Sea & Sage Audubon UNB Monthly Boat Trip/Bird Count
From aboard the Newport Sea Base Pontoon Boat

Date: 11/15/17   Tide: 5.7 ft. High Tide at 7:02 AM; 0.2 ft Low Tide at 1:38 PM.
Counters: Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Jeff Bray, Darrell Wilson, Mark Kincheloe, Sandy Smith, Mary Anne Skorpanich, and Nancy Kenyon.  Trip Leader: Nancy Kenyon   Skipper: Robert Sloan

Comments: The weather was partly cloudy, sometimes with bright sunlight, other times completely overcast. The water was very calm with little or no breeze which made for ideal birding conditions. Due to the high tide at the start of the trip, there were few mudflats, so the shorebirds were mostly in the vegetation except for a few locations where the peeps dotted the shoreline en masse, looking like piles of small white stones. We had SIX Belted Kingfishers today. One of the Osprey was perched on a high pole at the water’s edge where everyone was able to get great views of him. We had a good variety of raptors: 21 Turkey Vultures, 10 of which were in flight being mobbed by a Peregrine Falcon, 2 Osprey, 1 Northern Harrier, 1 Red-shouldered Hawk which was heard from a distance, 2 Red-tailed Hawks, 6 American Kestrels, 1 Merlin in a post, and 1 very active Peregrine! It was a pretty exciting day!

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