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STATISTICAE CANADENSIS

While we've waited to the last minute to get this issue to the printer, we fear there are still updated personal statistics in the mail that, due to the strike, have failed to arrive. So, some of the numbers shown below may be stale but there is nothing more we can do about it.

Latest life lists for the western provinces and territories that we have are:

<u>British Columbia</u>	
David Stirling, Victoria.	360
Allen Poynter, Vancouver.	351
Richard Cannings, Vancouver.	329
David Mark, London, Ont.	320
Brian Kautesk, Vancouver.	317
Doug Kragh, Vancouver.	285
Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	283
Roger Foxall, Ottawa, Ont.	277
Kathleen Collins, Vernon.	276
Alex Gray, Mississauga, Ont.	260
Paul Pratt, Leamington, Ont.	260
Larry Neily, Kingston, N.S.	258
Dan Brunton, Ottawa, Ont.	245
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	239
Luke Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	232
Bruce Mactavish, Waverley, N.S.	228

<u>Alberta</u>	
Eric Tull, Edmonton.	296
Dan Brunton, Ottawa, Ont.	252
David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	252
Fred Helleiner, Peterborough.	213
Luke Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	201

<u>Saskatchewan</u>	
Stan Shadick, Saskatoon.	278
Guy Wapple, Biggar.	265
Richard Poulin, Ottawa, Ont.	221
Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	204

<u>Manitoba</u>	
Rob Walker, Rocky Harbour, Nfld.	253
Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	240
David Mark, London, Ont.	207
Stan Shadick, Saskatoon, Sask.	198

<u>Yukon</u>	
Richard Cannings, Vancouver, B.C.	130
Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	130
Richard Poulin, Ottawa, Ont.	103

<u>Northwest Territories</u>	
Alan Wormington, Leamington, Ont.	167
Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	144

With the November issue, we'll include a new form for reporting all life lists. So, if the above figures are not showing your latest numbers, just wait.

There will also be a new ballot for most-wanted species. Since our last report on this statistical phase of birding, there will likely be a drop in the placings of mountain plover, yellow rail and Ross's gull, all being species that several birders have added this summer.

Do you ever feel that additions to lists already swelling with rarities are very unlikely and hardly worth working for?

Norm Chesterfield, who already leads the Canada life list parade, added no fewer than 5 species in a 4-week period this summer -- mountain plover, black vulture, curlew sandpiper, long-toed stint and brown pelican. These birds were seen by several other subscribers but, so far as we know, no one else saw them all.

Also in next issue, we'll review lists for locations, big days, and big years. So, if you have updated information for any of these categories, let us know by September 20th. Thanks.

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HOW'S YOUR ATPAT LIST?

What is the best way to measure how extensively and intensively birders have covered Canada, coast to coast, and from the U.S. border to the Arctic?

Is there a better way than to take life lists for every province and territory and add them together? Call it, "All Territories and Provinces Added Together," bearing the acronym, "ATPAT."

At present, we're not sure who, among those filing Information Sheets, leads in this category but it is almost sure to be Eric Tull who has significant numbers in every territory and province. Based on most-recent numbers at hand, Eric's ATPAT score is 2,545.

The reason we can't be sure of authentic ratings is that several birders may have left certain provincial numbers blank because they were considered too low to be relevant at time of filing. From those we do have, the highest 10 ATPAT's are:

Eric Tull, Edmonton, Alta.	2545
Bruce Mactavish, Waverley, N.S.	1832
Larry Neily, Kingston, N.S.	1618
Luke Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	1553
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	1552
David Mark, London, Ont.	1514
Richard Poulin, Ottawa, Ont.	1392
Roger Foxall, Ottawa, Ont.	1385
Dan Brunton, Ottawa, Ont.	1185
David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	1038

Starting with the November questionnaire we'll hope all figures are reported so we can be more confident when reporting future ATPAT scores.

David Mark is our only subscriber to report 300 or more species in more than one province. He has 320 in British Columbia and 300 in Ontario.

LATE FLASH !!!!

We have just seen a copy of the new book, "Point Pelee."

This quality-produced volume is one of a series by Oxford University Press following other titles such as, "The Okanagan; Image of Acadia; Newfoundland and Labrador," etc.

"Point Pelee" is a delightful anthology of superb colour photographs by William Reynolds. Pelee's scenery and wildlife are well represented. Bird photography ranges from the great egret, through the checklist to the scarlet tanager and indigo bunting.

Reynolds' talent and artistic flair as a wildlife photographer are unsurpassed. Descriptive captions under each picture plus an introduction by Park Naturalist Alan Wormington round out the book's pleasing content.

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