

BIRD RECORDS OF INTEREST -
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During the banding operation I kept a daily record of the birds seen in the vicinity of Port Mouton and Port Joli. Dr. H. F. Tufts of Riverhead, Port Mouton, one of the foremost ornithologists of Nova Scotia, informed me that this year the population of normal winter residents was very much below usual. He believes that the severe winter of 1947 - 48 took a heavy toll of such birds as Robins, Song Sparrows, Juncos, Myrtle Warblers etc, and that this accounted for the small numbers to be seen this year.

Following is a list of my observations:-

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| 1. Common Loon - 1 - | Port Joli Harbour, | Feb 2nd. |
| 2. Red-throated Loon - 1 | Port Mouton, | Feb. 6 to 12th |
| 3. Horned Grebe - 1 | Port Mouton, | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| 4. Canada Goose 200 - 1000 | Port Joli, | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| 5. Black Duck 50 - 500 | Port Joli | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| 6. XXXXXX XXXXX 25 - 75 | Port Mouton | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| 6. Greater Scaup 25 - 1000 | Port Joli | Feb. 8 to 21st. |
| | Port Mouton, | Feb. 19 & 20th |
| 7. American Golden-eye | 1 - 100 Port Joli, | Feb. 3 to 21st. |
| | Around Feb. 16th courting parties were first noted in Port Joli Harbour and the "peent" call of the males could be frequently heard. The Golden-eyes were found in small groups, not in large flocks like the scaup. | |
| 8. Bufflehead | 1 (female or immature) | |
| | Port Mouton, | Feb. 6 to 19th. |
| 9. Old Squaw | 3 female Port Mouton, | Feb. 6. |
| | 1 male Port Mouton, | Feb. 6. |
| | Local residents believe that these birds may have been victims of oil pollution, which has recurred this year in this area. | |
| 10. American Merganser | 10 males Port Joli, | Feb. 7 to 14th |
| 11. Red-breasted Merganser | 25 Port Mouton, | Feb. 1 to 21st. |
| | 2 - 4 Port Joli, | Feb. 1 to 21st. |
| 12. Bald Eagle | 2 adult Port Joli, | Feb. 3 to 21st |
| | 1 immature " Joli | Feb. 3 to 21st |
| 13. Herring Gull | up to 150 Port Mouton, | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| | up to 12 Port Joli, | Feb. 1 to 21st |
| 14. Great Black-backed Gull.. | a few at Port Joli | |
| | 1 was seen on Feb. 8, 10ml. 4 were seen on Feb. 13th. | |
| 15. Ruffed Grouse | three were seen at Port Joli | |
| 16. Great Horned Owl. | Two were caught in the duck trap on Feb. 13th. One was already dead and the other dispatched when caught (due to further banding operations) It was hoped to sex and skin these birds but time did not permit. | |
| 17. Barred Owl. | One was found shot Feb. 13th near Port Joli. This bird proved to be a female and a stomach examination showed the remains of a small mammal. The bird was very fat and in excellent condition. I now have the skin. | |
| 18. Hairy Woodpecker- | very few were seen - only two different individuals - both near Port Joli, | |
| 19. Blue Jay. | 1 to 4 Port Mouton | Feb. 3 to 19th. |
| 20. Crow. | Commonly seen and heard at both Port Joli and Port Mouton. On one occasion four were caught in the duck traps, but unfortunately due to lack of bands of the right size, these birds had to be released unbanded. | |
| 21. Raven. | Only one observed at Port Joli | Feb. 18th |
| 22. Black-capped Chickadee | Frequently seen and heard at Port Mouton & Port Joli | |

23. Golden-crowned Kinglet	few	Port Joli	Feb. 2nd
24. Sterling	abound 50	Port Joli	Feb 1 - 21st.
	" 10	Port Mouton	Feb.1 - 21st.
25. Myrtle Warbler	12	Port Joli	Feb. 14th
26. Pine Grosbeak	highest no. seen in one day		
	7	Port Mouton	Feb. 2 - 21st.
27. Evening Grosbeak	2 males	Port Mouton	Feb.5th.
28. Redpoll	up to 50 in flock	Port Joli	Feb. 2 - 21st.
	" " 25 " "	Port Mouton	Feb. 2 - 21st.
29. Purple Finch	8	Port Joli	Feb. 12th
30. Slate-coloured Junco.	1	Port Joli	Feb. 3rd
	1	Port Joli	Feb. 11th
31. Tree Sparrow	2	Port Joli	Feb. 5th
	1	Port Joli	Feb. 19th
32. White-throated sparrow	3	Port Mouton	Feb. 12th, 13, 18, 19
			These birds were later seen on Feb. 13th, 18th, 19th & 20th.
33. Song Sparrow	2	Port Joli	almost daily
	1	Port Mouton	almost daily

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