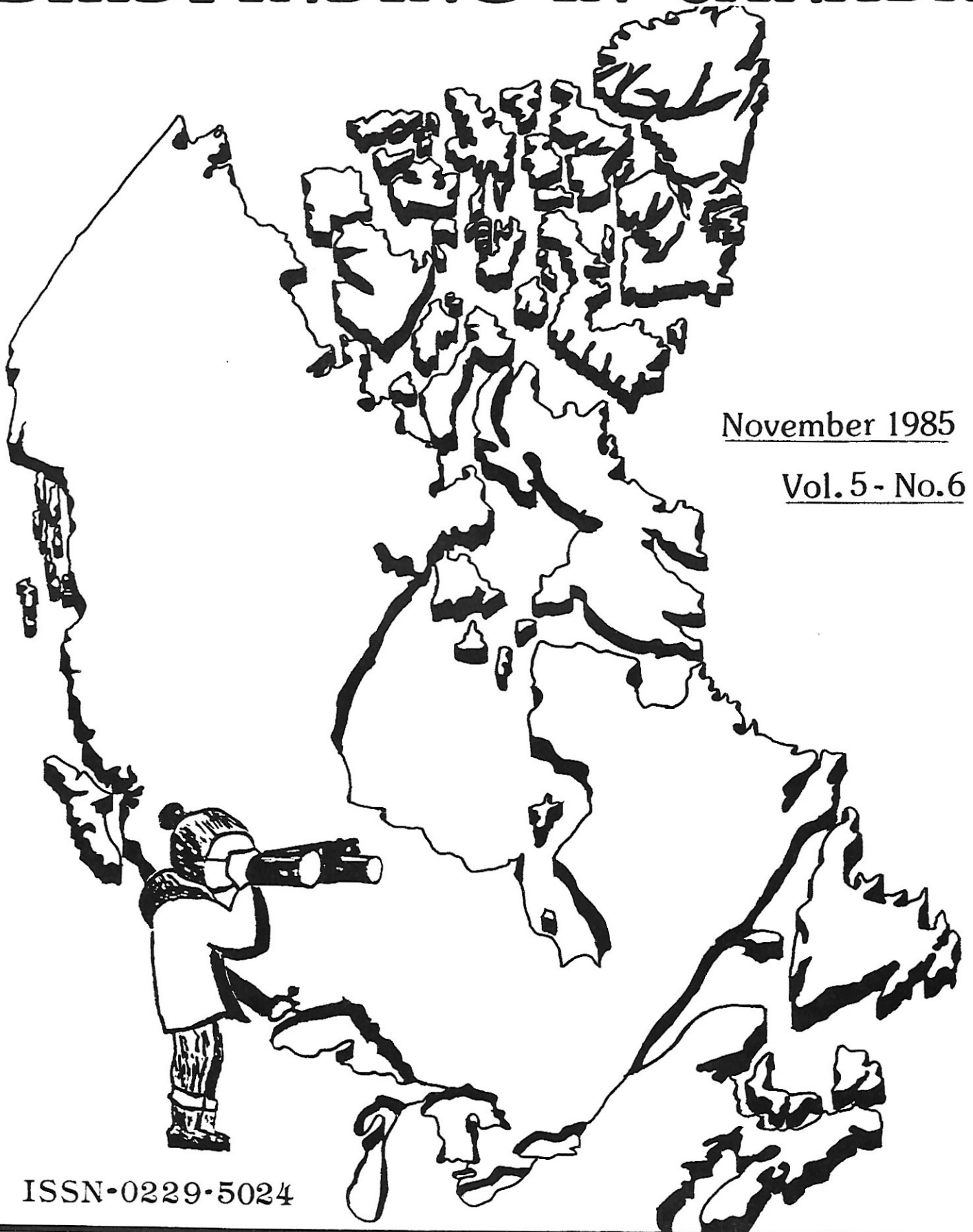


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Record Keeping

Our May and November issues are the ones in which we review miscellaneous types of personal records.

We'll start with updated ATPAT figures - All Territories and Provinces Added Together" - a popular type of composite life list reflecting, to some extent, birders' country-wide coverage.

As of Sept.25th, 27 subscribers had reported ATPAT scores of 1000 or more. Here they are:

Eric Tull, Westmount, Que.	2674	Rick Howie, Kamloops, B.C.	1463
Bruce Mactavish, St. John's, Nfld	2035	David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	1451
Alex Gray, Mississauga, Ont.	1934	Wayne Weber, Vancouver, B.C.	1383
Hue MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1925	Stan Shadick, Saskatoon, Sask.	1368
Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1914	Roger Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.	1359
Roger Burrows, St. John's, Nfld.	1876	Edge Pegg, Claremont, Ont.	1308
Roger Foxall, Halifax, N.S.	1851	Gordon Grief, Dugald, Man.	1219
Dave Mark, Tonawanda, N.Y.	1848	Bob McDonald, Halifax, N.S.	1209
Blake Maybank, R. Harbour, Nfld.	1812	Bill Crins, Mississauga, Ont.	1204
Mike Bentley, Victoria, B.C.	1749	Chris Adam, Regina, Sask.	1191
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	1693	Doug Kragh, Vancouver, B.C.	1183
Angus MacLean, Alma, N.B.	1681	Richard Cannings, Vancouver, B.C.	1139
Luke Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	1578	Bill Clark, Ottawa, Ont.	1077
		Peter Gilchrist, Toronto, Ont.	1037

Our results of trying to develop data on Life Lists for our National Parks have been spotty. Clearly, several of these areas for various reasons, lack appeal to a large number of subscribers. Our smallest National Park - Point Pelee - is by far the most publicized - and 24 readers have reported lists of 230 species or more.

Alan Wormington	317	Kevin McLaughlin	262	John Miles	245
Norm Chesterfield	307	Don Perks	260	Mike Austin	244
Wilf Botham	285	Ron Scovell	256	Hugh Currie	242
Scott Connop	270	Jo Ann MacKenzie	254	Bill Clark	238
Bill Smith	270	Roger Burrows	250	Pete Read	237
John Keenleyside	269	Geoff Carpentier	248	Herb Elliott	233
Gerry Bennett	268	Bill Crins	248	Lorraine Foott	232
Luke Fazio	268	Hue MacKenzie	245	Gerry Binsfeld	231

Some other National Park Life Lists are:

<u>GROS MORNE</u>		<u>FUNDY</u>		<u>JASPER</u>	
Blake Maybank	176	David Christie	199	Ken Walker	136
Rob Walker	147	Brian Dalzell	167	Wayne Weber	103
Roger Burrows	143	Roger Burrows	154		
		Angus MacLean	152	<u>ELK ISLAND</u>	
<u>KOUCHIBOUGUAC</u>		Geoff Carpentier	142	Wayne Weber	127
Roger Burrows	205	Rob Walker	140	Ken Walker	98
Eric Tull	184				
<u>PRINCE EDWARD IS.</u>		<u>RIDING MOUNTAIN</u>		<u>YOHO</u>	
Roger Burrows	195	Angus MacLean	219	Rick Howie	179
Angus MacLean	195	Rob Walker	210	Wayne Weber	120

Other National Parks for which we have at least one report include:

Terra Nova	- Roger Burrows	165
Cape Breton Highlands	- Roger Burrows	167
Kejimikujik	- Roger Burrows	148
Prince Albert	- Blake Maybank	181
Banff	- Wayne Weber	74
Wood Buffalo	- Ken Walker	83
Pacific Rim	- David Stirling	164

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Now for some numbers for various birding areas and locations.

<u>Victoria, B.C.</u>		<u>Okanagan Valley, B.C.</u>		<u>Toronto, Ont.</u>	
David Stirling	283	Mary Collins	261	Don Perks	339
Ray Williams	257	Dick Cannings	260	Gerry Bennett	312
Jack Williams	218	Phil Ranson	226	Harry Kerr	309
Wayne Weber	207	Wayne Weber	219	Margaret Bain	306
		David Stirling	210	Eileen Kerr	303
				Alex Gray	301
				Luke Fazio	298
				John Keenleyside	297
<u>Vancouver Island</u>		<u>Churchill, Man.</u>		Alan Wormington	293
David Stirling	290	Al Chartier	176	Edge Pegg	286
Ray Williams	265	Gordon Grieff	122	Herb Elliott	270
Wayne Weber	223	Blake Maybank	121	Jo Ann MacKenzie	266
Jack Williams	218	Bill Clark	109	Alvaro Jaramillo	247
Stan Shadick	200				
		<u>Long Point, Ont.</u>		<u>Presqu'ile Pt. Ont.</u>	
		Barry Jones	263	Geoff Carpentier	254
		Alan Wormington	261	John Thomson	254
<u>Vancouver, B.C.</u>		John Miles	257	Martin Parker	220
Brian Kautesk	332	Terrie Woodrow	252	Gerry Bennett	216
Wayne Weber	290	Jeff Skevington	232	Ted McDonald	207
Mike Force	287	Roy Smith	232	Michael McEvoy	202
Doug Kragh	285			Hue MacKenzie	201
Jack Williams	263	<u>Hamilton, Ont.</u>			
Colin Butt	255	Alan Wormington	307		
Dale Jensen	254	John Miles	295	<u>Ottawa, Ont.</u>	
Hue MacKenzie	252	Kevin McLaughlin	292	Roger Foxall	300
Jo Ann MacKenzie	252	Barry Jones	284	Hue MacKenzie	293
Dave Mark	245	Bill Crins	273	Roger Taylor	290
Dick Cannings	244			Jo Ann MacKenzie	282
Mike McGrenere	241	<u>Brier Island, N.S.</u>		Frank Bell	271
Rick Howie	201	Eric Mills	260	Bill Clark	269
		Lance Laviolette	185	Gordon Pringle	237
Sea & Iona Islands - Wayne Weber	207	Moosonee, Ont. - Alan Wormington			216
B.C.'s Peace River Dist. - Chris Siddle	233	Muskoka Dist., Ont. - Bob Bowles			224
Kamloops B.C. Latilong - Rick Howie	239	Simcoe Co. Ont. - Bill Zufelt			251
Mount Robson Park - Dick Cannings	105	Leslie St. Spit, Tor. A. Jaramillo			192
Athabasca Region, Alta. David Stirling	195	Kingston, Ont. - Paul Mackenzie			273
Regina, Sask - Chris Adam	247	" " - Joel Ellis			262
Saskatoon, Sask. - Stan Shadick	266	Montreal, Que. - Mabel McIntosh			307
Winnipeg, Man. - Gordon Grieff	180	Grand Manan, N.B. - Brian Dalzell			261
Oak Hammock Marsh, Man. - Gordon Grieff	216	Codroy Valley, Nfld. - B. Maybank			175
Birds Hill Park, Man. - Gordon Grieff	160	St. John's, Nfld. - Roger Burrows			153
Rondeau Prov. Pk. Ont. - A. Woodliffe	300				

Dick Cannings has a life list of 105 species in Canada north of the Arctic Circle. Eric Tull has observed 112 species north of "The Circle" of which 98 were in Canada.

Mike McGrenere keeps a record of species observed above 1500 metres elevation (approx. 4900 ft.) which stands at 70 species and includes such unexpected items as Common Tern, Bonaparte's and Mew Gulls, both Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs, Barn Swallow plus Horned, Red-necked and Western Grebe.

Location lists can, of course, be combined with a time dimension - most species in one province in a year (Mike Force had 336 in B.C. in 1983) - most species in a day within prescribed limits - etc.

Alan Wormington has a life list of 155 in the Northwest Territories. An oddity - they were all in one year - 1973.

We've watched the "most species in the month of May at Point Pelee" with interest over the years. Several decades ago, faithful Pelee pilgrims talked of 200 as being possible. But, like the four minute mile, it proved a worthy challenge. Jim Baillie's best mark over almost 40 years was 197. The first person we know of who broke the mark was Bob Trowern who rented a cottage inside the Park, spent the whole month of May there and totalled 207 species. The record is now 222, held by Alan Wormington in 1982. Alan feels this will stand for many years. "I just didn't have any blanks at all on the whole list of possibles," he told us, and sounded as though he had no plans to try it again. So - there's a real challenge for anyone with the month of May free.

This theme can be applied any definable area over whatever time span fits. We find it an excellent way to add a little interest to a certain month, the winter season, and always keep a year's list for the municipality in which we live - the Town of Vaughan.

And, we're always interested in hearing of our readers' similar projects.

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Enclosed with this issue is a new reporting form for updating personal 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 back in our hands by November 25, 1985.

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

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