

## Sea & Sage Audubon UNB Monthly Boat Trip/Bird Count from aboard the Newport Sea Base Pontoon Boat

**Date:** 12/21/11      **Trip Leader:** Nancy Kenyon      **Tide:** outgoing      **Skipper:** Eric Walker  
**Birders:** Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Deana Collins, Nancy Kenyon, Chris Johnson, Barbara Demory, Jim Nowell, Bart & Karen Beckman, Pamela Philips, Anabelle Rice, Valerie Glass, Eva Lydick, Pat Wells.  
**Comments:** We saw an enormous flock of Western Sandpipers. Chris Johnson spotted the Goldeneye and Barbara Demory photographed it, helping us to confirm its identification. Several of the Red-tailed Hawks were perched on the ground, partially obscured in the grass, their colors blending with the warm brown of the grass. One of the Red-tails was eating something while another was perched on a low post, being harassed by a swooping Northern Harrier. We also saw 3 White-tailed Kites. One was perched on top of a yucca, while the others were flying around, actively hunting for food. We missed the Eurasian Wigeon at Big Canyon, but did spot the wintering Loggerhead Shrike perched on some high vegetation within sight of the water.

<b>Geese &amp; Ducks</b>	
83	American Wigeon
1	Mallard
5	Cinnamon Teal
22	Northern Shoveler
4	Northern Pintail
20	Green-winged Teal
9	Lesser Scaup
13	Surf Scoter
1	Common Goldeneye
133	Bufflehead
62	Ruddy Duck
<b>Loons</b>	
1	Common Loon
<b>Grebes</b>	
5	Pied-billed Grebe
5	Horned Grebe
9	Eared Grebe
33	Western Grebe
4	Clark's Grebe
<b>Pelicans &amp; Cormorants</b>	
24	Brown Pelican
33	Double-crested Cormorant
3	American White Pelican
<b>Herons &amp; Egrets</b>	
2	Great Blue Heron
7	Great Egret
12	Snowy Egret
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
6	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
3	White-tailed Kite
3	Northern Harrier
1	Red-shouldered Hawk (heard)
6	Red-tailed Hawk
1	American Kestrel
<b>Coots</b>	
300	American Coot

<b>Plovers</b>	
85	Black-bellied Plover
2	Semipalmated Plover
13	Killdeer
<b>Avocets</b>	
35	American Avocet
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
4	Spotted Sandpiper
1	Lesser Yellowlegs
261	Willet
3	Whimbrel
9	Long-billed Curlew
246	Marbled Godwit
571	Western Sandpiper
43	Least Sandpiper
2	Dunlin
126	Long-billed Dowitcher
<b>Gulls, Terns &amp; Skimmers</b>	
7	Heermann's Gull
21	Ring-billed Gull
12	Western Gull
1	Caspian Tern
26	Forster's Tern
25	Black Skimmer
<b>Pigeons</b>	
12	Rock Pigeon
<b>Kingfishers</b>	
3	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
2	Black Phoebe
8	Say's Phoebe
<b>Shrikes</b>	
1	Loggerhead Shrike
<b>Crows &amp; Ravens</b>	
6	American Crow
4	Common Raven
<b>Sparrows</b>	
16	Savannah Sparrow
1	Song sparrow