

**Northumberland County Returning and In-Transit Migrant Birds -  
Spring 2016 reported to the MNC, March, April and May  
Chronological Order**

	<b>Date 2016</b>	<b>2015 Reports</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Location/ Observer</b>
1	March 9	April 2	Common Grackle	Dave McLeod – New Jersey
2	March 21	April 11	Red-winged Blackbird	Peter and Deana Gadd - Newcastle
3	March 25	April 4	American Robin	Peter Gadd
4	March 25	?	Purple Finch	Peter Gadd
5	March 27	April 9	Song Sparrow	Dave McLeod – New Jersey
6	March 27	April 12	Canada Geese	Jim Saunders – Mouth of Barnaby River
7	March 31	April 11	Common Merganser	Eugene Rolfe and Marjorie Cassidy, Hay Island
8	April 1	?	Double-crested Cormorant	Deana and Peter Gadd – Newcastle water treatment lagoon
9	April 1	April 11	Common Goldeneye	Deana and Peter Gadd – Newcastle water treatment lagoon
10	April 1	April 9	Ring-billed Gull	Deana and Peter Gadd – Newcastle water treatment lagoon
11	April 2	April 11	Killdeer	Pam Watters and Phil Riebel – Miramichi Marsh, Aldo Dorio – Tabusintac
12	April 2	April 12	Northern Harrier	Pam Watters and Phil Riebel – Chatham Head
13	April 3	April 26	American Wigeon	Sonya Hinds – Hay Island
14	April 3	April 21	Hooded Merganser	Sonya Hinds – Hay Island
15	April 3	April 30	Black Scoter	Rachel Hovey - Escuminac
16	April 4	April 15	Eastern Phoebe	Aldo Dorio – Comeau Settlement
17	April 5	April 14	American Woodcock	Elizabeth Walsh -
18	April 5	April 12	Great Blue Heron	Holly Frazer – Pleasant Ridge Rd.
19	April 6	April 15	White-throated Sparrow	Dave McLeod – New Jersey
20	April 6	April 30	Long-tailed Duck	Sonya Hinds – Hay Island
21	April 6	April 20	Chipping Sparrow	Bernice Johnstone - Lyttleton
22	April 7	April 14	Fox Sparrow	Dave McLeod – New Jersey
23	April 9	April 2	Brown-headed Cowbird	Deana and Peter Gadd - Newcastle
24	April 11	April 14	Ring-necked Duck	Peter Gadd – Newcastle water treatment lagoon
25	April 13	?	Greater Scaup	Pam Waters - Newcastle water treatment lagoon
26	April 13	?	Northern Gannet	Mike Hovey - Bushville
27	April 14	April 14	Green-winged Teal	Aldo Dorio - Hay Island
28	April 14	?	Northern Pintail	Aldo Dorio - Hay Island
29	April 15	April 30	Harlequin Duck	Aldo Dorio – Hay Island
30	April 17	?	Red-tailed Hawk	Rachel Hovey – Horton's Creek

31	April 17	May 2	Wilson’s Snipe	Mike Hovey - Douglasfield
32	April 17	April 14	Northern Flicker	Mike Hovey – Miramichi Marsh, Dave McLeod – New Jersey NB
33	April 17	April 25	Northern Shoveler	Mike Hovey - Newcastle water treatment lagoon
34	April 18	?	Bufflehead	Peter Gadd – Miramichi Marsh
35	April 19	May 4	Blue-winged Teal	Peter Gadd – Miramichi Marsh

\*Birds that were seen regularly through the winter (to the best of my knowledge) are not included in this list, example, Mallards and Black Ducks. However there were “migrant” birds seen on occasion through the winter that will be included here, example American Robin and Purple Finch.

Dave McLeod noted that last year spring arrivals were about a week later than usual. They seem to be back “on schedule”. There was a lot of snow cover in the early spring of 2015.

Peter