

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

Date: 4/16/14 **Trip Leader:** Nancy Kenyon **Tide:** 3.97 ft. high tide at 10:48 AM **Skipper:** George
Birders who actively contributed to the count: Sally Menzel, Sharon Harrow, Deana Collins, Mark Kincheloe, Chris Johnson, & Nancy Kenyon.

Comments: We saw 2 Osprey chicks at the nesting platform, along with 2 adults. 3 hummers and 7 peeps zoomed by our boat, much too fast for us to identify them. The Reddish Egret was feeding along the east shore further up the bay. We could not find the Little Blue Heron. Chris spotted 2 Clapper Rails which appeared to be very dark. When I sent Mike Straub's photo to Dick Zembal with a question about their dark color, he responded that rails had a lot of individual variation in color but that these 2 birds had probably not reached their full breeding plumage yet and that's why they were so dark. Three crows were busy mobbing a Red-tailed Hawk. We saw 1 female Redhead & a late Common Merganser.

Geese & Ducks	
16	Canada Goose
2	American Wigeon
13	Mallard
2	Blue-winged Teal
2	Cinnamon Teal
1	Redhead (female)
3	Lesser Scaup
1	Surf Scoter
1	Common Merganser
13	Bufflehead
Grebes	
2	Pied-billed Grebe
2	Horned Grebe
6	Eared Grebe
41	Western Grebe
Pelicans & Cormorants	
6	Brown Pelican
9	Double-crested Cormorant
Hérons & Egrets	
5	Great Blue Heron
4	Great Egret
19	Snowy Egret
1	Reddish Egret
Diurnal Birds of Prey	
1	Turkey Vulture
4	Osprey (2 adults & 2 chicks)
1	Red-shouldered Hawk
2	Red-tailed Hawk
Rails & Coots	
2	Clapper Rails
13	American Coot
Plovers	
12	Black-bellied Plover
1	Killdeer
Stilts	
2	Black-necked Stilt
Sandpipers	
1	Spotted Sandpiper
111	Willet

22	Marbled Godwit
75	Western Sandpiper
16	Least Sandpiper
3	Dunlin
7	peeps
Gulls, Terns & Skimmers	
1	Ring-billed Gull
13	Western Gull
13	Caspian Tern
19	Forster's Tern
54	Elegant Tern
80	Black Skimmer
Pigeons & Doves	
10	Rock Pigeon
3	Mourning Dove
Swifts	
1	White-throated Swift
Hummingbirds	
3	hummingbird sp.
Flycatchers	
1	Cassin's Kingbird
Crows & Ravens	
24	American Crow
2	Common Raven
Swallows	
2	N. Rough-winged Swallow
14	Barn Swallow
Mockingbirds	
9	Northern Mockingbird
Warblers	
1	Orange-crowned Warbler
Sparrows	
20	Savannah Sparrow
Finches	
10	House Finches