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A New Life List Bird by Bernard Forsythe

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A highlight for bird watchers is to find, or to go to look at a bird found by others, to add to their Nova Scotia Life List. A beginning birder will add many species annually but, after a lifetime of birding, a year or two will go by without adding a new species to my Nova Scotia List. Stories, changing weather patterns, global warming, etc. have resulted in several stray birds finding their way to Nova Scotia, a long way from their home.

In June of 2020 a Grey Heron from Europe spent a month at MIner's Marsh in Kentville. Birders from many places came to view this first Nova Scotia record. During 2021, I was pleased to add two new species to my list. First was a striking golden yellow Prothonatory Warbler in New Minas; a warbler I had been trying to find for years. The second was the Steller's Sea-Eagle that spent a couple of days in Falmouth. It is larger than our Bald Eagle. It summers in Russia and overwinters in Japan. Ours was a first North American record - exciting to see. Apparently, this very lost eagle is spending this summer in Newfoundland.

The surprising new species for Nova Scotia in 2022 was a Wood Stork from Florida, that spent several weeks in New Harbour, Guysborough County.

On June 22 I joined several birding friends on the day long trip to view the Stork. For most of us it was our first visit to this beautiful area of Nova Scotia. As we stood along the road the Wood Stork

flew from the woods to feed along the shore, unconcerned about us only forty feet away.

The Wood Stork is a large white, long-legged bird with black wing tips and tail. Its large yellow bill is down-curved near



Steller's Sea-Eagle

its end.

The Stork fed with its bill in the water plus using its feet to stir up the water. Sometimes a wing would be held out to cast a shadow over the feeding area.

The New Harbour people seemed surprised all the interest the Wood Stork brought to their village and were helpful telling us about its habits.

Wood Stork Range (blue shading)



Golden Prothonatory Warbler



Black River was host to three weddings in August. Coincidentally three of the couples who celebrated their wedding anniversaries in August are related to the couples below. I guess it is a month proven to be a keeper.

Congratulations to

*Victoria and David
Milligan*



AUGUST 13, 2022

l-r back row: bride and groom-Victoria and David; middle row: Owen; front row: Beau and Hunter

*Holly Bower
and
Larry Spinney*



AUGUST 20, 2022

l-r : Holly and Larry JOP: Helen Lindsay



Amber Hermie-Long and Mitchell Long



AUGUST 13, 2022

l-r : Alyssa & Jacob Long, Michelle Bavis & Greg Long, Mary & Jeff Long (proud parents), newly weds - Amber Hermie-Long & Mitchell Long children in front: Jayden , Ava-Rose

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.

July 7, 1949

Sorry to report that Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long has been sick the last week. Her sister Joanne, White Rock, was helping her while confine to bed. We all hope for her speedy recovery.

Fern and Ruby Nowlin, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Emory (Vera) Nowlin sang "Follow the Glean" at the church service on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert (Inez) Long spent Sunday with the latter's son. Mr. and Mrs. Long at Kentville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Levy, Melanson, spent the weekend at their home.

Miss Mabel Nowlin, Hantsport, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery (Vera) Nowlin also Miss Joan Nowlin, of Wolfville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morley (Hilda) Nowlin.

Mrs. Lenna Cunningham and two children Donna and Glenn, of Rhode Island, are spending a holiday with the former's mother, Mrs. Bessie Atwell. They were accompanied by Master Kenneth Wade Atwell, of Berkshire, N.H., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Ethel) Atwell who is visiting his grandmother too.

July 14, 1949

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Hazel) Long were Mrs. Howard (Lillian) Smith and Joanne, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (?) Smith and baby Sandra Lee, Mrs. Kenneth (Ida May) Smith and children Ashley and Karen, all of White Rock.

The Community Club met at the home of Mrs. Percy (Mildred) Atwell on Thursday evening to quilt. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the same home to finish the quilt.

A number from this community attended the reception on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Ells, of White Rock, in honour of their daughter Glennie, who was married that evening to Lawrence Westcott, of Gaspereau. The best of good wishes go to the happy couple in their new home at Gaspereau.

Master Phillip Long, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. Clifford (Ada) Long returned home on Saturday after spending a couple of days at B.F.M. Hospital following a throat operation.

september events ●●●

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
NOTE: We are accepting moneyback bottles only until the END OF SEPTEMBER. Thank you for your support.				1	2	3
4	5 Ways/Means 7pm Sewing/Crafts Meeting 7pm Maintenance 7pm	6 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	14	15	16 Take Out Summer Supper pickup 4-6 pm (see below)	17 Mountain Treasures Sale 9am-2pm
18 Monthly /Directors Meeting 7pm-	19 Book Club 7pm-	20 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	21	22	23	24
25	26 Heritage Meeting 7-8 pm	27 Cards 7 pm \$4 & 50/50	NOTE: Annual Election of Executive and Directors takes place October 16. If interested in running contact current executive or directors.			

• **Auction 45's Cards:** 7pm - 9pm Tuesdays. **Admission: \$4.** 50/50 Tickets - light lunch included. Call Zelma 902 542 2842 or email: sunkenhaven@gmail.com for more information.

• **TAKE OUT SUMMER SUPPER FUNDRAISER-** *Let us make your supper.* Friday, Sept 16 Pick-Up from 4-6pm.
Menu: hot dog (choice of toppings: chili, sauerkraut, onions along with usual condiments) corn on the cob, cold drink, bag of chips \$10. **PRE-ORDER RECOMMENDED CALL:** 902 542 5125 or 902 542 7913 or email: sharonlake07@gmail.com
See poster on facebook.

• **Mountain Treasures Sale Sat., Sept. 17 9am-2pm**
Bakery Goods, Plants, Crafters, Flea Market Items Vendors Wanted. Tables \$5.00/ Canteen Available/Free Will Offering Admission. Call 902 542 4152 or email: tinagertridge@gmail.com to reserve a space.

Congratulations

• To Sherry Spinney who received the following at the South Shore Exhibition: 1st in Walk Trot, Equitation, 1st in Trail, 2nd in Halter Horse, 5th in Showmanship and 3rd in Pleasure.

• To Paul Spinney who received a 2nd Place in Yard Logging at the South Shore Exhibition.



• Taryn Long, long-time resident of Black River has sold her house, which is a landmark in our community and has been in the Long family since the 1800's. She is moving to P.E.I. to live near her daughter. We wish her well in her new home and endeavours.

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

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- **JACK SPINNEY BRAIDED RUGS** - local and handmade, 85 Upper Sunken Lake Road, Sunken Lake B4P 2R2 **Tel: 902.713.5094 or DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD.**
- *Jack Spinney is offering QUALITY, DRY KINDLING \$6* for a full feed bag. **DROP INTO THE HOUSE AT 85 UPPER SUNKEN LAKE RD or CALL 902.713.5094.**
- **HUMBLE HILL HOMESTEAD** offering: farm fresh eggs in a variety of colours, frozen-fresh rabbit, veggies and transplants seasonally. Contact via Facebook Farm Page or **call/text 902.300.5482**
- **FOR SALE: Locally grown lean ground beef \$5/lb.** Custom beef orders for sides and quarters \$5/lb. **Call Shawn Levy 902 300 4432**

Birthdays

Jay Harris	Sept 2
Kenny Ells	Sept 3
Morgan Gertridge	Sept 3
Hunter Milligan	Sept 8
Owen Milligan	Sept 14
Cookie Spinney	Sept 17 (87)
Blake Spinney	Sept 17 (80)
Julie Hawkesworth	Sept 18
Gertie Ells	Sept 19 (87)
Eamon Clancey	Sept 21
Brian Levy	Sept 24
Eric Hoyt	Sept 25
Jeff Long	Sept 29

Anniversary

Tara Lee & Francis McLearn (belated)	Aug 19
Darren & Tina Gertridge	Sept 19
Ed & Nellie Schofield	Sept 24 (34)
Jay & Laura Harris	Sept 25

• A meeting of the **Crafts and Sewing** group will take place on **September 5 at the time of the Ways and Means Meeting.** Pass the word around to any interested folks.

Congratulations

• To Samantha Gertridge and Dyllon Cuthill-Levy on the birth of their daughter Everligh Rose August 7. A sister for Brittany and another granddaughter for Tina and Darren

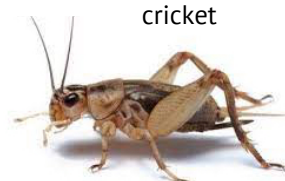
• Lucie & Livia selling blueberries. They are daughters Sarah and Perry Levy and granddaughters of Mildred and Leonard Levy.



• **October 15-** Mark this date on your calendar. Come to the Hall for a **Community Open House.** Drop by for a cuppa tea/coffee, sandwich from **2-4 pm.** It's been too long since we have enjoyed each other's company. Bring your kids - all are welcome. Don't be a stranger ...

Sunken Lake and Area Journal of Wildlife Observations

- Our baby loon isn't a month old yet but growing so fast. The parents have been keeping a close watch over it. It is diving now - seems too small for that but I am sure it is all normal.
- The hummingbirds are feeding as if they are starving. I am feeding between sixteen and twenty cups each day. It takes a lot to get them up for the long trip south. They will be leaving in a little over two weeks.
- The bull frog's singing seems to have ended for the season to be replaced by the nightly chirping of the crickets, which I enjoy listening to.
- The ducks here are all grown up and flying now. This is the first time I have ever known there not to be second families; something must have gotten the eggs.
- Seems early but the squirrels are already collecting the hazelnuts, definitely a sign that fall is not far off.



cricket

- Bob Sanford was just telling me of the swarms of chickadees that are at his sunflowers. They are sure enjoying them.
- The eagle was just here after the ducks. I was out there trying to chase it off, acting like a mad woman. It worked this time. You would think it would take the hint after all that.
- A gentleman that lives here at the lake related an experience he had driving on the MIner Meadow Road. A doe deer crossed the road in front of him. He stopped thinking there might be more when three fawns stepped out following her. What a wonderful sight! A once in a lifetime experience.



doe with 3 fawns

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