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# Registrations now open for the 75th Anniversary year at Hog Island



The legendary Audubon Camp in Maine on Hog Island offered its first session in 1936. Now, 75 years later, Project Puffin announces the beginning of registration for the Camp's anniversary year.

The 2011 Hog Island season will begin with a service learning program where participants will help census a Maine seabird colony and end with another service program where participants create habitat for terns on Eastern Egg Rock. For more information:

http://www.projectpuffin.org/OrnithCampsBBCwml

Hog Island service programs are co-sponsored by Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel). They are helping Project Puffin better protect seabirds while offering meaningful conservation projects for Hog Island campers.

Beyond the service sessions, the 2011 Hog Island program will include the very popular birding programs:

May 29-June 3 Seabird Biology and Conservation June 12-17 Joy of Birding

June 19-24 Field Ornithology and Maine Coastal Birding for Teens

July 14-19 Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week August 15-20 Audubon Chapter Leadership Program September 11-16 Bird Biology and Conservation

Would you like to enjoy a week on beautiful Hog Island, learning from birding experts and enjoying fine food and excellent camaraderie? This opportunity may be just what you are looking for!

Mid-Coast Audubon has ornithology scholarships available for mid-coast area residents for a week on Hog Island, attending its famed Audubon Camp.

This is an opportunity to rub elbows with birding greats and enjoy the beauty and camaraderie so abundant on Hog Island! For more information about scholarships and to apply, contact Carolyn Gray 563-3578 or <a href="mailto:cgray025@gmail.com">cgray025@gmail.com</a>

There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of birds.

There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature \_\_\_ the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winte r.

- Rachel Carson

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The Mid-Coast Audubon Board meets 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday at Medomak Valley H.S. Waldoboro, ME

SPECIAL

# Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, February 12th & 13th

A two day event to this outstanding birding hot spot for winter shorebirds, hawks and owls.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Fairfield InnAmesbury, MA. Make your reservations by calling 1-978-388-3400 and use the special group ID #G1821 group code MCKR for group rate of \$79.

We will car pool from Damariscotta Hanniford parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

FMI call Dennis McKenna at 563-8439 or John Weinrich at 563-2930 or 350-9137.

#### **PROGRAMS**

Thursday, February 17th, Great Blue Herons, by Danielle D'Auria, wildlife biologist in the Maine IF&W Bird Group, will present a program at the Camden Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Great Blue Herons, is often touted as one of the most widespread and adaptable birds in North America. but recent data has suggested a decline in their breeding population especially along the coast. This decline prompted Maine IF&W to conduct a comprehensive survey of breeding colonies in 2009, and to begin a statewide adopt-a-colony program called the Heron Observation Network.

Thursday, March 17th,
Back Yard Birding with
naturalists John Weinrich and Joe
Gray at Camden Public Library 6:30
p.m. A colorful power point
program narrated by the naturalists,
describing back yard birds and their
habitat, feeder placement and foods
to offer for maximum attraction.



Photo by Mrs. Marcia Sydor (Aaron's Grandmother)

Wednesday, April 13th, Alaska's North Slope,

photographer Michael Perry will present a colorful program about this scenic part of America and the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Waldoboro Public Library 6:30 p.m.

#### Education Oppotunity

Cornell Lab of Ornithology offers an online "Investigating Behavior: Courtship and Rivalry in Birds with Loyce Hood", author of White Ibis.

The goal of the online behavior course is to help people learn how to observe and interpret bird behavior and communication.

In just five weeks, it's possible to learn enough about bird behavior to forever change the way you look at these complex and beautiful creatures.

To enroll, visit <a href="https://www.ecornell.com/birds">www.ecornell.com/birds</a> and watch the video describing course content. Course size is limited. Future sessions for 2011 begin June 23, August 4, and September 15.

The cost of the course is \$295 (\$255 for Cornell Lab members) plus an additional \$30 registration fee. To receive the Cornell Lab member discount, sign up toll-free at (866) 326-7635.

Course Contact: Megan Whitman, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, (607) 254-2121, .

#### NOTE

This course qualifies for the Jean Boyer Hamlin Scholarships in Ornithology available for members in the mid-coast area upon application to Carolyn W. Gray, Treasurer. cgray025@gmail.com

## Join the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Receive the Lab's colorful quarterly magazine, American Birds, and discounts for Lab programs (\$35).

#### A Balanced Budget

The Chapter Budget Committee met and produced a balanced budget for 2010-2011.

#### INCOME

Dues share from MAS	\$4,400
Donations: education, etc.	\$ 120
Donations: programs etc	\$ 100
Sales: nest boxes, etc.	\$ 600
Fund Raisers: seed sales	\$2,400
Memorials: general	\$ 150

## **EXPENSES**

\$7,770

Administration	\$	880
Education: fairs, mtgs.	\$1	1,800
Publicity: BULLETIN, etc.	\$3,	,000
Insurance	\$1	,610
Memberships:NABS	\$	350
Supplies	\$	130

\$7,770

#### Behind The Scenes

Just as it costs to run a home, the Chapter is not without both income and expense.

While the Chapter has both reserve and dedicated ornithology funds, we must raise funds to balance the budget.

You can help by purchasing nest boxes, feeders, bird seed and by attending events.

The Budget Committee and Board feel this is a workable budget but will require cooperation of both members and friends.

We must bring in new members and you can help here too, by sharing your BULLETIN and talking to neighbors and friends about joining Audubon.

GBBC is a jo



#### **Geat Backyard Bird Count** February 18-21, 2011

Plan to count for at least 15 minutes. Count greatest number of individuals or each species seen together at one time. Enter results on web page Cornell GBBC.

#### Window Collisions

The American Bird Conservancy, partnering with the Powdermill Nature Reserve in Pittsburgh, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others, are conducting research to determine effective treatments for windows to prevent bird collisions.

They are currently researching a range of glass treatments, including ultraviolet stripes and antireflective film window coverings.

Thus far, the most successful appear to be to install and test the most promising new bird-safe window applications that are virtually invisible to people over currently available decals.

Bird Calls, American Bird Conservancy



# Please note

the Chapter has a new U.S. Post Office location: P.O. Box 458, Damariscotta, ME 04543-0458

Our Rockland Box 862 will be retained until fall.

# Make That Call



The new year brings us a new Congress and we should make our views known on every occasion.

Keep these local toll-free numbers handy:

Senator Snowe 1-800-432-1599 Senator Collins 622-8414 Congresswoman Pingree 774-5019 Congressman Michaud 872-5712

#### Welcome New Members

M/M James Barstow, Port Clyde Mr. Richard J. Bartley, Dam-cotta. Mr. Denison W. Briggs, Newcastle Ms. Nan Corbin, Port Clyde Ms. Joanne Des Javdins, Swanville M/M Ron Gerard, Nobleboro Mr. Timm Gormley, Damariscotta Mrs. Jemi H. Howell, New Harbor Ms. Linda Kapp, Rockport Ms. Elizabeth A.Mahoney, Northpt. Ms. Priscilla P. Matthews, Noblebor. Mr. Michael Miller, Lincolnville Ms. Penelope Moodey, Dam:cotta M/M Robert E. Naylor, Owls Head Ms. Beth L. Preston, Nobleboro The Redmond Family, South China Mary C. Root, Spruce Head Mr. Kenneth N. Shure, Rockport Mr. Robert N. Unsworth, Newcastle

The December MAS report lists 19 new members, 8 rejoined, 6 dropped and 22 members listed as lapsed members before being dropped. The Chapter will encourage those listed as lapsed before being dropped to renew their membership.

Our **MISSION** is to promote long term responsible use of natural resources through an informed membership, education and community awareness



#### **Feeders**

We have four food sources here at Schooner Cove and by far the most activity is at the peanut feeder, pictured above. Dry roasted shelled unsalted peanuts are the fare for White-breasted Nuthatches, both Hairy and Downy Wood-peckers, Song Sparrows and Tufted Titmice. If you haven't tried this, begin now for some interesting action!

# 2009- 2010 Project FeederWatch

Top ten of sites reporting:

- 1. Black-capped Chickadee 97%
- 2. Dark-eved Junco 92%.
- 3. Mourning Dove 92%
- 4. Downy Woodpecher 91%
- 5. Blue Jay 89%
- 6. Am. Goldfinch 89%
- 7. No. Cardinal 86%
- 8. White-breasted Nuthatch 83%
- 9. House Finch 70%
- 10. Tufted Titmouse 66%

There was almost a complete lack of irruptive finches, but some species are at near-record levels, such as No.Flicker 25%, Chipping Sparrow 17% and Eastern Bluebird 15%.

#### EASTERN BLUEBIRDS



The November BULLETIN requested comments from our readers about their Eastern Bluebird experiences and we had two responses

Phyllis Janco of Nelson Ridge South in Washington called to say Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows were fighting over a nest box, while there were three other boxes available in the vicinity, but bluebirds prevailed and Tree Swallows left, not to return.

Another call from Louise Williamson on the East Pond Road in Jefferson, said bluebirds nested in a Mid-Coast Audubon nest box in their large front yard with a successful fledging.

We welcome additional comments from others who may have had bluebird experiences this past summer.

Some Eastern Bluebirds over winter in Maine as reported in the Christmas Bird Count summary on page 8 of this issue, and Don Reimer, after setting up a shelter on a wooden pallet and topping it off with winterberry, had a bluebird visit in late December.

The Chapter is an affiliate member of the North American Bluebird Society (NABS) and their colorful quarterly publication has many interesting and informative articles. We encourage you to join the NABS: single person \$20 with check to NABS Treasurer, P.O. Box 7844, Bloomington, IN 47407.

#### Good News!

Juanita Roushdy

In our last issue of the Bulletin we told you about an imminent transfer of ownership of the Audubon Camp at Hog Island to Kieve-Wavus. A last-minute rally by Friends of Hog Island (FOHI) and a visit to New York resulted in the transfer being put on hold.

National Audubon has decided to give Friends of Hog Island the opportunity to prove that it can provide the necessary supplementary income and endowment needed to assure a financially stable future.

A mutually beneficial relationship with Kieve-Wavus will continue but ownership will remain with National Audubon. Maine Audubon will transfer ownership of the buildings to National. Once again, the Audubon Camp at Hog Island will have one owner with a new Friends of Hog Island group to support it. (By the time you read this FOHI will have received approval from the IRS of its 501(c)3 nonprofit status.



Mid-Coast Audubon has a long history with Hog Island and looks forward to being part of its new future. Many of us have volunteered, either at the camp or at the mainland office at the end of Keene Neck Road. Wonderful memories of those times are engraved in our hearts. In the coming year, there'll be lots of opportunities to help out.

The most important thing we can do now is support the Friends of Hog Island and spread the word about this new partnership. Visit their website <a href="https://www.fohi.org">www.fohi.org</a> and sign up to receive updates. Better yet, sign up for one of the exciting new programs being offered on the island, <a href="https://www.hogisland.audubon.org">www.hogisland.audubon.org</a>

Black Duck attacked by 2 hawks, taken and eaten by Bald Eagle 10/21, Damariscotta (fide J.G.); 12 Ring-necked Ducks 12/3, Newcastle (C.A.& J.T); Large rafts C. Eiders, 5 Long-tailed Ducks 12/25, Pemaquid (B.C.); 1 m. 4. fem. Hooded Mergansers 11/26,11/28, Horned Grebe 10/23, 11/11, Newcastle (D.B.);

2 Loons 12/25, Pemaquid (B.C.); pr. Great.Blue Herons 10/18, Newcastle (D.B.); im Snowy Egret 11/28, Friendship (D.R.);

Mat. Bald Eagle swimming 10/20, Bremen (L.N.); fem. Northern Harrier 1/9, Warren (K.Z.); Merlins 10/11,10/20, Bremen (L.N.);

40-50 Coots 11/6, Chickawaukee, (D.R.)

Purple Gallinule 1/9, An off-course gallinule arrived in a Martinsville dooryard today 1/10, where it remained in a snow bank. Obviously hypothermic and slightly immobile, its long toes were of little use in navigating the snowy slope. I whisked it off to Avian Haven where it was evaluated, hydrated and warmed in an incubator. The bird is quite underweight, but was otherwise vigorous. Some years back, another winter gallinule was found on the causeway to Rackcliff Island by Reg Pellitier, (D.R.)

Response from Avian Haven: :Don – we were sad but not surprised to find the gallinule dead first thing this morning. Our necropsy revealed no injuries, but there was a significant amount of plaque on the heart, suggestive of an ongoing disease process. Without lab work, we can't get a firm diagnosis, but if the wildlife veterinarians at Tufts can hazard any guesses from a photograph, I'll let you know. Starvation would also have been a contributing factor. The bird was female. Thanks again for helping us give the bird what slim chance she had. 1/11, Diane at Avian Haven..

If you find an injured bird, YOU think can be rehabilitated, call AVIAN HAVEN (207) 382-6761 fof further instructions.

Short-eared Owl 10/24 St. George (A.B.); Barred Owls: common and well photographed. Just before Christmas, a woman at Pemaquid Point was cutting greens in the woods and heard a "swish" behind her. Turning, she saw a Barred Owl looking at her. Without a camera but a wonderful experience. (J.G.).

Kingfisher 10/10, Newcastle (D.B.); Red-bellied Woodpecker 11/22, Warren (D.R.): Brown Creepers 11/23, Cushing (K.J.), 11/8, Newcastle (D.B.); Carolina Wren 11/22, Warren (D.R.).

Flocks of Robins moving through 10/27, "a lot of' Ruby-crowned Kinglets 10/11, Bremen (L.N.); fem. East. Bluebird 12/25, Warren, (D.R.)

**Bohemian Waxwings**, below,: 140 on 12/26, Friendship (D.R.), 60 on 1/10, Camden (G.J.); Large flock of possibly 100-200 at Hannafords in Damariscotta 1/11, Jefferson and Alna (J.G.).



Yellow-rumped Warbler 10/27, Bremen (L.N.); Prairie Warbler 11/6, "very active" nr. Chickawaukee (D.R.): Yellowbreasted Chat 12/6, Spruce Head (L.J.);

White-throated Sparrow, Im. White-crowned Sp. 10/27, (L.N.).

30 Common. Grackles 10/27, Bremen (L.N.); Rusty Blackbird 10/23, Rockland (R.M.); male Bronzed Cowbird visiting Rockland feeders around 10/28 (D.R.) and (R.M.).

Im. North. Oriole at feeders 12/5, 19, 25 (M.W.) and 12/24 (R.B.), neighbors in Newcastle;

White-winged Crossbill 11/20-22, Warren (D.R.); 250 Dark-eyed Juncos 10/24, St. George (A.B.);



14 Snow Buntings, above, 12/25, Warren (D.R.).

2 Evening Grosbeaks 12/2, Damariscotta (C.A.); Am. Goldfinch; doz. Pine Siskins at feeder 10/21, Damariscotta (J.G.), a few 10/27, Bremen (L.N.).

#### Reporters:

C.A.= Connie Arness, C.A.& J.T.=
Connie Arness and Jerry Therrien, D.B.=
Doris Balant, R.B.= Rosie Bensen,
A.B.= Ann Boover, B.C.= Bruce
Campbell, J.G.= Joe Gray, G.J.= Glenn
Jenks, K.J.= Kemin Jordan, L.J.= Lucy
Judecki; R.M.= Randy Moore, L.N.=
Linda Nevins, D.R.= Don Reimer, M.W.
= Mariellen Whelan, K.Z.= Kathy Zwick.

#### Know and Visit Our Chapter Preserves





Jeff Rmano photo

The 30-acre **Guy VanDuyn Wildlife Preserve** is one mile south of Waldoboro, Lincoln County, on Route 220. A large lettered sign parallel to Route 220 identifies the site. The refuge is bounded on south and north by interesting stone walls.

The John Stennis trail system, extends from Route 220 to the tidal Medomak River. The Stone Wall Trail borders the southern edge of the property with a shorter Spruce Trail connecting to the Stennis Trail.

On the Stennis Trail the hiker is in an upland-oakwhite pine habitat and may observe many ground plants such as partridge berry, winter berry, pyrola, beaked hazel and vaccinum species.

Here, the hiker may be greeted by the raucous call of Blue Jays, hear the tap-tap of a woodpecker or visited by the inquisitive Black-capped Chickadee.

As the hiker approaches the Spruce Trail, there is evidence of Pileated Woodpecker activity and the large glacial boulder supports a fine stand of rock polypody.

The stone wall gives evidence of former farming but offers an opportunity to observe wildlife that inhabits this ecosystem such as squirrels, chipmunks, salamanders and harmless ring-necked snakes among the leaves.

Walking the Stone Wall Trail, one has an opportunity to view the wall builder's architectural skill. This trail is more open and traverses rock ledge and ash-maple, aspen habitat.

As one approaches the weathered gray stone wall, indicating former farming activity, a large glacial erratic boulder has a bronze plaque dedicating the land to Mid-Coast Audubon Society.

The open field, is mowed anunally to preserve its integrity, while trembling aspen is steadily encroaching. The hiker may observe Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, flycatchers and foraging sparrows.

Continuing down hill, the hiker will pass through a stand of bottom land hardwoods of ash-elm-maple.

Approaching the intertidal zone of the Medomak River, soils deposited from lands upstream may be observed in addition to, saltwater grasses and birds of the coastal marsh.

The **Nelson Nature Preserve**, donated by chapter members Ray and Linda Nelson on the north side of Route 73, a mile from Friendship Village, in Knox County, is designated by a small sign at a paved off-road parking area.

The land is a combination of upland hardwood-conifer woodlands with thick understory of shrubs and about half of the tract is a "red maple swamp" fronting the Goose River. The "red maple swamp" has been recognized by Maine as a significant forest type.

A designated trail system is in the upland section, while the swamp area is usually visited when frozen. Throughout the tract one may find many species of wildflowers in addition to trees and shrubs and seasonally warblers and other neotropical songbirds.

The small, but significant, Goose River Preserve fronts 300 feet on this river and is located just off Route 73 on the Waterman Beach Road, with a small off road parking area. The access trail traverses a dense young conifer woodland to the river where waterfowl may be observed.



The **Davis Bog Preserve**, located in the Town of Morrill, Waldo County, is located one mile off Route 3 on the Ridge Road. The 40-acre tract is a northern white cedar bog, with wetland plants and typical bog plant species surrounding the area. Principal birds observed include flycatchers and warblers.

### Winter Coastal Birding Prospects

Don Reimer

The winter months can offer opportunities to spot unique birds not found at other seasons. Although this winter's general forecast for irruptive finches is not favorable, birders are finding sizeable flocks of **Bohemian Waxwings**, below, feeding on crabapples.



Common Redpolls are occasionally seen in weedy fields and alder patches. Swirling groups of Snow Buntings also inhabit these same open field areas.

Bird feeding stations are another prospect for discovering an assortment of interesting species. Check through roving American Goldfinch flocks at thistle feeders for brownish-striped Pine Siskins.

Pay close attention to ground feeding birds such as Cardinals and Mourning Doves; in recent years, a few White-winged Doves have visited such sites. Feeding stations are also an obvious attraction for bird-hunting predators such as Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks.

A ready supply of backyard suet may draw a variety of small birds including chickadees, creepers, nuthatches, Carolina Wrens and several woodpecker species, including a growing number of localized **Red-bellied Woodpeckers**, below.



Coastal harbors and inlet are good places to scan for Common Loons and the much grayer, slimmer-looking Red-throated Loon. Sections of ice-free river front in Warren Village and Damariscotta often hold Common Mergansers, Hooded Mergansers and Goldeneyes. Scattered numbers of American Wigeon huddle with winter flocks of Mallards and Black Ducks.

Be on the lookout for roadside wintering owls. In addition to our native Great Horned and Barred Owls, we sometimes find northerly species such as Great Gray, Boreal, Short-eared and Northern Hawk Owls.

Dawn and dusk are generally the best times to see owls in silhouette on treetops, power lines and rooftops.

#### You Heard It here . . . . .

#### MORE INVASIVES

Joe Gray

There are two more invasives Mainers should be concerned about. The Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus ameniacus* Focke) and pine bark beetle (*Dendroctonus* spp.), now extensively attacking yellow pines in the west, and may be well are on their way to Maine.

The **Himalayan blackberry**, below, is a serious noxious weed



in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and even now in Virginia and Delaware.

The fruits are eaten by birds and the seed defecated at some distant point, why not a migrating songbird eating the fruit in Delaware and defecating in Maine?

The plant is difficult and extremely expensive to remove by mowing, cutting or burning which only encourages the plant to grow more vigorously. Cutting and spraying new growth with the herbicides triclopyr and glyphoate, appears to be the only satisfactory control.

The pine bark beetle has become a serious threat to the yellow or hard pine species.

Bark beetles are so-named because the best known species reproduce in the inner bark, or living and dead phloem tissues, of trees. While bark beetles are ecologically and economically significant, several outbreak-prone species are known as notorious pests, and can be disastrous.

The mountain pine beetle (Dendroctonus ponderosae),



native to the forests of western North America from Mexico to central British Columbia, attack and kill live trees, in addition live in dead, weakened, or dying hosts. It inhabits ponderosa, lodgepole, Scotch and limber pine, members of the yellow or "hard" pine family, and could be expected to attack the red, pitch and banks pines of New England.

## Mid-Coast Audubon 2010 Christmas Bird Count SUMMARY

RT - Rockland-Thmaston 12/18  $\ \square$  BH - Bunker Hill 12/20  $\ \square$  PD - Pemaquaid - Damariacotta 12/22

	RT	ВН	PD	_	RT	ВН	PD
				Northern Flicker	7	*	
Canada Goose	663	91	163	Pileated Woodpecker	1		
American Black Duck	585	111	140	Blue Jay	181	205	58
Mallard	742	106	143	American Crow	442	338	116
Ring-necked Duck		1		Northern Raven	20	9	
Greater Scaup		5		Black-cap. Chickadee	582	594	82
CommonEider	396		160	Tufted Titmouse	45	38	18
Surf Scoter	69		29	Red-br. Nuthatch	14	12	8
White-winged Scoter	1			Wh-br. Nuthatch	44	55	10
Long-tailed Duck	206		160	Brown Creeper	8	8	10
Bufflehead	482	66	229	Carolina Wren	*	Ü	
Common Goldeneye	89	111	102	Golden-cr. Kinglet	49	1	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1	1		American Robin	49	'	
Hooded Merganser	7	79	34	Eastern Bluebird	73	*	
Common Merganser	25	26	6	No. Mockingbird	3		
Red-br. Merganser	110	11	88		5 571	360	
Dbl-cr. Cormorant	*		1	European Starling	30	300	
Great Cormorant	3	*	•	Bohemian Waxwing	30	*	
Great Blue Heron	5			Cedar Waxwing	4		
Ruffed Grouse	2			Northern Shrike	4	40	
Wild Turkey	70	1	470	Snow Bunting	3	40	
Bald Eagle Adult	36	12	1	Pine Warbler	ı	1	
Bald Eagle Imm.	78	12	ı	Am. Tree Sparrow		56	•
Northern Harrier	70		1	Chipping Sparrow	•		8
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		1	Song Sparrow	6	1	1
Coopers Hawk	5		ı	Swamp Sparrow	3		
Red-shouldered Hawk	1			Savannah Sparrow	1		_
Red-tailed Hawk	4	3	1	White-thr. Sparrow	20		8
	1	3	I	Dark-eyed Junco	24	43	22
Rough-legged Hawk	Į			Northern Cardinal	48	21	32
American Kestrel	1			Rusty Blckbird	7	*	
Merlin	1			Common Grackle		1	
Peregrine Falcon	2			Dickccissel	*		
American Coot	32		47	Purple Finch	6		`2
Purple Sandpiper	17		47	House Finch	29	2	
Bonapart's Gull	65 1		110	Common Redpoill	120	15	
Black-headed Gull	1	0.4	110	Pine Siskin	1		
Ring-billed Gul	27	64	12	American Goldfinch	151	165	6
Herring Gull	949	27	257	House Sparrow	32	167	30
Glaucous Gull			1				
Great Black-bk. Gull	14		6				
Black Guillemot	79	_	23	SPECIES	79	51	51
Rock Pigeon	368	76	37				
Mourning Dove	293	126	52	TOTAL BIRDS	8,381	2,985	2,33
Great Horned Owl	3	*			•	,	, -
Barred Owl	3	*	1	Birds seen during cour	it week *		
Long-eared Owl	1						
Belted Kingfisher			1				
Red-beld Woodpecker		1					
Downy Woodpecker	42	24	12				
Hairy Woodpecker	25		1				

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Please Note . . .



The Chapter Post Office box is changing this year from Rockland 04841-0862 to Damariscotta 04543-0458.

> Do something good for wildlife this spring, plant a wildlife shrub or tree.

THIS COLORFUL FEBRUARY 2011 MID-COAST AUDUBON BULLETIN CAN BE FOUND ON THE CHAPTER'S WEB SITE WWW.MIDCOASTAUDUBON.ORG

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#### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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You will receive both quarterly newsletters, HABITAT from Maine Audubon Society and the Mid-Coast Audubon BULLETIN

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