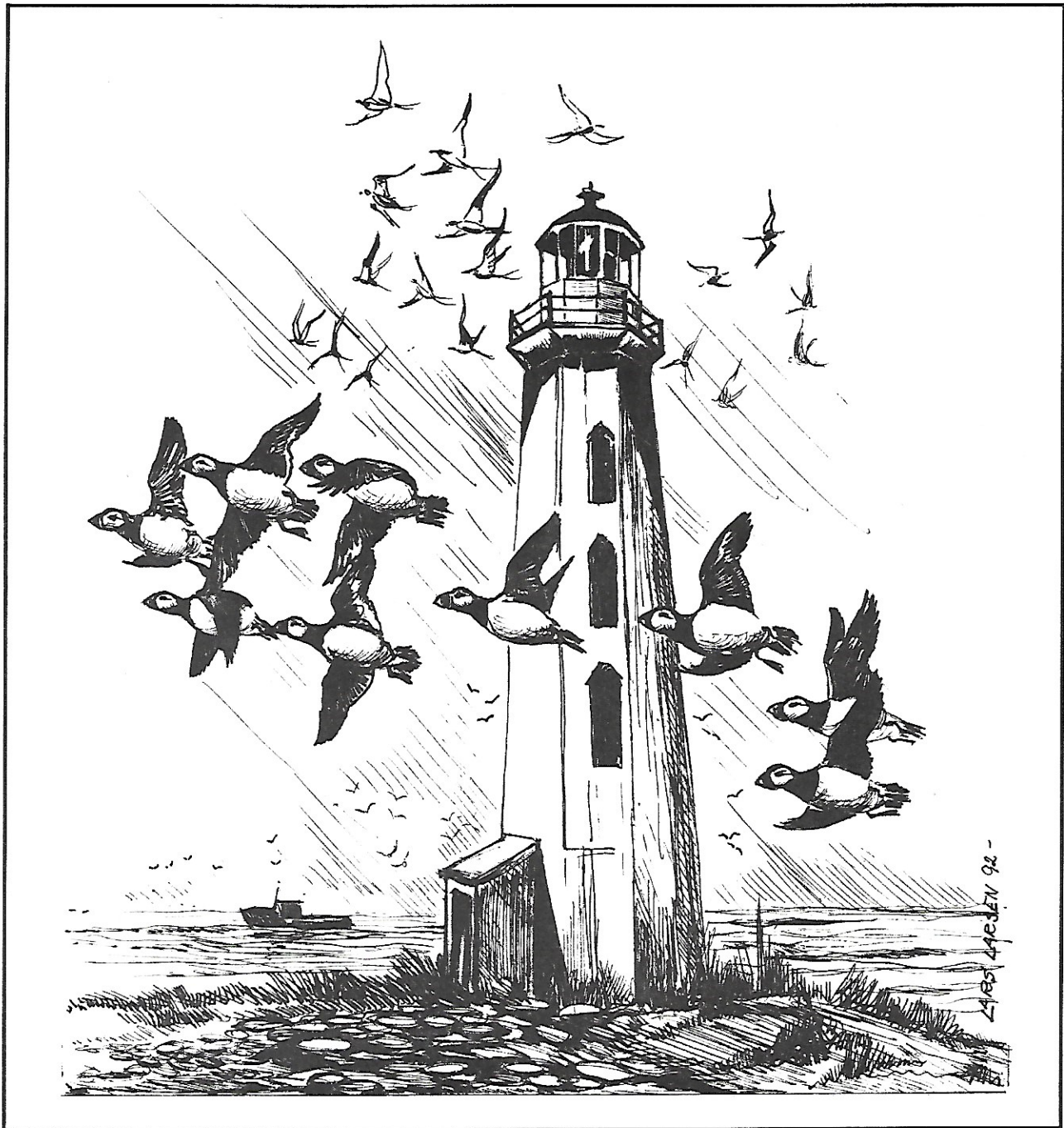
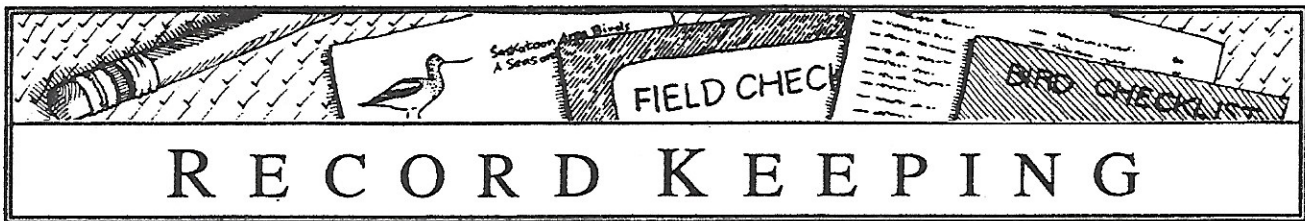


CANADIAN BIRDING

Volume 3 Number 2 Summer 1992



>> Machias Seal Island, New Brunswick <<
>> Spring '92 Round-up <<



LISTERS' CORNER

C. Eric Tull

This issue features provincial lists. 363 lists have made the cutoff thresholds (40% in Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Yukon and Northwest Territories; 50% in the other provinces). This is an increase of 24 from a year ago. The provinces with the greatest numbers meeting the thresholds were Ontario with 127, British Columbia with 54, and Manitoba with 35.

In spite of the increased number of lists being reported and making the thresholds, there are a number of lists that are getting quite out-of-date. Lists marked (-) are those that have not been updated since the previous provincial list issue of a year ago, whereas those marked (=) have not been updated since November 1990. To keep lists more or less up-to-date, I propose to drop from next year's provincial issue any lists currently marked (=) that are not updated in the interim. So please send me your updates, even if they have not changed.

I have also marked lists that have just breached the thresholds with a (+). These lists are either from birders who have not reported before, or from birders who have increased their lists sufficient to break the thresholds. Either way I am pleased to welcome them. Notable new reporters who rank among the tops in their provinces are Ross Dickson, Suzanne Benoit, and George Cheeseman in Alberta; Muriel Carlson in Saskatchewan; Tom Hayman in Ontario; Francois Blouin in Quebec; Richard Stern in Nova Scotia; and Doug Phelan in Newfoundland.

The 363 lists were reported by 203 birders. 133 birders met the threshold in 1 province, 38 met the thresholds in 2 provinces, 13 in 3 provinces, 6 in 4 provinces, 5 in 5 provinces, 2 in 6 provinces, 3 in 7 provinces, 1 in 9 provinces, and 2 in all 12 provinces and territories.

The leadership changed in two provinces. Richard Klauke has picked up 15 species since his last report to lead Alberta, and James Taylor now has the lead in Nova Scotia. In Saskatchewan, Stan Shaddick has joined the elite group of Bob Kreba, Rudolf Koes and Gordon Grief who have broken 90% in a province. In New Brunswick, David Christie has dropped out of this group, as the provincial total used here has increased faster than his list. Knowing David I am sure he will soon be back at 90%.

Of the 363 lists reported, 105 (29%) have broken

the 75% barrier. Six birders have broken 75% in two provinces (Angus MacLean in NB and MB, Blake Maybank in NS and NF, Bruce Mactavish in NF and NS, Harv Lane in SK and MB, and Hue and Jo Ann Mackenzie in BC and ON), and Peter Hamel has broken 75% in three provinces (ON, MB, and BC). Of these, Harv Lane is the only one to have broken 80% in two provinces.

The other barrier, 300 species in a province, was broken by 156 lists or 43% of those making the thresholds. Eight birders have broken 300 for two provinces (Harv Lane, Hue and Jo Ann Mackenzie again; Alex Gray in ON and BC; Chris Escott in ON and SK; Mabel McIntosh in PQ and ON; Peter Hamel in BC and ON; and Richard Klauke in AB and BC), and two have broken 300 in three provinces (Roger Foxall in BC, ON, and NS; and the author in BC, ON, and AB).

It is comparatively easy to look at the trends among the leaders for the various provinces. For the most part the notable changes in rankings are the result of new reporters to Canadian Birding, updatings of lists after a gap of a few years, or birders dropping off lists. Changes in numbers for the leaders are generally comparatively small. It is more difficult to see who is making large strides among those in the middle and lower parts of the lists, where large increases in numbers are more likely.

To determine this I have compared this year's lists with those of last year, excluding those lists where the update covers several years of birding. Birders who have increased a provincial list by 15 or more in the past year are Ray Cooke with 38 in PE, Brooke Clibbon with 31 in AB, Burke Korol with 25 in SK, Bev Sarty with 20 in NS, Drew Campbell with 18 in ON, and Gordon Tufts with 17 in BC.

How many of you keep your lists or bird notes on a computer? I have been developing my own program for some time now, but it still doesn't do everything I want it to do. The Newburyport Birders' Exchange (8 Columbia Way, Plum Island, MA 01951) is preparing a directory of birding computer users. If you would like to be included send them information on the computer you use, your main software programs, the bird programs you use, description of any personal programs you have developed, and any specific interests within the field of birding (e.g., censuses, banding).

BRITISH COLUMBIA (BC) 455

392 86%= Mike Force, Vancouver BC
 390 86%- Wayne Weber, Surrey BC
 389 85% David Stirling, Victoria BC
 379 83% Jo Ann MacKenzie, S. Surrey BC
 378 83%= Doug Kragh, Port Coquitlam BC
 378 83% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 377 83% Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC
 371 82%- Brian Kautesk, Vancouver BC
 367 81% Tony Greenfield, Sechelt BC
 362 80%- Chris Siddle, Fort St. John BC
 358 79% Audrey Viken, West Vancouver BC
 354 78%= Dale Jensen, Vancouver BC
 353 78%= Colin Butt, Surrey BC
 353 78%- Gary Davidson, Nakusp BC
 351 77% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON
 350 77%- Danny Tyson, North Vancouver BC
 346 76%= Rick Howie, Kamloops BC
 342 75%- Mike McGrenere, Victoria BC
 338 74% Steve Cannings, Penticton BC
 338 74% Stefan Zaremba, Burnaby BC
 336 74%= Mary Collins, Vernon BC
 336 74% Rick Tyson, North Vancouver BC
 332 73%- Barb McGrenere, Victoria BC
 330 73% Lloyd Esralson, Surrey BC
 328 72%= Evelyn Jensen, Vancouver BC
 328 72% John Luce, Surrey BC
 323 71% Richard Klauke, St. Paul AB
 319 70%= Jack Williams, White Rock BC
 315 69%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 310 68% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 306 67%= Reuben Ware, Victoria BC
 304 67% Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 277 61% Bill Crins, Huntsville ON
 276 61%= Peter Axhorn, Sooke BC
 276 61% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 271 60% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 267 59%+ Suzanne Benoit, Vermilion AB
 267 59% Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK
 265 58% Laurie Rockwell, Summerland BC
 264 58% Larry Neily, Ottawa ON
 262 58%+ George Cheeseman, Edmonton AB
 260 57%+ Peter Mitchell, Montreal PQ
 252 55% Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge ON
 249 55%+ Steve Baillie, Nanaimo BC
 247 54% Gordon W. Tufts, Wolfville NS
 245 54% Edge Pegg, Claremont ON
 242 53%+ John Olmsted, Hamilton ON
 241 53%- Doug Whitman, Riverview NB
 240 53%- Judy Tufts, Wolfville NS
 237 52% Derrick Marven, Duncan BC
 237 52% Heikki Thoen, Montreal PQ
 234 51%+ Francois Blouin, Boucherville PQ
 234 51% Theo Hofmann, Thornhill ON
 232 51%- Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON

ALBERTA (AB) 379

335 88% Richard Klauke, St. Paul AB
 324 85% Andrew Slater, Calgary AB
 320 84%+ Ross Dickson, Calgary AB
 315 83%+ Suzanne Benoit, Vermilion AB
 314 83% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 310 82%= Robert Storms, Calgary AB
 295 78%+ George Cheeseman, Edmonton AB
 291 77% Joan McDonald, Calgary AB
 279 74% David Stirling, Victoria BC
 274 72%= Bill McKitterick, Calgary AB
 269 71% Brooke Clibbon, Calgary AB
 267 70%+ David McCorquodale, Sydney NS
 265 70%= Gerry Lunn, Edmonton AB
 239 63% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 235 62% Jo Ann MacKenzie, S. Surrey BC
 234 62% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 230 61%- Wayne Weber, Surrey BC
 224 59% Audrey Viken, West Vancouver BC
 222 59%+ Dennis Baresco, Medicine Hat AB
 222 59%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 218 58%- Chris Siddle, Fort St. John BC
 214 56% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON
 209 55%+ Peter Mitchell, Montreal PQ
 204 54% Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC
 201 53%- Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON
 199 53% Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 193 51% Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK

SASKATCHEWAN (SK) 352

327 93%= Bob Kreba, Regina SK
 317 90% Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK
 307 87% Harv Lane, Saskatoon SK
 306 87%+ Muriel Carlson, Saskatoon SK
 304 86% Chris Escott, Willowdale ON
 302 86% Chris Adam, Fredericton NB
 289 82% Burke Korol, Saskatoon SK
 283 80%= Guy Wapple, Saskatoon SK
 241 68% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 236 67% Richard Klauke, St. Paul AB
 233 66% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 220 62% Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB
 207 59% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 203 58% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON
 199 57%= Roger Taylor, Ottawa ON
 189 54%= Helen Inch, London ON
 189 54%= Spencer Inch, London ON
 184 52% Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 183 52% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 183 52% Angus MacLean, Alma NB

MANITOBA (MB) 371

336 91%= Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB
 335 90% Gordon Grief, Winnipeg MB
 326 88%= Dennis Fast, Kleeefeld MB
 325 88% Robert Parsons, Winnipeg MB
 324 87% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 310 84% Harv Lane, Saskatoon SK
 285 77% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON
 277 75% Angus MacLean, Alma NB
 263 71%- John D. Zoch, Leamington ON
 253 68%= Robert Walker, Alma NB
 251 68% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 241 65% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 236 64% Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK
 223 60% Bill Zufelt, Orillia ON
 222 60%= Gordon Cameron, Bolton ON
 220 59% Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 220 59% Richard Klauke, St. Paul AB
 217 58% Edge Pegg, Claremont ON
 209 56% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 208 56%= Mary Collins, Vernon BC
 204 55% David Stirling, Victoria BC
 204 55% Gordon W. Tufts, Wolfville NS
 203 55%- Judy Tufts, Wolfville NS
 202 54%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 198 53% Mike Austin, Friendswood TX
 197 53% Brooke Clibbon, Calgary AB
 193 52% Lorraine Foott, Kingsville ON
 193 52%= Peggy Lehmann, West Hill ON
 193 52% Margaret Rusnell, Kleinburg ON
 192 52% Arthur Rusnell, Kleinburg ON
 191 51% Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge ON
 189 51%= Helen Inch, London ON
 189 51%= Spencer Inch, London ON
 189 51% Jo Ann MacKenzie, S. Surrey BC
 185 50% John Olmsted, Hamilton ON

ONTARIO (ON) 449

393 88%= Alan Wormington, Leamington ON
 389 87%+ Tom Hayman, London ON
 388 86% Don Perks, Mississauga ON
 388 86% Ron Scovell, Etobicoke ON
 387 86% Norm Chesterfield, Wheatley ON
 385 86% John Olmsted, Hamilton ON
 383 85% Gerry Bennett, Woodbridge ON
 379 84%= Bob Curry, Ancaster ON
 376 84%- Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON
 375 84%- Eileen Kerr, Toronto ON
 375 84%- Harry Kerr, Toronto ON
 372 83%- John Keenleyside, Mississauga ON
 371 83% Hugh Currie, Toronto ON
 365 81% Tony Mason, Toronto ON
 361 80%= Geoff Carpentier, Peterborough ON
 361 80% Kevin McLaughlin, Hamilton ON

360 80% Margaret Bain, Whitby ON
 359 80% Gordon Bellerby, Niagara-O-T-Lake ON
 357 80% Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 355 79% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON
 354 79%+ Jill Hayman, London ON
 353 79%- John Miles, Jarvis ON
 353 79% Allen Woodliffe, Chatham ON
 351 78%- Herbert Elliott, Toronto ON
 350 78% Bill Crins, Huntsville ON
 346 77% Tom Murray, Owen Sound ON
 345 77% Drew Campbell, Welland ON
 345 77% Peter Gilchrist, Toronto ON
 344 77%- Jim Coey, Mississauga ON
 344 77% Jo Ann MacKenzie, S. Surrey BC
 342 76% Rolph Davis, King City ON
 342 76% Terrie Woodrow, Scotland ON
 341 76%= David Milsom, Bolton ON
 341 76% Edge Pegg, Claremont ON
 341 76%= Ron Pittaway, Minden ON
 340 76% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 340 76% Ian Platt, Ingersoll ON
 340 76%= Pete Read, Komoka ON
 339 76% William Lindley, London ON
 338 75%= Fred Bodsworth, Toronto ON
 338 75%+ Terry Osborne, Erin ON
 338 75%- Martin Parker, Port Elgin ON
 336 75%= Joachim Floegel, Ajax ON
 336 75% Robert Tymstra, Sarnia ON
 335 75%= Mike McEvoy, Oshawa ON
 332 74%= Sheldon McGregor, Burlington ON
 329 73%- Kathy Parker, Port Elgin ON
 329 73% Clayton Vardy, Peterborough ON
 328 73%- Scott Connop, Camlachie ON
 328 73%= Ted McDonald, Port Hope ON
 326 73%= Floyd Deiter, Paris ON
 326 73%= Rosemary Gaymer, Oakville ON
 326 73%= Peggy Lehmann, West Hill ON
 326 73% Colleen Lindley, London ON
 325 72%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 324 72% Chris Escott, Willowdale ON
 324 72%= George Scott, Oshawa ON
 324 72%= Margaret Wilson, Pickering ON
 323 72%= Paul Mackenzie, Kingston ON
 323 72%= Ron Tozer, Dwight ON
 321 71% Bill Zufelt, Orillia ON
 320 71% Nancy Barrett, Toronto ON
 320 71%= Helen Inch, London ON
 320 71%= Reid Wilson, Pickering ON
 319 71%= Roger Taylor, Ottawa ON
 318 71% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 317 71% Theo Hofmann, Thornhill ON
 316 70% Hamish McLean, Toronto ON
 315 70%+ Ross Evans, Brampton ON
 314 70%- Helen Smith, Toronto ON
 314 70%= John Thomson, Prescott ON
 312 69%= Spencer Inch, London ON

312 69% Arthur Rusnell, Kleinburg ON
 310 69% Margaret Rusnell, Kleinburg ON
 309 69%= John Shemilt, London UK
 308 69% Derrick Marven, Duncan BC
 307 68%- Mark Chojnacki, Mississauga ON
 307 68%- Brian Gibson, Islington ON
 307 68%- Linda Nuttall, Mississauga ON
 305 68% Mabel McIntosh, Pointe Claire PQ
 304 68%+ Jerry Guild, Mississauga ON
 303 67% Martin Edwards, Kingston ON
 303 67%+ David McCorquodale, Sydney NS
 301 67%= Gordon Cameron, Bolton ON
 301 67% Joel Ellis, Glenburnie ON
 301 67%- Lois Evans, Hamilton ON
 301 67%= Chris Michener, Golden Lake ON
 300 67%+ Gavin Platt, Ingersoll ON
 299 67% Larry Neily, Ottawa ON
 296 66%- Esther Allin, Newcastle ON
 294 65% Lorraine Foott, Kingsville ON
 294 65%= Bruce Mactavish, St.John's NF
 291 65%= Gordon Gallant, West Hill ON
 288 64%- Dick Tafel, North Bay ON
 286 64%= Kurt Hennige, Napanee ON
 286 64% Robert Worona, Kingston ON
 282 63% Jean Niskanen, Oakville ON
 281 63%= Mark Ansell, Agincourt ON
 281 63% Mike Austin, Friendswood TX
 281 63%- Kenneth Ridge, Oshawa ON
 277 62%= Steve Charbonneau, Blenheim ON
 275 61%= Gerald Paul, Kingston ON
 274 61%= Dean Newton, Elmwood ON
 273 61% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 273 61%- Daniel St. Hilaire, Hull PQ
 268 60% Brooke Clibbon, Calgary AB
 268 60%+ Patrick Stepien-Scanlon, Toronto ON
 266 59%= Gordon Pringle, Ottawa ON
 265 59% Roger Burrows, Spaniards Bay NF
 265 59% Jim Smith, Guelph ON
 255 57%= Doug Kragh, Port Coquitlam BC
 254 57%= Rick Cathrae, Belleville ON
 254 57% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 253 56% Ian Roseby, Verdun PQ
 252 56%= Robert Eakin, Aurora ON
 252 56%= David Langford, Toronto ON
 251 56%+ Rayfield Pye, Oshawa ON
 248 55%+ Ken Houles, Pembroke ON
 245 55%- John D. Zoch, Leamington ON
 242 54%+ Jim Houghton, Montreal PQ
 232 52% Robert Parsons, Winnipeg MB
 230 51% Ken Thorpe, Hampstead PQ
 229 51%+ Stan Shadick, Saskatoon SK
 228 51%= Rudolf Koes, Winnipeg MB
 226 50% David Stirling, Victoria BC
 226 50%- Wayne Weber, Surrey BC
 225 50%+ Francois Blouin, Boucherville PQ

QUEBEC (PQ) 405

348 86% Mabel McIntosh, Pointe Claire PQ
 341 84%= Guy Gendron, Rimouski PQ
 323 80% Jim Houghton, Montreal PQ
 323 80% Peter Mitchell, Montreal PQ
 303 75%- Daniel St. Hilaire, Hull PQ
 302 75%+ Francois Blouin, Boucherville PQ
 299 74% Ken Thorpe, Hampstead PQ
 293 72% Ian Roseby, Verdun PQ
 276 68%= Peter Smith, Beaconsfield PQ
 272 67% Steve Charlton, Pierrefonds PQ
 271 67% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 270 67%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 270 67%= Ron Pittaway, Minden ON
 260 64% Hue MacKenzie, South Surrey BC
 260 64% Jo Ann MacKenzie, S. Surrey BC
 260 64%= Roger Taylor, Ottawa ON
 256 63% John Luce, Surrey BC
 246 61% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 243 60%= Bruce Mactavish, St.John's NF
 232 57% Brooke Clibbon, Calgary AB
 230 57% Larry Neily, Ottawa ON
 224 55% Ilay Ferrier, Knowlton PQ
 223 55% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 222 55%= Gordon Pringle, Ottawa ON
 221 55% Lance Laviolette, Pierrefonds PQ
 212 52%+ Heikki Thoen, Montreal PQ
 209 52%- Luke Fazio, Mississauga ON

NEW BRUNSWICK (NB) 376

334 89% David Christie, Albert NB
 329 88% Mary Majka, Albert NB
 329 88% Mike Majka, Albert NB
 304 81% Brian Dalzell, Castalia NB
 293 78% Angus MacLean, Alma NB
 263 70%- Doug Whitman, Riverview NB
 262 70%- Hilaire Chiasson, Lameque NB
 261 69% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 257 68%- Donald Cormier, Moncton NB
 256 68%= Robert Walker, Alma NB
 248 66% Chris Adam, Fredericton NB
 246 65%- Enid Inch, Gagetown NB
 240 64%- Ronald Pellerin, Moncton NB
 237 63%- Halton Dalzell, Moncton NB
 224 60%= Bruce Mactavish, St.John's NF
 223 59% Roger Burrows, Spaniards Bay NF
 206 55%- Marcel David, St-Simon NB
 202 54%= Georgette Thibodeau, Edmunston NB
 194 52%= Helen Inch, London ON
 194 52%= Spencer Inch, London ON
 189 50%+ Barbara Curlew, Albert NB
 188 50% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB

- 336 79% James Taylor, Dartmouth NS
 329 78% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 327 77% Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 322 76% Bev Sarty, Armdale NS
 319 75%= Bruce Mactavish, St. John's NF
 314 74%- Donald MacNeill, Halifax NS
 300 71% Gordon W. Tufts, Wolfville NS
 297 70%+ Richard Stern, Kentville NS
 287 68%- Judy Tufts, Wolfville NS
 274 65% Brian Dalzell, Castalia NB
 274 65%= Bob McDonald, Halifax NS
 273 64% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 272 64% Larry Neily, Ottawa ON
 266 63% Roger Burrows, Spaniards Bay NF
 253 60% Lance Laviolette, Pierrefonds PQ
 241 57% Angus MacLean, Alma NB
 222 52% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 220 52%= Rick Howie, Kamloops BC

NEWFOUNDLAND (NF) 352

- 304 86% Roger Burrows, Spaniards Bay NF
 289 82%= Bruce Mactavish, St. John's NF
 263 75% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 251 71%= Mike Parmenter, St. John's NF
 212 60%+ Doug Phelan, St. John's NF
 159 45% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 153 43% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 145 41% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON

- 210 69% Brian Dalzell, Castalia NB
 208 68% Roger Burrows, Spaniards Bay NF
 208 68% Angus MacLean, Alma NB
 204 67% Ray Cooke, Sherwood PE
 164 54%+ Roberta Palmer, Winsloe PE
 164 54% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 161 53%= Rick Howie, Kamloops BC
 152 50% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 152 50% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 138 45%- Roger Foxall, Halifax NS
 136 45%+ Alex Gray, Mississauga ON

YUKON TERRITORY (YT) 255

- 157 62% Richard Cannings, Vancouver BC
 150 59% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 137 54% David Stirling, Victoria BC
 133 52% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 111 44% Blake Maybank, White's Lake NS
 104 41% Joel Ellis, Glenburnie ON
 103 40% Peter Hamel, Toronto ON

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (NT) 299

- 170 57% Rolph Davis, King City ON
 165 55% Wayne Neily, Winnipeg MB
 155 52%= Alan Wormington, Leamington ON
 152 51%= Gordon Cameron, Bolton ON
 152 51% Eric Tull, Calgary AB
 145 48%+ Alex Gray, Mississauga ON
 119 40% David Stirling, Victoria BC



Since the publication in 1986 of Godfrey's 2nd Edition of *The Birds of Canada*, there has been no systematic, reasoned, and authoritative method of determining which new bird species deserve to be placed on the Canadian checklist. In short, there is no longer any "official" list. The AOU and the ABA provide such a recognized function for North American species, but Canada is now left out in the cold, so to speak.

We consulted with Earl Godfrey, and numerous other reliable birders and ornithologists nationwide, to come up with a plan to rectify this situation. Our solution: *Canadian Birding's* Canada Checklist Committee.

For such a committee to succeed, it must be reputable and fair. To be reputable, we had to attract some of the most experienced birders in Canada, and to be fair, we had to have them work with an approved set of rules.

We have chosen the committee members, and are still working out the rules. In choosing participants, we attempted to ensure all regions of the country were represented, and we wanted committee members of high calibre. We believe we have succeeded on both counts. The committee members are:

- Roger Foxall, Atlantic Canada, an enthusiastic, cautious birder, who has lived and travelled widely across the country;
- Michel Gosselin, Quebec, who works with the National Museum

of Natural Science, is one of the Quebec regional editors for *American Birds*, and who co-authored *les Noms Francais des Oiseaux D'Amerique du Nord*;

- Ross James, Ontario, with the Ontario Museum of Natural History, and author of *The Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Ontario*;

- Rudolf Koes, the Prairies, one of the most knowledgeable birders in the west, and one of the Prairie Region regional editors for *American Birds*; and

- Richard Cannings, B.C., experienced ornithologist and birder, and co-author of *The Birds of the Okanagan*.

Earl Godfrey, the dean of Canadian birds, has agreed to advise the committee when required, and Jim Taylor, of Halifax NS, will be the Committee Co-ordinator.

The criteria for accepting new species has yet to be finalised, but sight records will be eligible for acceptance if photographs and/or specimens are not available.

And although *Canadian Birding* is not continuing much longer, this Committee will survive, as the American Birding Association has agreed to sponsor it if a Canadian sponsor cannot be found. The results will be published both by the A.B.A., and, we hope, by a magazine based in Canada.

Stay tuned....