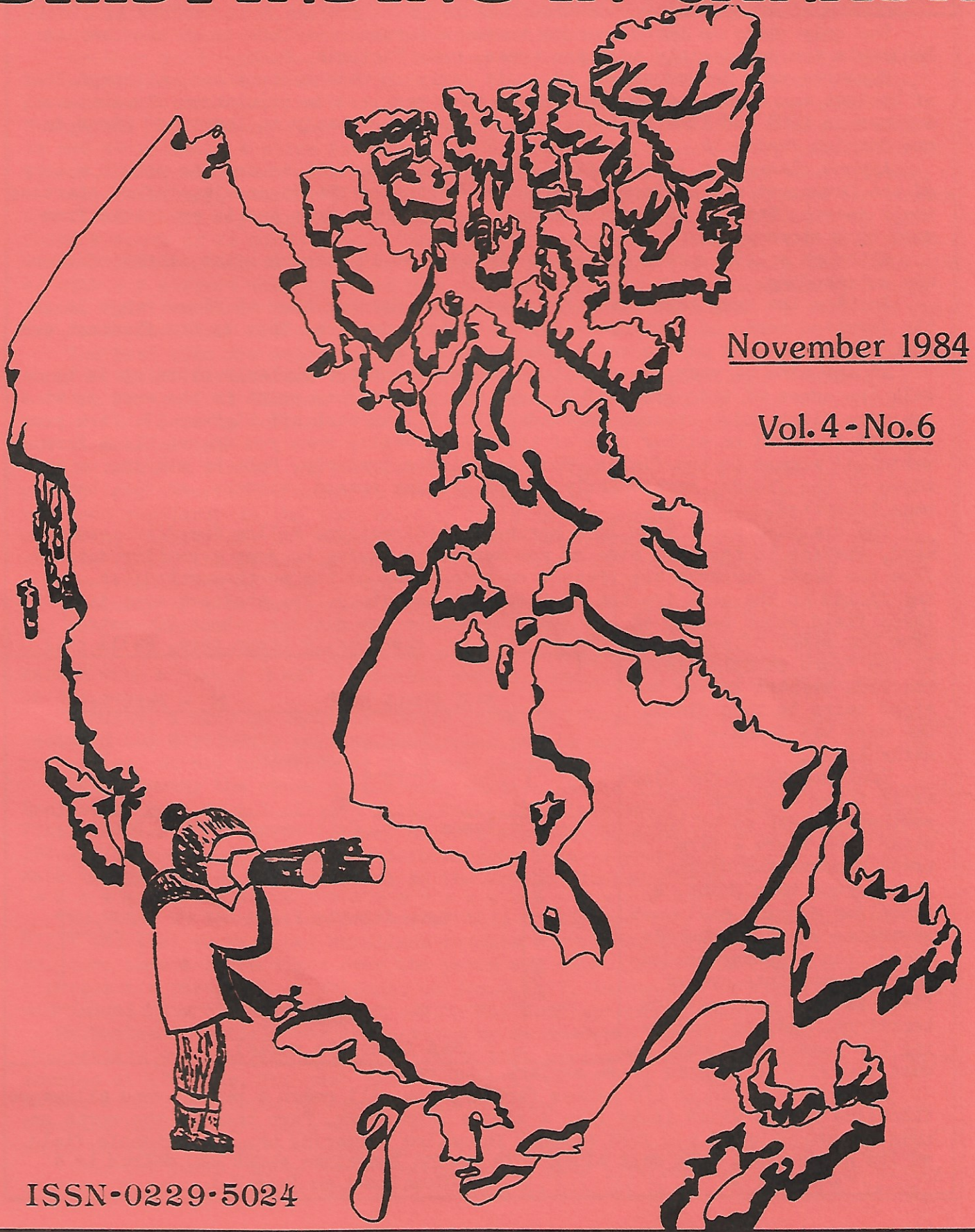


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Record Keeping

Our May and November issues are the ones in which we review a potpourri of miscellaneous types of personal birding statistics - so here goes.

First, let's look at lifelist ATPAT's - "ALL TERRITORIES AND PROVINCES ADDED TOGETHER." Of those reporting in the last 7 months, there are 26 with totals above 1000.

		ATPAT		
Eric Tull, Westmount, Que.		2670	Dan Brunton, Ottawa, Ont.	1548
Bruce Mactavish, St. John's, Nfld.	2021		Rick Howie, Kamloops, B.C.	1455
Hue MacKenzie, Burnaby, B.C.	1912		David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	1444
Jo Ann MacKenzie, Burnaby, B.C.	1901		Wayne Weber, Burnaby, B.C.	1372
Roger Burrows, St. John's, Nfld.	1858		Roger Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.	1358
David Mark, Tonawanda, N.Y.	1828		Stan Shadick, Saskatoon, Sask.	1352
Alex Gray, Mississauga, Ont.	1778		Bill Crins, Mississauga, Ont.	1200
Mike Bentley, Inuvik, N.W.T.	1749		Chris Adam, Regina, Sask.	1191
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	1692		Gordon Grief, Dugald, Man.	1188
Roger Foxall, Ottawa, Ont.	1667		Doug Kragh, Vancouver, B.C.	1180
Angus MacLean, Alma, N.B.	1661		Bob McDonald, Halifax, N.S.	1172
Blake Maybank, Rocky Harbour, Nfld.	1572		Richard Cannings, Vancouver, B.C.	1138
Luc Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	1565		Edge Pegg, Claremont, Ont.	1018

The ATPAT concept adds one more dimension of interest to many birders who visit neighbouring and distant provinces.

Reports relative to National Parks are obviously of interest to many. We encourage the idea of using these public areas more and more for birdfinding.

Following our May comments, we now have a figure for Auyuittuq, Canada's northernmost park. Auyuittuq is on Baffin Island, north of the 66th parallel of N. Lat. We find in Marylee Stephenson's "Canada's National Parks" that the word means "the land that never melts" and that it is pronounced eye-you-ee-tuk.

Stan Shadick was there July 19 to 25th, 1979 and ran up a list of 9 species. So that is our present standard for competitors to shoot at! We asked Stan for his list. Here it is: red-throated loon, rock ptarmigan, horned lark, common raven, northern wheatear, water pipit, Lapland longspur, snow bunting and common redpoll.

Although our Vice-President in charge of Forms Design omitted Point Pelee from our May ballot, there were enough write-in votes to make it far and away our "most reported" National Park. Fifteen birders reported life lists for Point Pelee of 230 species or more.

Alan Wormington	312	Scott Connop	264	Hue MacKenzie	245
Norm Chesterfield	307	Ron Scovell	256	Bill Clark	238
Bill Smith	276	Jo Ann MacKenzie	254	Pete Read	237
John Keenleyside	269	Bill Crins	248	Hugh Currie	232
Gerry Bennett	268	Geoff Carpentier	246	Gerry Binsfeld	230

In our May '84 review we had figures for only 11 parks. This time, we've added five more - Auyuittuq as mentioned above - plus Terra Nova, Kouchibouguac, Yoho and Elk Island. Two others were mentioned but figures were insignificant.

So, in due course we hope to be able to publish figures for them all. We need:

Mount Revelstoke	Nahanni	La Mauricie
Glacier	Waterton Lakes	Forillon
Kootenay	Pukaskwa	Kejimikujik
- 21 - Kluane	Georgian Bay Islands	Cape Breton Highlands

We had two or more reports for the following N.P.'s.

<u>GROS MORNE</u>		<u>KOUCHIBOUGUAC</u>	
Blake Maybank	166	Roger Burrows	205
Roger Burrows	138	Eric Tull	184
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>		<u>JASPER</u>	
Roger Burrows	195	Ken Walker	136
Angus MacLean	195	Wayne Weber	103
<u>FUNDY</u>		<u>RIDING MOUNTAIN</u>	
David Christie	199	Angus MacLean	219
Roger Burrows	195	Rob Walker	210
Brian Dalzell	164	<u>YOHO</u>	
Geoff Carpentier	142	Rick Howie	179
Rob Walker	127	Wayne Weber	120

And, there was one report only for each of the following:

Terra Nova - Roger Burrows	163	Elk Island - Wayne Weber	127
St. Lawrence Is. - Gerry Bennett	110	Banff - Dan Brunton	161
Prince Albert - Blake Maybank	181	Pacific Rim-David Stirling	164
Wood Buffalo - Ken Walker		83	

 For the various locations preprinted on our questionnaire --

<u>Victoria Birding Area</u>	<u>Calgary Birding Area</u>	<u>Hamilton Birding Area</u>
David Stirling 282	Allen Wiseley 263	Alan Wormington 307
Ray Williams 254	Andrew Slater 245	Kevin McLaughlin 286
Jack Williams 218		Bill Crins 273
Wayne Weber 200		
	<u>Regina Area</u>	<u>Toronto Birding Area</u>
	Chris Adam 247	Don Perks 336
<u>Vancouver Island</u>	<u>Saskatoon Area</u>	Gerry Bennett 311
David Stirling 289	Stan Shadick 263	Harry Kerr 309
Ray Williams 261		Margaret Bain 305
Jack Williams 218	<u>Oak Hammock Marsh</u>	Eileen Kerr 303
Wayne Weber 216	Gordon Grief 214	Alex Gray 298
	<u>Winnipeg Birding Area</u>	John Keenleyside 297
<u>Vancouver Birding Area</u>	Gordon Grief 151	Edge Pegg 285
Brian Kautesk 328	<u>Moosonee, Ont.</u>	<u>Presqu'île Park</u>
Wayne Weber 284	Alan Wormington 216	Geoff Carpentier 247
Mike Force 278		John Thomson 245
Jack Williams 263	<u>Algonquin Park, Ont.</u>	Martin Parker 220
Colin Butt 249	Bill Crins 189	Gerry Bennett 216
Dale Jensen 246		Ted McDonald 207
Dave Mark 245	<u>Rondeau Park, Ont.</u>	Hue MacKenzie 201
Richard Cannings 244	Allen Woodliffe 299	Michael McEvoy 200
Mike McGrenere 238	Terrie Woodrow 166	
	<u>Long Point, Ont.</u>	<u>Ottawa Area</u>
<u>Okanagan Valley</u>	Terrie Woodrow 224	Roger Foxall 300
Mary Collins 254	Gerry Bennett 162	Hue MacKenzie 293
Richard Cannings 253		Roger Taylor 287
Wayne Weber 210		Jo Ann MacKenzie 282
David Stirling 208		Frank Bell 269
		Bill Clark 268

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RECORD KEEPING....(Cont'd from Page 22.)

One of the by-products of collecting and publishing Location List data is assisting readers in learning who the birding contacts are in various areas they might be planning to visit. We're sorry not to be able to print all of the "write-in" locations. They're all of interest to us and we hope you continue reporting them for future issues. Here are some of them.

Sea & Iona Islands, B.C.- Brian Kautesk	226		
Stanley Park, Vancouver - Brian Kautesk	204		
Kamloops Area (1 latilong) - Rick Howie	235		
Manning Provincial Park, B.C. - Wayne Weber	104		
Peace River District, B.C.-Chris Siddle	229		
Athabasca, Alta. Area - David Stirling	195		
Inside The Arctic Circle-Richard Cannings	104		
*Greenwater Prov.Park,Sask. - Chris Adam	122		
Birds Hill Park, Man. - Gordon Grief	149		
Churchill, Man. - Blake Maybank	121		
" " - Stan Shadick	100		
Ratray's Marsh, Mississauga, Ont.-Alex Gray	211		
Pembroke, Ont. (50km radius)-Jacques Pouvier	214		
			Ontario Counties, Districts or Regions
		Durham - Jim Richards	273
		Grey/Bruce -Martin Parker	248
		Lambton - Scott Connop	277
		Muskoka - Bob Bowles	222
		Peel - Gerry Bennett	246
		Peterborough-G.Carpentier	263
		Rainy River- Dave Elder	240
		" " -A.Wormington	234
		Simcoe - Bill Zufelt	250
		*York - Gerry Bennett	291

* Includes Metro Toronto

* Represents 83% of known and suspected breeding species.

We know there are totals of 300+ for Kent (A.Woodliffe) and Essex (A.Wormington) but are not up to date on exact #'s.

One item obviously popular among birders is the "lot list" - species noted on, or from, one's property. It does indeed provide an interesting ongoing project for each individual. However, since property sizes may vary from an apartment window ledge to a 1000-acre farm, comparisons are not meaningful.

Having said all that, we must add that we're always interested in hearing of such lists and their venues. Some, at hand, include Barry Attridge's list of 81 species from the balcony of a 6th-floor apartment in downtown London, Ont.; Gordon Grief's total of 155 for a residential property in Dugald, Man.; and, especially, of Rosemary Gaymer's record of 141 species from her Oakville apartment which, happily overlooks a stretch of typha marsh, a creek and a piece of Lake Ontario!

Enclosed with this issue, is a new questionnaire blank for updating records. Also, this time, it includes our annual "20 Most Wanted Species" ballot.

If you intend to fill in any, or all, of the questionnaire, please try to have it in our hands by November, 25, 1984.

The "Most Wanted" data is invaluable in helping us know what birds we should be telling you about - where to find them - who has seen them - and how to get there.

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