

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

**Date:** 9/21/11

**Trip Leader:** Darrell Wilson

**Skipper:** Dave O'Hara

**Tide:** outgoing; high tide. **Birders who conducted the count:** Darrell Wilson, Deana Collins, Sharon Harrow, Chris Johnson, and Rachel Woodfield.

**Comments:** At the start of the trip, the weather was heavily overcast, but it soon cleared up to be a bright and sunny day. Last Saturday's Coastal Cleanup had a noticeable positive impact on the bay. The best sightings of the day were four different Clapper Rails walking in and out of the cordgrass on the edge of the mudflats. We also saw several Belted Kingfishers including one which dove from his perch and was successful in his hunt.

<b>Ducks</b>	
44	Mallard
2	Northern Shoveler
<b>Grebes</b>	
6	Pied-billed Grebe
10	Eared Grebe
<b>Cormorants</b>	
15	Double-crested Cormorant
<b>Pelicans</b>	
1	Brown Pelican
<b>Hérons</b>	
4	Great Blue Heron
<b>Egrets</b>	
11	Great Egret
12	Snowy Egret
<b>Diurnal Birds of Prey</b>	
1	Turkey Vulture
1	Osprey
1	Red-tailed Hawk
2	American Kestrel
<b>Rails</b>	
4	Clapper Rail
<b>Plovers</b>	
294	Black-bellied Plover
16	Semipalmated Plover
7	Killdeer
<b>Sandpipers</b>	
4	Greater Yellowlegs
141	Willet
3	Spotted Sandpiper
5	Long-billed Curlew
5	Whimbrel
77	Marbled Godwit
850	Western Sandpiper
30	Least Sandpiper
100	sandpiper sp.

<b>Gulls</b>	
8	Western Gull
<b>Terns</b>	
4	Forster's Tern
<b>Skimmers</b>	
52	Black Skimmer
<b>Pigeons</b>	
2	Rock Pigeon
<b>Doves</b>	
7	Mourning Dove
<b>Kingfishers</b>	
4	Belted Kingfisher
<b>Flycatchers</b>	
5	Black Phoebe
3	Say's Phoebe
<b>Crows</b>	
4	American Crow
<b>Swallows</b>	
6	N. Rough-winged Swallow
3	Barn Swallow
<b>Starlings</b>	
1	European Starling
<b>Sparrows</b>	
8	Savannah Sparrow
<b>Blackbirds</b>	
20	Red-winged Blackbird
<b>Finches</b>	
4	House Finch