Lakeshore Rd. & Haskill Rd., PH Ward 2	MB
Pine Grosbeak	Jan. 31/Feb. 1	3	Kellog Rd. (green gate)	MR
	Feb. 22	100+	five flocks near Roseneath	DS
	Feb. 23	2	Harwood	MB
	Feb. 28	1	Perrytown Rd.	BW
Purple Finch	Feb. 14	1m,1f	Knoxville Rd. and 5th Line feeder	BW
	Feb. 22	1	Roseneath area	DS
Red Crossbill	Feb. 12	20	Dickinson Road and Lakeshore Rd.	BW
White-winged Crossbill	Feb. 3	1	Blue trail Northumberland Forest	BW
Common Redpoll	Feb. 22	25	Roseneath area	DS
Pine Siskin	Feb. 3, 10, 22	1,3,3	Durham St., PH at feeder	EK
Coyote	Feb.11	1	Farini Road and 7th Line	BW
	Feb.12	3	calling, Wesleyville village (2p.m.)	BW
	Feb.18	1	Deer Park Road	BW
	Feb.21	3	Lakeshore Rd. and Brand Rd.	BW

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