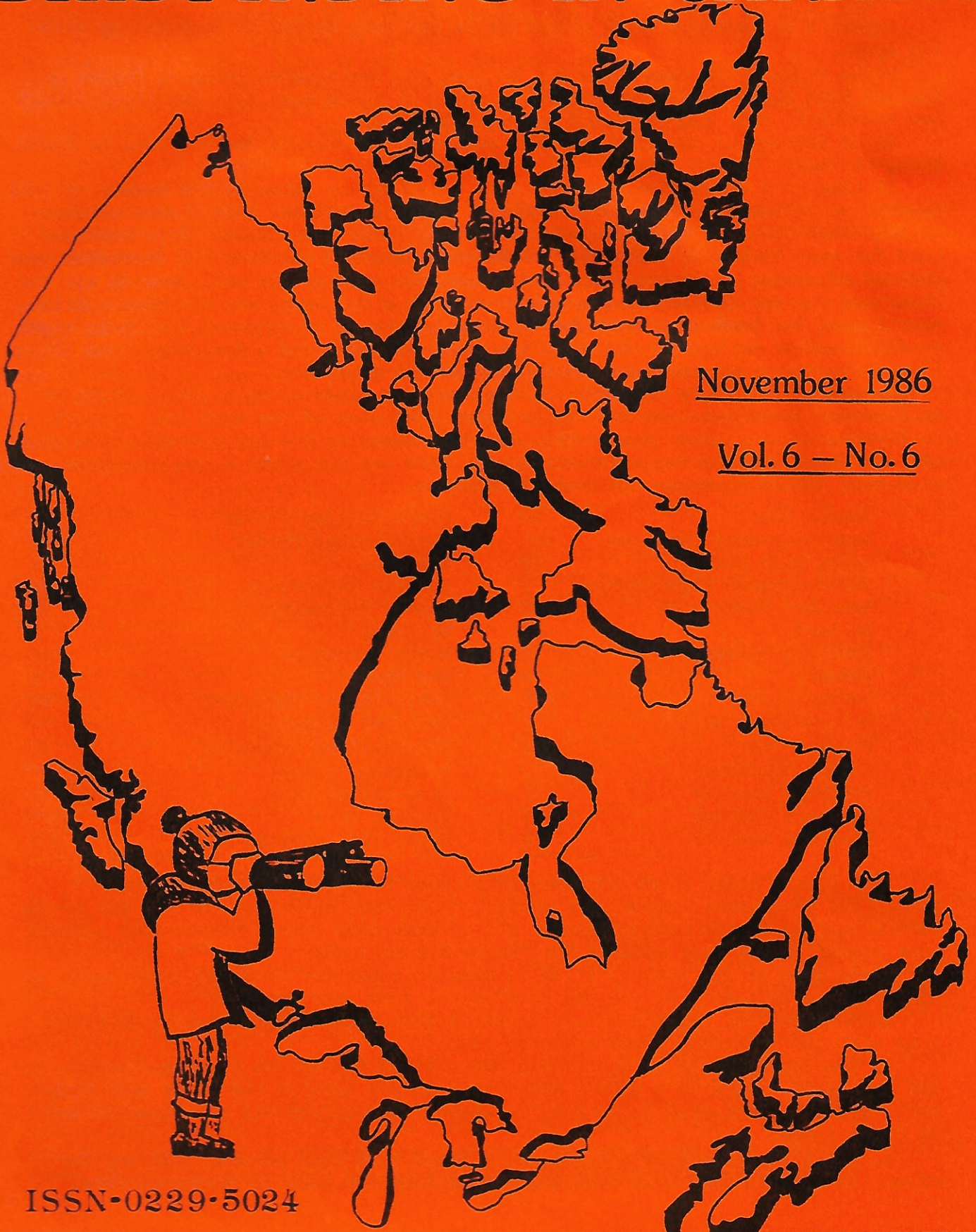


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# Record Keeping

Since we started keeping these types of birdwatching records, we've noted with some surprise how few observers have life lists of 300 species or more in more than one province. And, until very recently, we had no one at all who had 300 in three provinces.

However, this mark has now been reached. Followers of these pages will not be at all surprised to know that it is Eric Tull, whose latest life list totals include 305 in British Columbia; 304 in Ontario and 300 in Alberta.

We have two subscribers with 300 or more in two provinces: Mabel McIntosh - Quebec and Ontario; and David Mark - British Columbia and Ontario.

--- which leads us nicely into a look at ATPAT figures - aggregate life lists for All Territories and Provinces Added Together. As of Sept.25/86, we have 29 readers with current scores of 1000 or more. Here they are:

	<u>ATPAT</u>		
Eric Tull, Westmount, Que.	2701	Wayne Weber, Vancouver, B.C.	1392
Bruce Mactavish, St. John's, Nfld.	2044	Roger Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.	1359
Roger Foxall, Halifax, N.S.	1978	Edge Pegg, Claremont, Ont.	1315
Alex Gray, Mississauga, Ont.	1974	Bill Crins, Vancouver, B.C.	1285
Hue MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1939	Gordon Grieff, Dugald, Man.	1257
Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1927	Chris Adam, Regina, Sask.	1248
David Mark, Tonawanda, N.Y.	1909	Paul Mackenzie, Kingston, Ont.	1231
Roger Burrows, St. John's, Nfld.	1896	Bob McDonald, Halifax, N.S.	1220
Blake Maybank, Rocky Harbour, Nfld.	1834	Doug Kragh, Vancouver, B.C.	1185
Mike Bentley, Victoria, B.C.	1760	Bill Clark, Ottawa, Ont.	1150
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	1743	Richard Cannings, Vancouver, B.C.	1144
Angus MacLean, Alma, N.B.	1694	Peter Gilchrist, Toronto, Ont.	1144
David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	1473	Brooke Clibbon, Westmount, Que.	1064
Rick Howie, Kamloops, B.C.	1463	Rolph Davis, King City, Ont.	1036
Stan Shadick, Saskatoon, Sask.	1402		

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For those who can't get too many statistics, here are some variations on the ATPAT theme.

- Aggregates of:
1. Your "biggest day ever" in each Territory and Province -  
--- BDATPAT.
  2. "Biggest year ever" in each - BYATPAT.
  3. Biggest single year - SYATPAT.

--- all of which brings us back to Eric Tull, who reports his scores as follows:  
BDATPAT - 1142 with highest ever one-day total being 162 in Manitoba and days of 100+ in three other provinces - Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. (Who else has had 100+ days in four or more provinces?)

BYATPAT - 2012 with no single provincial year over 240, and,  
SYATPAT - 1186.

Here are life lists for our "most reported" National Park - Point Pelee:

Alan Wormington	320	Don Perks	262	Allen Woodliffe	246
Norm Chesterfield	309	Ron Scovell	256	Hue MacKenzie	245
Wilf Botham	285	Jo Ann MacKenzie	254	Mike Austin	244
Bill Smith	279	Roger Burrows	250	Hugh Currie	242
John Keenleyside	271	Geoff Carpentier	249	Bill Clark	240
Gerry Bennett	268	Bill Crins	248	Lorraine Foott	239
Scott Connop	264	John Miles	247	Pete Read	237
Kevin McLaughlin	262			Gerry Binsfeld	230

Some more National Park figures, recently reported, are:

- Pacific Rim - David Stirling 164.
- Yoho - Rick Howie 179; Wayne Weber 120.
- Wood Buffalo - Ken Walker 83.
- Elk Island - Wayne Weber 127; Ken Walker 113.
- Prince Albert - Blake Maybank 181.
- Riding Mountain - Angus MacLean 219; Rob Walker 210.
- Fundy - David Christie 199; Angus MacLean 158;  
                   Roger Burrows 154; Rob Walker 146; Geoff Carpentier 142.
- Prince Edward Island - Roger Burrows 195; Angus MacLean 195.
- Gros Morne - Blake Maybank 183; Rob Walker 147; Roger Burrows 145.
- Nahanni - John Geale 41.
- Auyuittuq - Stan Shadick 9.
- Roger Burrows also reports: Kouchibouguac 205; Kejimikujik 138;  
                                   Cape Breton 167; Terra Nova 173.

Here are our latest life list totals for some of the most frequented locations.

<u>Victoria</u>		<u>Okanagan Valley</u>		<u>Long Point, Ont.</u>	
David Stirling	284	Mary Collins	265	Terrie Woodrow	264
Ray Williams	263	Dick Cannings	262	Vic Fazio	263
Bruce Whittington	236	Phil Ranson	245	Barry Jones	263
Mike Bentley	230	Wayne Weber	230	Alan Wormington	261
Mike McGrenere	221	David Stirling	217	John Miles	257
Jack Williams	219			Jeff Skevington	253
Wayne Weber	216				
		<u>Ottawa/Hull</u>		<u>Churchill, Man.</u>	
<u>Vancouver Island</u>		Roger Foxall	300	Mary Collins	122
David Stirling	291	Hue MacKenzie	293	Gordon Grief	122
Ray Williams	270	Roger Taylor	290	Blake Maybank	121
Mike Bentley	240	Jo Ann MacKenzie	285	Bill Clark	108
Mike McGrenere	239	Bill Clark	270	Stan Shadick	100
Jack Williams	235	Daniel St. Hilaire	249		
Wayne Weber	225	Gordon Pringle	244	<u>Toronto</u>	
Stan Shadick	206	Blake Maybank	217	Don Perks	339
				Margaret Bain	312
		<u>Presqu' Ile, Ont.</u>		Gerry Bennett	312
<u>Vancouver</u>		Geoff Carpentier	261	Harry Kerr	312
Brian Kautesk	329	John Thomson	257	Ron Scovell	309
Mike Force	294	Martin Parker	220	Eileen Kerr	308
Wayne Weber	294	Gerry Bennett	217	Alex Gray	302
Doug Kragh	291	Ron Tozer	216	John Keenleyside	298
Jack Williams	265	Michael McEvoy	207	Alan Wormington	293
Jo Ann MacKenzie	264	Clayton Vardy	204	Edge Pegg	288
Dale Jensen	263	Hue MacKenzie	201	Herb Elliott	283
Hue MacKenzie	263	Ron Scovell	200	Jo Ann MacKenzie	266
Colin Butt	258			<u>Hamilton</u>	
David Mark	245	<u>Winnipeg</u>		Alan Wormington	307
Dick Cannings	242	Robert Parsons	217	John Miles	295
Mike McGrenere	239	Gordon Grief	181	Kevin McLaughlin	292
				Barry Jones	284
				Bill Crins	273

Here are a few totals adding a "time frame" dimension:

Herb Elliott observed 250 species in the Toronto area in 1983.

Mike Force had a one-day total in the Vancouver area of 145 species on May 18/85 and 106 on a winter day, Jan. 20, 1985, all these within the checklist area.

And, let's finish with some more personal life location lists.

Peace River District, B.C. - Chris Siddle 239.  
Calgary, Alta. - Andrew Slater 261.  
Saskatoon, Sask. - Stan Shadick 269.  
Regina, Sask. - Chris Adam 260.  
Oak Hammock Marsh, Man. - Gordon Grieff 218.  
Birds Hill Park, Man. - Gordon Grieff 165.  
Rainy River Dist., Ont. - Alan Wormington 235.  
Thunder Bay Dist., Ont. - Alan Wormington 241.  
Lambton Co., Ont. - Scott Connop 282.  
Rondeau Area, Ont. - Allen Woodliffe 302.  
Muskoka Dist., Ont. - Bob Bowles 227.  
Simcoe Co., Ont. - Bill Zufelt 251.  
Algonquin Park, Ont. - Ron Tozer 219; Bill Crins 192.  
Peterborough, Ont. - G. Carpentier 267; C. Vardy 212.  
Oshawa, Ont. - George Scott 292.  
Kingston, Ont. - Paul Mackenzie 277; Joel Ellis 270.  
Montreal, Que. - Mabel McIntosh 307; Jim Houghton 295.  
Quebec City - Charles Vachon 258.  
Brier Is. N.S. - Bruce Mactavish 235; L. Laviolette 191.  
Grand Manan, N.B. - Brian Dalzell 265.  
Codroy Valley, Nfld. - Blake Maybank 179; R. Burrows 157.  
St. John's, Nfld. - B. Mactavish 219; R. Burrows 172.  
Cambridge Bay, N.W.T. - Stan Shadick 37.

and, finally, from his office window in Victoria, B.C. -

David Stirling - 63!

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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 mail it back to us within 5 days of receipt.

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

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