

BAILLIE BIRDATHON RESULTS

Date: Friday, May 19-20, 2011 8:00 a.m (19th). to 8:00 a.m. (20th)

Number of Species: 128

“Sprague’s Pipits” team members: Terry Sprague, Borys Holowacz, Kathy Felkar, Mike Burge

Our Birdathon went from about 8:00 a.m. on Thursday the 19th to about the same time the following day when we were able to pick up a few additional birds. We started the day off Thursday at the Kaiser Crossroad flooded cornfields under very foggy conditions where we were able to get a good start on our list with **Northern Shoveler**, **Least Sandpiper**, **Pied-billed Grebe**, several **Wood Ducks** and our only **Horned Lark** of the entire 24-hour period. A visit to the lakeshore at Prince Edward Bay produced zero visibility, but did yield a singing **Northern Waterthrush**. The fog soon lifted.

Twenty-two species of warblers were found, the majority of these at Prince Edward Point, although West Point at Sandbanks didn’t fail in giving us one or two, as well as our only **Veery** and **Lincoln’s Sparrow**. **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found at Fish Lake and our only **Vesper Sparrow** was singing along Babylon Road.

We really reeled in the wetland birds at Beaver Meadow when I activated my new iPod and speaker, with a persistent **Sora** responding, as well as a **Marsh Wren**. **Virginia Rail**, **Black Tern**, **American Bittern**, **Common Yellowthroat** and **Wood Duck** were also seen. At the Danforth Road/Millennium Trail wetland west of Wellington, no fewer than 3 **Least Bitterns** were calling with no prompting from us, along with a **Common Moorhen**.

We drove into Picton to find **Chimney Swifts**, Black Creek for the **Mute Swan**, and Point Traverse for the **Yellow-throated Vireo**. Throughout the day, surprises popped out including a **Green Heron** at Beaver Meadow seen for a split second, a **Golden-winged Warbler** and an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** at Point Traverse, a **Great Horned Owl** at West Point, and thanks to Mike Runtz who birded the area a day earlier, and called me on the phone, we were able to locate the **Solitary Sandpiper** in a roadside pool of water at the corner of Babylon Road and Long Point Road.

We finished the day with “refreshments” at the Waring House Barley Room Pub where I celebrated with a meal of pan seared calve’s liver prepared with onions, mushrooms and Madeira wine demi-glaze ! Also, a Coor`s Light for a chaser. It’s sort of a tradition with me to celebrate momentous occasions with liver at a restaurant, as my wife doesn’t like to prepare it.

Great weather considering the weather we had prior to and during the rest of the week. We were lucky, with clear skies and 128 species. But alas, not a single American Pipit, never mind a Sprague’s Pipit ! Once again, my thanks to my team, even though I couldn’t drag them out at midnight for the Whip-poor-wills ! Truth be told, I was kinda tired myself! And, again, my thanks to those who sponsored me. Those who sponsored me online have already received their E-receipts; those who sent cheques will be receiving their tax receipts in the mail later this year.

- Terry Sprague

2011 Bailie Birdathon

"The Sprague's Pipts"

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- Canada Goose
- Mute Swan
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Northern Shoveler
- White-winged Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- Ruffed Grouse
- Wild Turkey
- Common Loon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Double-crested Cormorant
- American Bittern
- Least Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Green Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Virginia Rail
- Sora
- Common Moorhen
- Killdeer
- Spotted Sandpiper
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Least Sandpiper
- Wilson's Snipe
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Caspian Tern
- Black Tern
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove
- Great Horned Owl
- Chimney Swift
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo
- Warbling Vireo
- Philadelphia Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven
- Horned Lark
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- House Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- Veery
- Swainson's Thrush
- Wood Thrush
- American Robin
- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Golden-winged Warbler
- Tennessee Warbler
- Nashville Warbler
- Northern Parula
- Yellow Warbler
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Magnolia Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Pine Warbler
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Northern Waterthrush
- Mourning Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Canada Warbler
- Scarlet Tanager
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Clay-colored Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Vesper Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Bobolink
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Common Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Baltimore Oriole
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow
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