

Sea & Sage Audubon UNB Monthly Boat Trip/Bird Count

From aboard the Newport Sea Base Pontoon Boat

Date: 8/25/17 **Trip Leader:** Darrell Wilson **Tide:** Rising, 0.8 ft. Low tide at 6:08 AM **Skipper:** Robert Sloan **Counters:** Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Mark Kincheloe, Jeff Bray, and Darrell Wilson.

Comments: The day started cool and overcast and it stayed that way for the whole trip. The shorebirds are starting to return for the winter (or at least stopping in the bay on their way south). Most of the terns have left but the Black Skimmers are still hanging around. The total this month is up from last month with much of the increase being recently fledged young. One male and one female Kingfisher were seen. Also of note was a Loggerhead Shrike. A good day to be out birding.

Geese & Ducks	
22	Mallard
Grebes	
1	Pied-billed Grebe
Pelicans & Cormorants	
8	Double-crested Cormorant
Hérons & Egrets	
4	Great Blue Heron
6	Great Egret
29	Snowy Egret
Diurnal Birds of Prey	
2	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey
1	American Kestrel
Rails & Coots	
1	American Coot
Plovers	
177	Black-bellied Plover
2	Semipalmated Plover
Sandpipers	
4	Spotted Sandpiper
119	Willet
5	Whimbrel
4	Long-billed Curlew
106	Marbled Godwit
276	Least Sandpiper
23	Western Sandpiper
1	Lesser Yellowlegs
38	Short-billed Dowitcher
1	Greater Yellowlegs

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	
21	Western Gull
32	Caspian Tern
3	Forster's Tern
475	Black Skimmer
Pigeons & Doves	
12	Rock Pigeon
3	Mourning Dove
Kingfishers	
2	Belted Kingfisher
Woodpeckers	
1	Nuttall's Woodpecker
Flycatchers	
1	Black Phoebe
1	Cassin's Kingbird
Shrikes	
1	Loggerhead Shrike
Crows & Ravens	
12	American Crow
Swallows	
45	Barn Swallow
1	Cliff Swallow
Mockingbirds	
1	Northern Mockingbird
Warblers	
1	Common Yellowthroat
Sparrows	
5	Savannah Sparrow
Finches	
7	House Finch
1	Lesser Goldfinch