

## POINT PELEE BIRDS — ANNUAL SUMMARY FOR 2014

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This 2014 summary pertains to the official Point Pelee Birding Area, which is a standard 15-mile diameter CBC circle centred slightly north of Concession Road B. The area includes all of Wheatley and Wheatley Provincial Park to the northeast, and all of Seacliff and Leamington to the northwest.

It was an excellent year for birds at Point Pelee with many significant sightings to report. A total of 296 species was found, which is well above the long-term annual average of 281.6 species dating back to 1980 inclusive ( $n = 35$ ). In fact, it is the second-highest total on record, exceeded only by the 301 species that were found during 2005, which was truly an exceptional year. In contrast the lowest annual totals were tallied in both 1989 and 1984, when only 271 species were found in each of those years.

The following short list pertains to species that were *not* recorded at Point Pelee during 2014, some of which are normally annual in occurrence (or at least somewhat regular). If anyone is aware of any of these species being observed at Point Pelee during 2014, please send me the details.

**King Eider**

**Hudsonian Godwit**

**Baird's Sandpiper** — *first time not recorded since 1990*

**Black-headed Gull**

**Cave Swallow**

**Kirtland's Warbler**

**White-winged Crossbill**

Detailed below are some of the more significant observations that were made during 2014. There were, of course, many other sightings of note including early and late migration dates, unusual wintering and summering records, breeding records, record-high counts, etc., but these are too numerous to be detailed here.

Thanks to everyone who regularly provide me with their sightings, even if they could not be included here in this year's summary.

### — UPDATES / CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS ANNUAL SUMMARIES —

#### Additions for 2012 Annual Summary:

##### ***Bicknell's Thrush***

May 10, 2012 — one first-year, NW Woodland Nature Trail (Garth V. Riley *et al.*)

- a **NEW** species for Point Pelee — **#389**. Photographs recently provided by the finder of this bird now support this occurrence. With this addition, the number of species recorded at Point Pelee during 2012 increases to 293, instead of 292.

## Additions for **2013** Annual Summary:

### ***Carolina Chickadee***

May 12-15, 2013 — one, Tip area (Hayden J. Bilty, R. Gordon Payne *et al.*)

- a **NEW** species for Point Pelee — **#391**. The first observation of this bird was made on May 12, when it was found and photographed just north of the Tip. At the time the bird was not identified; however, days later it was realized that *the* bird had been photographed. On May 13, without any knowledge of the original observation, the bird was encountered again just south of the Sparrow Field (Brandon R. Holden, David M. Bell); once more the bird was silent, but the observers immediately suspected that it was a Carolina Chickadee and many more photographs were taken. Due to the known difficulties in separating these two chickadee species, considerable research was required before written documentation and photographs could be submitted to the Ontario Bird Records Committee; subsequently the record was accepted. The bird was last reported on May 15, when it and two Black-capped Chickadees appeared together at the extreme Tip; here the bird was observed singing and/or calling (Alan Wormington *et al.*), but it was so windy at the time that no sounds could be heard! This represents just the second record of Carolina Chickadee for both Ontario and Canada; the first was at the Tip of Long Point, *Norfolk*, on May 18, 1983 (see *Ontario Birds* 6: 111-114).

### ***Le Conte's Sparrow***

October 12, 2013 — one, Wheatley Provincial Park (Len A. Jones)

The addition of the above two species increases the number of species now recorded at Point Pelee during 2013 to 295, instead of 293.



Three views of the Carolina Chickadee, south of the Sparrow Field on May 13, 2013 — Brandon R. Holden

On the centre image, note the complete absence of any “peach” colouring along the flanks, and also the lower edge of the black “bib” which is relatively sharply-defined from the white underparts (a variable trait); in the image on the right, note the complete lack of any white markings on the greater (wing) coverts.

## — ONTARIO RARITIES at POINT PELEE in 2014 —

Listed in this category are provincial rarities as designated by the Ontario Bird Records Committee (OBRC). The final status of these records await decisions by that body, at least for those sightings that were in fact documented and submitted to the OBRC for review.

### ***Green-winged “Common” Teal*** (nominate *crecca* subspecies)

March 30 — one male, SW Hillman Marsh (Richard P. Carr)

### ***Pacific Loon***

May 17 — one alternate adult, east side of Tip (Jean Iron *et al.*)

October 26 — one juvenile, Tip (Alan Wormington, William G. Lamond *et al.*)

November 9-10 — one adult (mostly alternate plumage), east side of Tip (9<sup>th</sup>) and Lake Erie at SE Hillman Marsh (10<sup>th</sup>) (Joshua D. Vandermeulen, Kenneth G.D. Burrell, Kevin A. McLaughlin, Stephen T. Pike *et al.*)

- the separate sightings on November 9 and 10 presumably pertain to the same Pacific Loon, since the observed plumage was the same during both events, and on November 9 the bird was last seen swimming northward towards the second observation site.

### ***Western Grebe***

April 29-30 — one, west side of Tip (Joshua R. Bouman, Michael P.J. Bouman *et al.*)

- this is the first Point Pelee record of the species since 2010.

### ***Neotropic Cormorant***

May 13 — one first-year immature, flying northeast past Tip (Brandon R. Holden, KGDB *et al.*)

May 18 — one adult, flying from Sturgeon Creek Marina to adjacent Lake Erie (STP)

June 1 — one first-year immature, Tip (AW, STP)

- these are the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> records of the species for Point Pelee; Neotropic Cormorant continues to expand northwards, so presumably more occurrences can be expected in the near future.

### ***Little Blue Heron***

May 1 — one adult, flying south over NW Hillman Marsh (Robert Curry, Glenda J. Slessor)



Juvenile Pacific Loon at the Tip (front left), feeding with Red-breasted Mergansers on October 26, 2014 — Jeremy M. Bensette



Western Grebe at the west side of the Tip on April 29-30, 2014 — Alan Wormington



Neotropic Cormorant (right) at the Tip on June 1, 2014. Note the smaller head and body size, and thinner bill — Alan Wormington





**Establishing just the second record for the Point Pelee Birding Area, this juvenile White Ibis remained at Wheatley Provincial Park (Boosey Creek) from September 14-16, 2014 — Alan Wormington**

### ***White Ibis***

September 14-16 — one juvenile, Wheatley Provincial Park (Roxanna K. Corsé *et al.*)

- this is only the second White Ibis to be found within the Point Pelee Birding Area; the first record also involved a juvenile bird, which was flying south over the Tip area on September 27, 1970.

### ***Mississippi Kite***

May 13-14 — one first-year immature, Tip to Blue Heron Picnic Area (R. Douglas McRae, Barbara N. Charlton *et al.*)

May 14 — one first-year immature, east of Wheatley Provincial Park (BRH, BNC)

May 19 — one, over Tip (James C. Biggar, Jonathan M. Lea *et al.*)

### ***Swainson's Hawk***

October 22 — one light-morph adult, migrating west at SE Wheatley (Paul D. Pratt)

### ***Eurasian Collared-Dove***

August 24–December 31+ — two adults (breeding pair), SE Leamington at Gore Hill (Jeremy M. Bensette, Michelle L. Valliant, STP, Lindsey A. Valliant *et al.*)

- this pair also provided the first breeding record of Eurasian Collared-Dove for Ontario, when two dependent young were found at Gore Hill on September 11-15, 2014 (AW). It seems probable that this is the same pair of birds that were observed along Pelee Drive in 2013, when seen on July 2 at “The Fish Place” restaurant (Michael D. Cadman), and again on September 27 at the intersection with Concession Road D (Ross W. Wood, BNC).

December 2 — one, west side of Tip (Peter B. Hogenbirk, A. Geoffrey Carpentier)

- presumably, this was one of the birds from Gore Hill.





Two Eurasian Collared-Doves  
at Gore Hill on August 29, 2014  
— Joshua D. Vandermeulen



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher flying  
over the Tip on May 11, 2014  
— Joshua D. Vandermeulen



An apparent Bicknell's Thrush at  
the Tip on May 31, 2014 — Alan  
Wormington

### *Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*

May 9-12 — one, Tip to Blue Heron Picnic Area (many observers; finders not known)

May 16 — one, north of entrance to Wheatley Provincial Park (Gary R. Berg, Luke H. Berg)

### *Bell's Vireo*

May 18-19 — one male (singing), Sparrow Field (Thomas J. Preney *et al.*)

### *Fish Crow*

May 6 — one, White Pine Picnic Area to Tilden's Woods (Tim A. Seburn, Marcie L. Jacklin *et al.*)

May 9 — one, east side of Tip (Richard D. Poort)

### *Bicknell's Thrush*

May 31 — one definitive adult, Tip (AW *et al.*)

- this is the second record for Point Pelee, with the first recorded in 2012 (see above); together these two occurrences possibly represent the most westerly records of Bicknell's Thrush within the Great Lakes Region.

### *Smith's Longspur*

April 29–May 7 — up to seven (males + one or more females), NE Hillman Marsh (Jerry S. Ball *et al.*)

- a **NEW** species for Point Pelee — **#393**. This is an extremely rare species in southern Ontario, with just seven records in total; all previous records involved single birds only.



Male Smith's Longspur on April  
29, 2014 — Kory J. Renaud



Female Smith's Longspur on  
May 3, 2014 — James R. Barber



Male Smith's Longspur on April  
29, 2014 — Alan Wormington

***Yellow-rumped “Audubon’s” Warbler***

(*auduboni* subspecies)

April 30–May 8 — one female, Post Woods to NW Woodland Nature Trail (Lev A. Frid, Murray A. Shields *et al.*)

- this represents the 15<sup>th</sup> record of this subspecies for Point Pelee (11<sup>th</sup> during spring migration).

***Henslow’s Sparrow***

April 17-18 — one, DeLaurier Parking Area (Christopher R. Gaffan *et al.*)

May 4 — one, west side of Tip, south of paved loop road (many observers; finders not known)

May 4 — one, west side of Tip, north of paved loop road (Dwayne D. Murphy *et al.*)

May 17 — one, Sparrow Field (Dominic A. Cormier, JDV, Kory J. Renaud, JMB)



**Henslow’s Sparrow at DeLaurier Parking Area on April 17-18, 2014 — Blake A. Mann**

***Blue Grosbeak***

May 8 — one female, circling Tip (Eric W. Holden *et al.*)

**— ADDITIONAL RARITIES of NOTE (not OBRC) —**

***Greater White-fronted Goose***

February 21 — one *frontalis* adult, flying north to south over SE Hillman Marsh (AW)

March 1 — one immature, east end of Concession Road C (Jeremy L. Hatt *et al.*)

March 8 — one adult (dark), east end of Concession Road C (JLH)

March 8-9 — one adult (light), Onion Fields to Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (JLH *et al.*)

March 15 — one immature, Kildeer Road fields (JLH)

March 21 — one adult, east end of Concession Road D (AW)

March 24 — five, Kildeer [*sic*] Road fields (JLH)

***Ross’s Goose***

March 18-19 — three white-morph adults, east end of Concession Road D (AW *et al.*)

March 28-30 — one white-morph adult, NE Hillman Marsh (Ross W. Wood, AW *et al.*)

***Brant***

November 1 — 13 (flock), flying east to west at Seacliff Beach (STP, JMB, LAV, Emma R. Buck)

***Eurasian Wigeon***

March 26-30 — one first-year male, Concession Road E (AW *et al.*)

March 29–April 4 — one definitive male, NW and NE Hillman Marsh (Hugh Kent *et al.*)

April 28 — one female, NW Hillman Marsh (BRH *et al.*)

- this is the fifth female bird to be identified at Point Pelee, since the first in 1992.

June 14 — one male, NW Hillman Marsh (RPC *et al.*)



### ***Red-necked Grebe***

March 5 — two, Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (JLH, JMB)

March 6 — six, Lake Erie @ NE Hillman Marsh (JLH, KJR)

March 7 — 36, Lake Erie @ NE Hillman Marsh (AW, Marianne B. Reid, Rosemary A. Reid, Rick Mayos)

March 9 — one, Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (JLH, MBR *et al.*)

- all of the above sightings were presumably a result of the Great Lakes almost freezing-over completely, which displaced Red-necked Grebes (and various waterfowl) from their normal wintering areas. These are the first winter records ever for Point Pelee; the concentration of 36 birds on March 7 is exceptional, since the previous daily high count for any time of year here is only three birds. In addition to the above sightings, a dead bird (very old) was found at Northeast Beach on May 2 (BRH); presumably this occurrence was also related to this late-winter incursion.

March 22 — one, Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (RPC)

April 6 — three, Lake Erie @ Wheatley Provincial Park (David A. Martin, Linda Wladarski)

April 28 — one, west side of Tip (Denys R. Gardiner)

May 3 — one, flying east to west past Tip (Peter A. Read)

October 6 — one, flying south at East Beach (RPC)

October 26-27 — one, Lake Erie @ Wheatley Harbour (PDP)

November 3 — one, flying east to west past Tip (AW, RPC)

November 7 — one, Lake Erie @ Wheatley Harbour (JDV)

November 8 — one, flying east to west past Tip (JLH, JDV, Blake A. Mann)

November 9 — one, Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (RPC)

November 13 — one, flying east to west past Tip (RPC)

November 30 — one, Lake Erie @ SE Hillman Marsh (RPC)

- the number of Red-necked Grebes recorded at Point Pelee during 2014 is unprecedented. Compare these sightings to the fact that none whatsoever were recorded at Point Pelee during nine of the past 36 years (since 1979).

### ***Eared Grebe***

April 30–May 4 — up to two birds (one remaining to May 8), Tip (KGDB, RPC *et al.*)

May 3 — one, East Beach @ Shuster Trail (Ronald G. Tozer *et al.*)

May 4 — one, West Beach (KAM, Robert L. Waldhuber, AW *et al.*)

May 14 — one, Wheatley Harbour (BRH)

May 17 — one, Lake Erie at Sparrow Field (S. McAllister, M. McAllister)

November 3-24 — one adult, Wheatley Harbour (KAM *et al.*)

November 8 — one, flying east to west past Tip (JDV, BAM, AW)

November 9 — one, flying east to west past Tip (KGDB, JDV, KAM, STP)

November 9-10 — one, east side of Tip (KGDB *et al.*)



**Adult Eared Grebe at Wheatley Harbour on November 17, 2014 — Alan Wormington**





**Adult Snowy Egret at NW Hillman Marsh on April 27, 2014 — Clarine J. Maiolani**



**Six American White Pelicans flying in formation over Hillman Marsh on May 24, 2014 — Joshua D. Vandermeulen**

### ***American White Pelican***

May 24-29 — six, Hillman Marsh (Adam C. Pinch *et al.*)

### ***Snowy Egret***

April 27 — one adult, NW Hillman Marsh (Sharon A. Gardiner, DRG *et al.*)

### ***Cattle Egret***

April 22 — one adult, NW Hillman Marsh (David M. Bell, Daniel G. Giesbrecht, Adam P. Timpf *et al.*)

May 15 — one, NW Hillman Marsh (JI, Dan Suess, Susan Suess)

### ***Black Vulture***

April 19 — one, Wheatley Provincial Park (Ian M. Richards, Sandra N. Bateman)

April 19-21 — one, Sleepy Hollow Picnic Area to Tip (KJR, JDV *et al.*)

May 31–June 1 — one, Visitor Centre to Tip (AW, ACP *et al.*)

- plumage differences, and overlap of observation times, confirm that two different Black Vultures were present within the Point Pelee Birding Area on April 19.

### ***King Rail***

May 9 — one dead (very fresh), Pelee Drive @ The Narrows (BRH *et al.*)



**Black Vulture roosting at the Sparrow Field (with 44 Turkey Vultures nearby) on June 1, 2014 — Alan Wormington**

***American Avocet***

May 10 — three, NW Hillman Marsh (Stuart R. Williams, Marsha J. Williams *et al.*)

May 26 — four males, NW Hillman Marsh (Len A. Jones, R. James McCoy, Brad Hamil *et al.*)

September 6 — one, Tip (STP, JLH, JMB, CRG)

***Western Sandpiper***

May 20 — one alternate adult, flooded fields at NE Hillman Marsh (RPC *et al.*)

- this is the first Point Pelee record of this species since 2008.

***Purple Sandpiper***

November 8 — one, flying east to west past Tip (JLH, STP *et al.*)

November 13 — one juvenile, Tip (RPC *et al.*)

November 17 — one, flying east to west past Tip, landed briefly (PDP)



**Juvenile Purple Sandpiper at the Tip on November 13, 2014  
— Alan Wormington**

***Red Phalarope***

September 4 — two, flying south at west side of Tip (AW)

September 20 — one, flying south at west side of Tip (BAM, JLH, JDV)

***Black-legged Kittiwake***

October 14 — one first-winter immature, Lake Erie @ Wheatley Harbour (RWW)

***Sabine's Gull***

September 1 — one adult, flying west to east past Tip at 8:25 a.m. (BAM, KJR)

- of the 60 Sabine's Gulls now recorded during fall migration at Point Pelee, *all* have been reported as juveniles with the exception of this first-ever adult bird.

September 4 — one juvenile, flying west to east past Tip at 8:50 a.m. (AW, Michael J. Nelson)

September 10 — one juvenile, flying west to east past Tip at 8:52 a.m. (AW, BAM, J. Michael Tate, RPC, MJN)

September 20 — one juvenile, flying west to east past Tip at 8:15 a.m. (BAM, JLH)

***Laughing Gull***

May 13 — one adult, Pelee Marsh Tower (BRH)

May 13-16 — one adult, Wheatley Harbour to NE Hillman Marsh (JSB *et al.*)

September 4 — one juvenile, Tip (AW, MJN)



**Adult Sabine's Gull at the Tip on September 1, 2014 — Blake A. Mann**

### ***Franklin's Gull***

May 14-15 — one first-summer immature, Wheatley Harbour to NW Hillman Marsh (BRH *et al.*)  
May 20-21 — one adult, Wheatley Harbour to NW Hillman Marsh (RWW *et al.*)  
October 5 — one first-winter immature, Sturgeon Creek Marina (WGL)  
October 13-17 — one first-winter immature, Wheatley Harbour (Henrique J. Pacheco, Deborah J.A. Pacheco, James D.J. Carrey *et al.*)  
November 5 — one first-winter immature, Tip (KAM *et al.*)  
November 6 — one adult, Wheatley Harbour (KAM)

### ***Pomarine Jaeger***

September 21 — one sub-adult, flying west to east past Tip (JDV, JLH, JMB, David E. Szmyr)  
September 29-30 — one juvenile, Tip (LAF)  
October 7 — one light-morph adult, flying east to west past Tip (RPC)  
October 15 — one juvenile, Tip (BRH, RWW)

### ***Long-tailed Jaeger***

August 30 — one intermediate-morph juvenile, flying west to east past Tip at 8:45 a.m. (AW)

### ***Western Kingbird***

May 9 — one, Concession Road B at Mersea Road 19 (Lisa M. Teskey, Leonard P. Manning)  
May 11 — one, flying south off Tip (Cameron Cox *et al.*)

### ***Common Raven***

May 14 — one, Tip to Pioneer Picnic Area (PDP *et al.*)

### ***Tufted Titmouse***

October 12 — one male, west side of Tip (Donald G. Cecile)  
– this is always a scarce species locally, and this sighting represents the only record for 2014; Tufted Titmouse is often reported during May at Point Pelee as a “heard-only” species, but most or all of these reports are misidentifications.

### ***Bohemian Waxwing***

December 22 — one, Wheatley Provincial Park (IMR, SNB)

### ***“Yellow” Palm Warbler* (*hypochrysea* subspecies)**

April 25-30 — one male, Sparrow Field (BRH *et al.*)

### ***Yellow-throated Warbler***

April 14 — one *albilora*, Post Woods (Michael E. Carlson)  
April 19–May 10 — one *albilora*, SE Woodland Nature Trail (JMT, Robert J. Cermak, BAM *et al.*)  
May 10 — one, east side of Tip (Jack Fenton *et al.*)  
May 10 — one nominate *dominica* (?), East Beach south of Shuster Trail (STP, Eva Froese *et al.*)  
– if confirmed as such, this would be the first record of this subspecies for Point Pelee.

### ***Lark Sparrow***

August 22-24 — one immature, west side of Tip (JMB, CRG *et al.*)  
– surprisingly this is just the second fall record for Point Pelee; the first was on October 11, 2008.





**Yellow-throated Warbler (nominate *dominica*?) at East Beach on May 10, 2014 — Bruce M. Di Labio**



**Immature Lark Sparrow at the west side of Tip, from August 22-24, 2014 — Alan Wormington**

***Le Conte's Sparrow***

October 9 — one adult, west side of Tip (RPC)  
October 12 — one, west side of Tip (Gerald Urquhart)

***Nelson's Sparrow***

September 30 — one, extreme Tip (LAF, Marina Lachtchenko)  
October 19 — one, Sparrow Field (STP)



**Nelson's Sparrow at the extreme Tip on September 30, 2014 — Lev A. Frid**

***Dickcissel***

May 8 — one, flying over Tip (KGDB, Michael V.A. Burrell, James G. Burrell *et al.*)  
May 13 — one female, flying south off Tip (BRH, KGDB *et al.*)  
May 13 — one male, flying south off Tip (AW *et al.*)  
July 5-21 — one territorial male, NW Hillman Marsh (BAM *et al.*)

***Western Meadowlark***

May 4 — one, west side of Tip (WGL, KAM)

***Yellow-headed Blackbird***

May 10 — one female or first-year male, NW Hillman Marsh (JI *et al.*)  
May 18 — one first-year male, Sparrow Field (LHB, GRB)

***Brewer's Blackbird***

The unprecedented number of wintering birds from late 2013 continued into early 2014, with a total of at least nine individuals probably involved; the last wintering bird to be reported was on February 15, when a male was found on Concession Road C at Pelee Drive (BAM *et al.*).  
November 20 — one male, Concession Road C (JLH)

***Evening Grosbeak***

December 15 — one male, Tip (KJR)

## — SIGNIFICANT HYBRIDS —

### *Northern Pintail x Mallard*

March 30 — one male, SE Hillman Marsh (JLH)

### *“Lawrence’s” Warbler (Golden-winged x Blue-winged hybrid)*

May 7 — one male, middle section of Woodland Nature Trail (MVAB, KGDB, JGB *et al.*)

## — ESCAPED / RELEASED BIRDS —

### *European Goldfinch*

April 30 — one, Tip (Gregory N. Stuart, Paul T. Hunter, Elizabeth A. Hunter)

## — SIGNIFICANT MIGRATION DATES —

With a history of bird study dating back to 1877, it seems remarkable that *any* new record-early or record-late date could be established at Point Pelee. Yet every year we continue to push the biological limits of these categories, even though the number of listings is slowly declining (as to be expected).

### RECORD-EARLY SPRING:

*Semipalmated Plover* — one on April 25 (PTH, EAH) — *ties record-early*

*Ruddy Turnstone* — one on April 25–May 2 (KGDB *et al.*) — *4 days record-early*

*Common Nighthawk* — one on April 21 (RPC) — *2 days record-early*

*Acadian Flycatcher* — one on April 25 (BRH, KGDB) — *1 day record-early*

*Western Kingbird* — one on May 9 (LMT, LPM) — *2 days record-early*

*Ovenbird* — one on April 15 (AW) — *1 day record-early*

*Summer Tanager* — one first-year male on April 15 (Daniel A. Greenham) — *3 days record-early*

*Scarlet Tanager* — one male on April 15 (no observers) — *ties record-early*

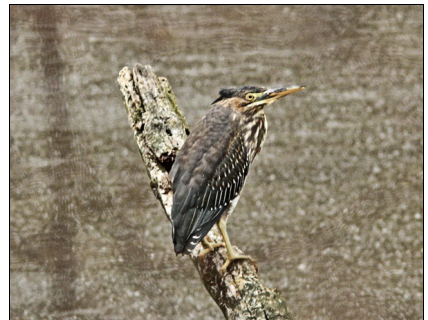
- the dried-up head of a male Scarlet Tanager was found at the Tip on April 18 (AW, RPC); it was obviously several days old, and on that basis it was assumed the bird almost certainly perished as a result of a late-season snowstorm that struck on April 15. On the same date, a Summer Tanager was found in Leamington (see above entry) and a Scarlet Tanager was photographed in Michigan.



A record-early Ovenbird in the snow, at Sanctuary Picnic Area on April 15, 2014 — Alan Wormington



The head of a male Scarlet Tanager found at the Tip on April 18, 2014 — Alan Wormington



A record-late Green Heron on November 16, 2014, at Wheatley Provincial Park — Blake A. Mann

### **RECORD-LATE SPRING:**

*Gadwall* — ten (8 males + 2 females) on May 30 (AW) — 5 days record-late

*American Avocet* — four males on May 26 (LAJ, RJM, BH *et al.*) — 5 days record-late

*Bell's Vireo* — one male on May 18-19 (TJP *et al.*) — 2 days record-late

### **RECORD-EARLY FALL:**

*White-winged Scoter* — one on August 29 (Heiko Heerklotz) — 20 days record-early

*Pacific Loon* — one juvenile on October 26 (AW, WGL *et al.*) — 5 days record-early

*Long-tailed Jaeger* — one intermediate-morph juvenile on August 30 (AW) — ties record-early

### **RECORD-LATE FALL:**

*Green Heron* — one juvenile on October 26–November 16 (RPC *et al.*) — 4 days record-late

*Broad-winged Hawk* — one juvenile on November 7 (KAM) — 18 days record-late

*Swainson's Hawk* — one light-morph adult on October 22 (PDP) — ties record-late

*Peregrine Falcon* — one juvenile on December 28 (RPC) — 12 days record-late

## **— NEW SPECIES FOR POINT PELEE —**

The total number of birds recorded in the official Point Pelee Birding Area currently stands at **393** species, and new additions recorded since 2000 are presented below. Such lists are often in “flux” due to a number of factors including “lumps” and “splits” that may occur from time to time, in addition to older records that may surface and eventually be proven to be valid. Despite the potential changes that may alter these listings in the future, the following is the most up-to-date version for new bird species recently recorded at Point Pelee.

### ***New Point Pelee species since 2000:***

**374** — Eurasian Collared-Dove – **2001**

**375** — Vermilion Flycatcher – **2002**

**376** — Brown Pelican – **2002**

**377** — White-faced Ibis – **2003**

**378** — Sooty Tern – **2003**

**379** — White-winged Dove – **2004**

**380** — Fork-tailed Flycatcher – **2004**

**381** — Neotropic Cormorant – **2005**

**382** — Ivory Gull – **2006**

**383** — Slaty-backed Gull – **2006**

**384** — Black-necked Stilt – **2007**

**385** — Mottled Duck – **2008**

**386** — Black Swift – **2009**

**387** — Trumpeter Swan – **2010**

**388** — Great Gray Owl – **2011**

**389** — Bicknell's Thrush – **2012**

**390** — Kelp Gull – **2012**

**391** — Carolina Chickadee – **2013**

**392** — Snowy Plover – **2013**

**393** — Smith's Longspur – **2014**



## **The Birds of Point Pelee**

Point Pelee bird sightings (both current and historical) can be sent to:

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The Point Pelee database is used for multiple purposes:

- Annual Summaries (such as this current one for 2014)
- Seasonal sightings that are published in the journal *North American Birds*
- For a major publication which is currently in progress — *The Birds of Point Pelee*