

The Laphroaig Vultures Team members were Margaret Bain, Andrew Cadman, David Okines and Eric Machell. We were in the field in Prince Edward County from 10:00 EST May 22 to 10:00 EST May 23 2009. Weather was generally cool, with a northerly air mass and migrants were few.

The team following the rules of the Spring Bird Count identified 142 species (each by at least two members) and Margaret identified 143 when she spotted an Orchard Oriole in Traverse Woods which was not seen by any other team members.

The team covered the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area, and the swampy area at the Kaiser crossroads quite extensively and visited several other sites in the southern part of the county.

The bird we gave top marks to was a Western Grebe seen looking south from the lighthouse area at Prince Edward Point . Other notables were a late Brown Creeper, a Summer Tanager, and a Hooded Warbler all seen in the NWA.

An interesting sighting was at a feeder in South Bay on which there were only three birds, namely House Finch, American Goldfinch and Pine Siskin.