

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

Date: 11/16/11 **Trip Leader:** Nancy Kenyon **Tide:** High **Skipper:** Eric Walker
Birders who contributed to the count: Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Darrell Wilson, Deana Collins, Nancy Kenyon, Chris Johnson, Steve Alter, Ellen Hammett.

Comments: We saw a cormorant struggling to swallow a very wide fish. The usual mudflats were covered with water due to the high tide, so birds such as Great Blue Herons were perched on poles along with the usual kestrels, kingfishers, & an Osprey. A Merlin also made use of one of the poles for a good vantage point, while the cormorants & pelicans perched on the new Fish & Game channel markers. A large flock of Willets & Marbled Godwits foraging in the pickleweed were flushed by a raptor flying overhead, which helped our shorebird count.

Geese & Ducks		Plovers	
1	Canada Goose	6	Black-bellied Plover
108	American Wigeon	10	Killdeer
23	Mallard	Avocets & Stilts	
9	Northern Shoveler	10	American Avocet
13	Northern Pintail	2	Black-necked Stilt
2	Green-winged Teal	Sandpipers	
4	Redhead	333	Willet
4	Lesser Scaup	1	Spotted Sandpiper
3	Surf Scoter	10	Long-billed Curlew
41	Bufflehead	1	Whimbrel
58	Ruddy Duck	109	Marbled Godwit
Loons		32	Western Sandpiper
2	Common Loon	198	Long-billed Dowitcher
Grebes		Gulls, Terns, & Skimmers	
7	Pied-billed Grebe	3	Heermann's Gull
3	Horned Grebe	9	Western Gull
11	Eared Grebe	7	Ring-billed Gull
65	Western Grebe	23	Forster's Tern
3	Clark's Grebe	1	Caspian Tern
Pelicans & Cormorants		40	Black Skimmer
40	Brown Pelican	Pigeons	
27	Double-crested Cormorant	23	Rock Pigeon
Hérons & Egrets		Kingfishers	
4	Great Blue Heron	8	Belted Kingfisher
4	Great Egret	Flycatchers	
12	Snowy Egret	3	Black Phoebe
1	Black-crowned Night-Heron	7	Say's Phoebe
Diurnal Birds of Prey		Crows & Ravens	
5	Turkey Vulture	3	American Crow
2	Osprey	8	Common Raven
4	Northern Harrier	Warblers	
4	Red-tailed Hawk	1	Common Yellowthroat
1	Cooper's Hawk	Blackbirds	
4	American Kestrel	30	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Merlin	Finches	
Rails		2	House Finch
1	Clapper Rail		
304	American Coot		