

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

Date: 10/15/14 **Trip Leader:** Sally Menzel **Low Tide:** at 9:52 AM was 3.05 ft.

Skipper: Robert

Birders who actively contributed to the count: Sally Menzel, Deana Collins, Sharon Harrow, Mark Kincheloe, Chris Johnson.

Comments: The overcast soon gave way to sunny skies. The water was very calm; the reflections of the birds and surrounding vegetation seemed like mirror images. We were fortunate to spot a Ridgway's Rail in the usual spot. Only a few ducks had arrived from the northern breeding grounds, but we saw lots of Marbled Godwits, Willets, and Western Grebes. A surprise was seeing quite a few Belted Kingfishers as well as 3 Ospreys. It was so warm we didn't need but a light jacket. It was a beautiful day to be on the water!

Geese & Ducks	
2	American Wigeon
2	Mallard
13	Blue-winged Teal
10	Cinnamon Teal
1	Northern Shoveler
2	Ruddy Duck
Grebes	
5	Pied-billed Grebe
29	Eared Grebe
41	Western Grebe
Pelicans & Cormorants	
7	Brown Pelican
8	Double-crested Cormorant
Hérons & Egrets	
5	Great Blue Heron
6	Great Egret
8	Snowy Egret
Diurnal Birds of Prey	
5	Turkey Vulture
3	Osprey
1	Red-tailed Hawk
Rails & Coots	
2	Ridgway's Rail (Clapper Rail)
17	American Coot
Plovers	
39	Black-bellied Plover
4	Semipalmated Plover
3	Killdeer
Sandpipers	
2	Spotted Sandpiper
9	Greater Yellowlegs
144	Willet
1	Whimbrel
2	Long-billed Curlew
109	Marbled Godwit
297	Western Sandpiper
10	Least Sandpiper
3	Dunlin
101	Long-billed Dowitcher
4	peeps (in flight)

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	
2	Heermann's Gull
1	Ring-billed Gull
25	Western Gull
1	Forster's Tern
7	Black Skimmer
Pigeons & Doves	
8	Rock Pigeon
1	Mourning Dove
Kingfishers	
5	Belted Kingfisher
Flycatchers	
10	Black Phoebe
1	Say's Phoebe
Crows & Ravens	
12	American Crow
Towhees & Sparrows	
2	Savannah Sparrow

(Our September trip was cancelled because we were waiting to have a new depth finder and GPS installed on the boat.)