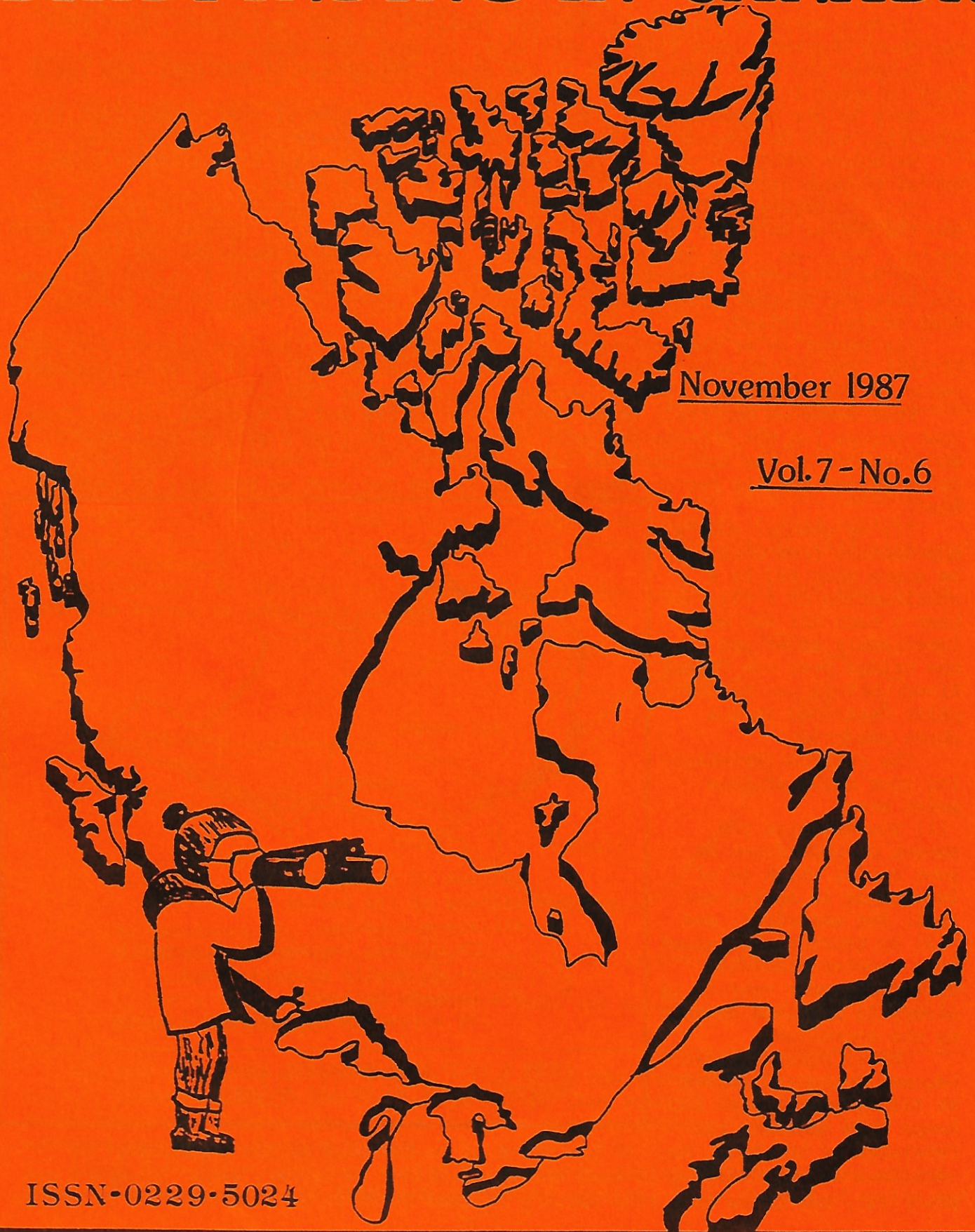


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# Record Keeping

In our November issue, we traditionally review subscribers' life lists for a variety of miscellaneous locations in Canada.

First, let's look at "ATPAT" figures - "All Territories and Provinces Added Together."

Eric Tull, London, Ont.	2718	Rick Howie, Kamloops, B.C.	1468
Wayne Neily, Winnipeg, Man.	2544	Stan Shadick, Saskatoon, Sask.	1415
Roger Foxall, Halifax, N.S.	2142	Roger Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.	1415
Bruce Mactavish, St. John's, Nfld.	2049	Edge Pegg, Claremont, Ont.	1409
Alex Gray, Mississauga, Ont.	1974	Paul Mackenzie, Kingston, Ont.	1404
Hue MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1966	Bill Crins, Vancouver, B.C.	1343
Jo Ann MacKenzie, Surrey, B.C.	1958	Gordon Grief, Dugald, Man.	1305
Roger Burrows, St. John's, Nfld.	1936	Jack Williams, White Rock, B.C.	1303
Dave Mark, Tonawanda, N.Y.	1914	Chris Adam, Regina, Sask.	1253
Peter Hamel, Toronto, Ont.	1902	Bill Clark, Ottawa, Ont.	1244
Blake Maybank, Rocky Harbour, Nfld.	1874	Richard Cannings, Vancouver, BC.	1202
Larry Neily, Ottawa, Ont.	1800	Peter Gilchrist, Toronto, Ont.	1144
Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge, Ont.	1747	Ian Roseby, Verdun, Que.	1134
Helen Inch, London, Ont.	1716	Harv Lane, Los Angeles, Calif.	1084
Angus MacLean, Alma, N.B.	1709	Brooke Clibbon, London, Ont.	1080
Spencer Inch, London, Ont.	1687	Rolph Davis, King City, Ont.	1068
Luke Fazio, Mississauga, Ont.	1578	Richard Klauke, St. Paul, Alta.	1064
David Stirling, Victoria, B.C.	1537	Theo Hofmann, Thornhill, Ont.	1036
Wayne Weber, Vancouver, B.C.	1518	Ken Thorpe, Montreal, Que.	1020
Bob McDonald, Halifax, N.S.	1475	Terrie Woodrow, Port Ryerse, On.	1014

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In our previous issue, figures for Yukon and Northwest Territories had to be omitted, due to lack of space. They are now included in the following location lists.

<u>YUKON</u>		<u>VANCOUVER ISLAND</u>		<u>OKANAGAN VALLEY</u>	
Richard Cannings	155	David Stirling	295	Mary Collins	269
Eric Tull	133	Ray Williams	270	Dick Cannings	262
David Stirling	126	Mike McGrenere	253	Phil Ranson	250
<u>NORTHWEST TERRITORIES</u>		Wayne Weber	235	Wayne Weber	234
Phil Ranson	176	Jack Williams	235	David Stirling	221
Rolph Davis	166	Stan Shadick	208	Rick Howie	205
Alan Wormington	155	<u>VANCOUVER CHECKLIST AREA</u>		Jo Ann MacKenzie	200
Eric Tull	151	Brian Kautesk	329	Doug Kragh	194
John Geale	131	Wayne Weber	298	Hue MacKenzie	186
Gordon Cameron	121	Mike Force	297	<u>CHURCHILL, MAN.</u>	
David Stirling	108	Doug Kragh	292	Bob Curry	139
		Jo Ann MacKenzie	271	Mary Collins	122
<u>VICTORIA, B.C.</u>		Hue MacKenzie	270	Gordon Grief	122
David Stirling	286	Jack Williams	265	Blake Maybank	1212
Ray Williams	263	Dale Jensen	263	Stan Shadick	115
Bruce Whittington	236	Colin Butt	259	Bill Clark	108
Mike McGrenere	233	Dick Cannings	245	<u>WINNIPEG, MAN.</u>	
Wayne Weber	220	Mike McGrenere	244	Robert Parsons	229
Jack Williams	219			Gordon Grief	185

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<u>LONG POINT,ONT.</u>		<u>HAMILTON</u>		<u>POINT PELEE,ONT.</u>	
Bob Curry	281	Bob Curry	320	Alan Wormington	321
Terrie Woodrow	268	Alan Wormington	307	Norm Chesterfield	309
Vic Fazio	263	Kevin McLaughlin	297	Wilf Botham	285
Barry Jones	263	John Miles	295	Bob Curry	281
Alan Wormington	262	Barry Jones	284	Bill Smith	273
John Miles	259	Bill Crins	273	Kevin McLaughlin	273
Jeff Skevington	253			John Keenleyside	271
		<u>PRESOU'ILE POINT,ONT.</u>		Scott Connop	268
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		Ron Tozer	216	Jo Ann MacKenzie	254
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		Larry Neily	226	Bill Clark	242
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Gerry Bennett	315				
Margaret Bain	313				
Eileen Kerr	310				
Ron Scovell	309				
Alex Gray	302				
Luke Fazio	298				
John Keenleyside	298				
Alan Wormington	293				
Edge Pegg	288				
Jo Ann MacKenzie	269				
Herb Elliott	251				
<u>BRIER ISLAND,N.S.</u>					
Eric Mills	268				
Lance Laviolette	192				
Larry Neily	191				

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#### CONDUCTING A BIRD LIST

We're aware of many variations of life lists - birds seen on television; spotted from an airplane; observed under water and so on. And, we've heard of a list of those noted from a train.

But, how about a life list of species observed from a train while you are the conductor? Gerry Binsfeld, of King City, Ont. has such a record. In 14 years of working on trains, north from Toronto, he has noted 118 species. Gerry says:

"This spring (1985) I saw a Golden Eagle and decided the time had come to compile a list of birds observed while I was on the train. Many have been noted from the caboose (no loud engine noise present) or while waiting in sidings.

We pass through a great variety of habitats, from farm fields through open lake-shore and swamps, beaver ponds and hardwood forest. I hope, some day, to add Barred Owl. When in sidings, in suitable habitats, I listen carefully."

Gerry's total includes such items as American Bittern, Oldsquaw, Turkey Vulture, Gray Partridge, Upland Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Caspian Tern, Snowy Owl, Short-eared Owl, Whip-poor-will, Wood Thrush, Golden-winged Warbler and Snow Bunting.

"It adds a dimension to my job that is truly rewarding and enjoyable," says Gerry. To which we might add, "Yes, Gerry, that it would, indeed!"

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#### CHESTERFIELD CLOSES IN ON 500

Nobody has ever observed 500 species of birds in Canada. But, just a bit of good fortune will make it a fait accompli for Norm Chesterfield of Wheatley, Ont.

In the past few months, Norm has added American Oystercatcher on the Atlantic coast, a Costa's Hummingbird in B.C., then #498 - a Terek Sandpiper on the coast of Vancouver Island.

So, lots of luck, Norm! Get those next two and let us know the details.

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Here are more miscellaneous location totals.

Pacific Rim National Park: David Stirling 166.  
North of the Arctic Circle: Dick Cannings 105.  
Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.: Peter Hamel 170.  
Sea/Iona Islands, B.C.: Wayne Weber 211; Doug Kragh 199.  
Mount Robson Provincial Park, B.C.: Dick Cannings 148; David Stirling 119.  
Kamloops, B.C.Latilong: Rick Howie 247.  
Yoho National Park: Rick Howie 179; Wayne Weber 120.  
Athabasca Area, Alta: David Stirling 195.  
Calgary, Alta.: Allen Wiseley 269; Andrew Slater 268.  
Elk Island National Park: Wayne Weber 127; Ken Walker 113.  
Nahanni National Park: John Geale 41.  
Wood Buffalo National Park: Ken Walker 83.  
Saskatoon, Sask.: Stan Shadick 271.  
Regina, Sask.: Chris Adam 267.  
Prince Albert National Park: Blake Maybank 181.  
Riding Mountain National Park: Angus MacLean 219; Rob Walker 211.  
Oak Hammock Marsh, Man.: Gordon Grief 219; Robert Parsons 194.  
Birds Hill Provincial Park, Man.: Gordon Grief 167.  
Rainy River Dist., Ont.: Dave Elder 243(90% of total); Alan Wormington 235.  
Thunder Bay District, Ont.: Alan Wormington 243.  
Moosonee, Ont.: Alan Wormington 216.  
Northern Ontario: Alan Wormington 289.  
North Bay, Ont.: Richard Tafel 216.  
Rondeau Provincial Park, Ont.: Allen Woodliffe 304.  
Muskoka District, Ont.: Bob Bowles 231.  
Auyittug National Park: Stan Shadick 9.  
Montreal Area: Ken Thorpe 239. Nun's Island, Verdun, Que.: Ian Roseby 180.  
Lower St.Lawrence Valley, Que.: Guy Gendron 295.  
Kouchibouguac National Park: Roger Burrows 205.  
Fundy National Park: Angus MacLean 164; Roger Burrows and Rob Walker 154.  
Codroy Valley, Nfld.: Blake Maybank 186; Roger Burrows 163.  
Gros Morne National Park: Blake Maybank 192; Roger Burrows & Rob Walker 147.  
Terra Nova National Park: Roger Burrows 174.  
St.John's Nfld.: Bruce Mactavish 219; Roger Burrows 179; Blake Maybank 159.

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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 recently - where they've been seen - and how to get there.

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