

# Black River News

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## Christmas

### BIRD COUNT 2021

With bright sun and no snow cover, December 18 turned out to be perfect to take part in this year's Wolfville Christmas Bird Count. Again this year Anne and Bernie Brown helped Pauline Meldrum and me cover the large Black River area of the count. Because of the lack of snow many birds had retreated back into the fields and woods resulting in low numbers at feeders and road sides.

Finding birds with low numbers depends on being in the right place at the right time, plus the availability of food - therefore the results vary from year to year. The big increase in number of individual birds was due to a large flock of probably more than 350 Starlings feeding in a field. Open water and lots of food allowed more ducks to still be present. Blue Jay numbers were down while Red-breasted Nuthatches found in the woods had increased.

Our 23 bird species added up to 745 individual birds being located. The four of us thoroughly enjoyed a pleasant winter day spent roaming around Black River and Sunken Lake.

*Bernard Forsythe*

### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT DECEMBER 18, 2021

Species	Number
Black Duck	20
Mallard	25
Ruffed Grouse	3
Bald Eagle	16
Rock Pigeon	24
Mourning Dove	8
Downy Woodpecker	1
Hairy Woodpecker	2
Pileated Woodpecker	1
Blue Jay	9
American Crow	48
Common Raven	10
Black-capped Chickadee	55
Red-breasted Nuthatch	19
White-breasted Nuthatch	4
Brown Creeper	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4
European Starling	386
Snow Bunting	60
Dark-eyed Junco	8
Purple Finch	7
White-winged Crossbill	9
American Goldfinch	25



Pileated Woodpecker



Snow Bunting



White-winged Crossbill

# Hello, Neighbour!

## Just Us !

Founded in 1995, as Canada's first fair trade coffee roaster, **Just Us! Coffee** is a worker-owned co-op roasting specialty grade, certified fair trade SPP (Small Producers Symbol), and organic coffee - ensuring integrity of supply from seed to cup. From our baristas and roasters to our managers and administrators, everyone who works at **Just Us!** can be member-owners, as inspired by the small producer farm co-ops we partner within the Global South. This democratic foundation underpins our social, environmental, and economic impact.

Our home is more than a roastery: we're a point of exchange between the Global South and Global North. When you enjoy fresh-roasted **Just Us! Coffee**, you join in a circle of empowered partners who work towards positive social impact and community well-being.

We believe that in business, people and planet should come first - and our success is proof that it can. As we grow, we are proud to return a portion of our profit to our non-member workers, worker-members, and producer-partners. Come in and check out our Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Bars, Sugar, Brew Gear and Gift Bundles.

Stop into our Grand Pre or Wolfville cafe to find a fantastic local menu of seasonal salads and gourmet sandwiches made in-house with our own bread, freshly baked tartan twirls, take-home ready-to-bake meals and desserts, and of course our vegan oatcakes and southern tofu sandwiches. All of this is available to try in-house, for grab and go, or catered for your special event.

### Thinking of starting a cafe?

#### The Just Us! Partner

**Program** gets you up and running. When small businesses band together to share resources and boost each other's reach, our impact is greater than the sum of our parts. As a **Just Us! Partner Cafe**, you'll have a brand and identity that's uniquely yours, and we'll be like a head office for you - a support network by independents, for independents.

We've got decades of experience, and we'd love to share more than just the best coffee as your foundation for growth.

For more information email: [ryan@justuscoffee.com](mailto:ryan@justuscoffee.com)

#### Contact Us:

#### Roastery, Fair Trade Museum and Office.

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Call: (902) 542-7474

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Visit us anytime on Facebook.

*The above information was taken from the Just Us! website.*



## Black River

... from the Wolfville Acadian

This column was originally printed in the Wolfville Acadian and was printed without the wife's name, as was the practice of the time. Where it is known we have included it in brackets.

**January 13, 1949**

Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (?) Buckley, Lumsden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora (Muriel) Scott and family moved to White Rock Last Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh (Abbie) Ells, North Attleboro, Mass., arrived this week to spend a month with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben (?) Stultz and family accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Pearl) McInnis recently visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Lloyd, Prospect, who has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Mae) Ells and Morris spent New Year's with their daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Phyllis) Henderson, and Mr. Henderson, Wolfville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Annie) Jordan, Davison Street, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin (Greta) Levy, Wolfville, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy.

School re-opened on Tuesday after the Christmas holidays. Miss Giver, Tiverton, and Miss Lowe, Musquodoboit, returned on Monday after spending their holidays at their homes.

Charleton Levy left for Truro on Tuesday where he is attending Normal College.

Messrs. Keith Schofield and Alfred Ells, who are working in Harbourville, spent the week end at their homes here.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Ells were Mr. and Mrs. Freeman (Mildred) and Gladys, Gaspereau, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (?) Brown, East Halls Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne (?) Brown and daughter of West Glenmont.

Mrs. Ralph (Rosie) Ells and son Laurie, White Rock and Mrs. Russell (?) McNeil, and Brenda, Greenwich, were New Year's callers of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Phyllis) Henderson and son Timmie, Wolfville, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. (Mabel) Long.

We are sorry to report that Mrs Wesley (Roxie) Levy is still on the sick list.

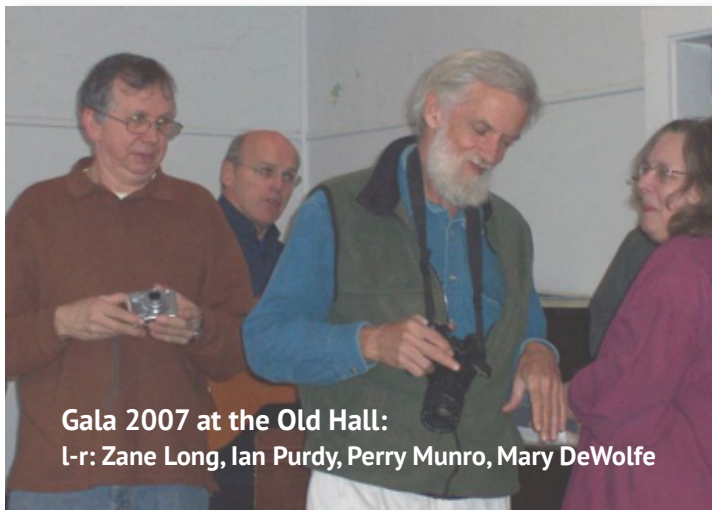
Miss Mary Eagles, Melanson, is spending the winter months with her uncle, Delbert Eagles and Mrs. (Frances) Eagles.

**A big thank you from the Black River & District Association  
for the long time and continuing support from Just Us!**

*Ed Schofield*

# JANUARY EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm	11	12 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	13	14	15
16 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm- Directors Meeting 8:00 pm-	17 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Book Club 7pm-	18	19 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	20	21	22
23	24 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm	25	26 Seniors' Connect 1-3pm	27	28	29
30	31 Sewing & Crafts 11-3 pm Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	<b>COVID 19 Prevention Guidelines in Effect / Evidence of Vaccinations Required + ID</b>				



**Gala 2007 at the Old Hall:**  
l-r: Zane Long, Ian Purdy, Perry Munro, Mary DeWolfe



**WHO ARE THEY?**  
Looking for the date of this pic and the names of the people involved.  
*Horton Basketball pic taken by Donald Ells*

**NEWSLETTER** *The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.*

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**LIVE LINKS TO OUR FACEBOOK, NEWSLETTER & PODCASTS**

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<http://blackrivercommunityhall.weebly.com/>

<https://anchor.fm/storiesfromblackriver>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1zMHYxDMwQ9uUjCNQSmN7U?si=m5N2VSsQQZufzbSNR96dyQ>

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## Classifieds...

**PORCUPINE CREEK PRODUCTIONS** - handcrafted by Nellie Schofield -  
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**JESSICA MYRA - NATURAL FIBRE CREATIONS**-mothermuse@outlook.com

**JACK SPINNEY BRAIDED RUGS** - local and handmade, 85 Upper Sunken Lake  
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**DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**

**Looking for KINDLING for the winter season?** Look no further. **Jack Spinney is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING** at the great price of \$5 for a full feed bag.

**DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD or CALL 902.713.5094**

## Birthdays

Cail Tait	Jan 1
Brad Schofield	Jan 6
Holly Chappus	Jan 7
Jim McInnis	Jan 8
Darren Gertridge	Jan 9
Tasia Schofield	Jan 13
Shawn Levy	Jan 14
Elaine Schofield	Jan 15
Amber Gertridge	Jan 16
Brandon Schofield	Jan 17
Sandra Cudmore	Jan 19
Marion Gee	Jan 24
Jayn Kenny	Jan 25
Pauline Murray	Jan 29
Alisha Cassie	Jan 31

## Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Delmar and Helen Jordan on the passing of Delmar's brother Wayne in November, 2021.  
[www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/157922](http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/157922)

Condolences extended to Leora "Cookie" Spinney of the passing of her brother Robert Shirley Arenburg in December.

## With Appreciation

Thanks to Santa for dropping by the Hall on December 18. We know he is a busy fellow and we appreciate that he doesn't forget us each year.

## Get Well Soon

Harlon Spinney is in the hospital. Our thoughts are with him and miss him at Senior's cards.

Best wishes are extended to Ed Schofield who is in the hospital recovering from complications of a heart attack.

## Lost

A beloved family pet "Mono" is missing.

His ear is tattooed, neutered, indoor/outdoor black and white tuxedo cat. He has double paws up front, kink on the tip of his tail and unattached rear claw. If you see him please call 902.542.4030 or email [hollyhopgood@hotmail.com](mailto:hollyhopgood@hotmail.com).



## Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations recorded by Clara Spinney

**Nov 19** - Philip and Clayton Pick driving home from work came across a Snow Owl sitting by the side of the road at the top end of Sunken Lake at 4:30 in the afternoon.

**Nov 21** - Put my bird feeders up a couple of days before I usually do. The chickadees made me feel guilty.

**Nov 24**- Blake Spinney saw four coyotes in the road at Miner Meadow Brook at about four o'clock in the afternoon.

The chickadees and nuthatches are happy birds now with the feeders up. There has not been any woodpeckers to the feeders yet. Nothing like the amount two years ago when there was so many. Hope they start coming again.

**Dec 2** - The geese seem to have gone south. Haven't seen the flocks in the fields there was this past while.

Several sightings of the grey doe deer I reported earlier this past fall. So happy she made it through the hunting season.

**Dec 7** - I saw a large flock of snow buntings on the Lower Sunken Lake Rd. My grandfather always said if you saw snow buntings it was a forerunner of a snow storm. You be the judge.

**Dec 10** - Have a flock of doves that come feed under the feeders. Put cracked corn on the ground for them.

So far am only getting chickadees and nuthatches at the feeders. Should soon be getting junkos and goldfinches, Of course I have blue jays. They are a beautiful bird but you tend to overlook their beauty while you are shaking your fists at them for being such gluttons.

*Telephone Clara 902.542.3180 with any of your wildlife observations and she will add them to her own or email: [claraspinney123@gmail.com](mailto:claraspinney123@gmail.com)*

### EXECUTIVE ...

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### HALL RENTAL:

Daily Rental \$100.00

Damage deposit \$50.

Effective January 1, 2022

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