

The Sault Naturalists



Who We Are

Founded in 1954, the Sault Naturalists is an international club with approximately 150 members. The objectives of the club are: to provide members with a common meeting ground for the exchange of ideas and for broadening their knowledge and understanding of natural science; to promote the appreciation, preservation and conservation of our natural heritage; and to support and cooperate with other organizations with similar aims. The group is affiliated with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, the Canadian Nature Federation and the Michigan Audubon Society.

Meetings are held from September through June on the second Tuesday of each month, in either Sault Ontario or Sault Michigan. The annual meeting is in February.

Annual membership dues are: family, \$20 Canadian and \$15 U.S.; individual, \$15 Canadian (\$11 U.S.); student, \$10 Canadian (\$7 U.S.); and life, \$225 Canadian. The organization's mailing address for membership is c/o Ron Prickett, 90 Tilley Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, P6B 3Y9.

Message From the President

My term as president of the Sault Naturalists of Ontario and Michigan has come to an end. At this time I would like to extend my best wishes to the incoming executive members – whoever they may be.

We have come a long way over the years and have a number of interesting projects coming up in the future. I look forward to the development of these projects and helping in their growth.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to all the members who have helped me in the past few years and look forward to working with them in the future.

Linda Kehoe President



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Membership Report

As of January 30, 2002, the Sault Naturalists – Ontario and Michigan- consisted of 126 members from the USA and Canada.

Number of	f Members
	9
	3
	16
	56
	42
Total:	126
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Year 2002 membership fees are now due. The date printed on the envelope in which you received this report indicates the last year for which your membership has been paid. Please fill out the membership form from your newsletter and send it in with your cheque.

Thank you for supporting our work in preserving the environment.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Prickett Membership chair

Environmental Action Committee

The activities of your Environmental Action Committee have been ongoing. Requests for input continue, be it reviews and comments on public documents, participation in workshops, participation on advisory committees, networking and responding to environmental concerns. These requests are from our members, our community, industry, provincial and state governments, provincial, state and national organizations and associations.

As public interest in the protection of our environment and natural heritage grows, the need for networking and partnerships with other interest groups grows as does t he need for our participation, support and involvement. We have been unable to meet some of these networking challenges due to our current financial state, lack of charitable status and need for additional members

on our committee to share the workload.

We have not been able to have regularly scheduled meetings this year which I hope to remedy this coming year. Please let your executive know if you are interested in participating.

Public concern and participation in environmental



issues is ever increasing in most of North America and the world. However public interest in these issues in the Sault region both in Ontario and Michigan remains low. Our need to awake the public and encourage their support and active participation has never been greater.

Your committee has not been able to move ahead on new initiatives for the

Saults in 2001 except in response from concerned residents of Sault Ste. Marie area and Prince Township; however we are remaining strong in those areas that we have been involved in for many years.

To move forward, we need full support from all our members. To accomplish this in 2002, we need additional members for our committee. We have need of a recording secretary, volunteers for fundraising, publicity, letter writing, ecological surveys, monitoring environmental conditions and attending public information sessions and meetings.

We can be proud of our achievements. As a result of our past work regarding the protection of our last roadless area. - The Megisan Lake E.A., and of our input to the Ontario Living Legacy Program, most of the recommendations that we advocated have been accepted, or are in the process of being implemented.

The Great Lakes Heritage Coast and 21 sites in the Sault Ste. Marie District have been protected and set aside pending designation as provincial parks and conservation reserves. Work on these areas continues. We hope to have some environmental trips to these areas.

We are making great progress towards preserving the Gros Cap Bluffs. Considerable environmental damage occurred in the summer of 2001. However we feel the area can be rehabilitated. Stay tuned for additional information in our newsletters and at regular meetings.

In mid-June the Sault Naturalists became aware of a stream diversion that had occurred on Richardson's Creek, on St. Joseph Island. We believe that valuable fish habitat was destroyed, and that the diversion contravenes the Fisheries Act. The club formally expressed our concern to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The matter is currently under investigation.

The Federation of Ontario Naturalists would like us to continue our stewardship role with respect to the John Kerastas Nature Reserve. If manpower and resources become available, we plan additional activities on site this year. Many members have expressed a desire to see the plants there in the summer.

Members of the Environmental Action Committee serve as representatives to St. Marys River Binational Public Advisory Council, the Sault Ste. Marie Local Citizens Committee concerning timber management planning, and the Lake Superior Advisory Committee.

There is a large number of activities and projects associated with the above committees. For example:

Lake Superior Advisory Committee addresses issues such as: Coastal Brook Trout Rehabilitation Plan; Index Netting Program; Herring and Lake Trout; Sturgeon Programs; Batchawana Bay Perch Netting; McIntyre River Rainbow Trout Counter; Summer Creel Census; Batchawana Bay; cormorants; herring/ whitefish/ trout; Nipigon Bay Walleye Assessment. Lake Superior Fish Community



Objectives:
Lake Superior
Chub Survey;
National Marine
Conservation
Area; two-line
fishing regulations:
Bi-National

Programs/LaMP/ RAP

EcoSuperior; Black Bay Wall-

eye rehabilitation; salmon limits in Lake Superior; Batchawana First Nation treaty negotiations; sea lamprey in Lake Superior. Overall, I am pleased to report the fisheries of Lake Superior are in relatively good shape. The St. Marys River Binational Public Advisory Council (whose foundational purpose is cleanup and restoration of the St. Marys River) addresses issues such as: Stage II Report; research proposals; BRAC office; Algoma Steel; St. Mary's River Fisheries Task Force; LAMPS; binational programs and all other issues relating to the watershed of the St. Marys River including human health; Michigan State Public Advisory Council (SPAC; IJC).

BPAC final review of the Stage II report regarding the St. Marys River has been completed and we are looking forward to the public release of the document in 2002. Then we can celebrate the enormous amount of work BPAC members have contributed to this area.

As a result of our advocacy over the years, the east end sewage plant will be upgraded. Funding approval has been granted. Our request and support for household hazardous waste disposal was realized this year also.



Some workshops or information sessions were attended in addition of the above committee meetings. These include:

- Great Lakes Heritage Coast Press Release with Premier Harris in attendance
- Lake Superior Lake-wide Management Plan Open House
- BPAC-sponsored Environmental Forum at Lake Superior State University

In addition to the above, the club continues to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway Project.

These activities are the results of the many hours and hard work of dedicated, committed environmentalists. Many members assisted with "Save Gros Cap Bluffs". My deep thanks to all for their support and valuable contributions.

Respectively submitted, Donald L. Marles Chairman

Viewing Platform at Echo Bay

While collecting data for a marsh monitoring survey in the Echo Bay Marsh, Sault Naturalist member Euan Aitken realised that an osprey nesting platform and a waterfowl viewing platform would be excellent projects for the area. Euan pushed ahead with these two projects. The osprey platform was, with local help, quickly in place and the viewing platform was next. Gathering together a group of birders and local township residents, a site for the platform and a CWIP grant were obtained.

After numerous negotiations and delays, the platform was a "GO". On the evening before work was to start, large poles were set in place to support the platform. The following day, blueprints at the ready and material at hand, work commenced. Lots of good humour and laughter and encouragement from my brother-in-law Keith, over from Britain for a holiday, accompanied the work, as the platform began to take shape.

At midday Vivian Hall brought a magnificent lunch. We all felt that the fine weather and the good food, together with a sturdy platform, blended well. Sev-

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eral days later, we were able to stand, bins and telescopes in hand, looking out over the marsh. Many small details remained to be completed, but the platform was essentially built.



Our thanks go out to Ross, Cameron, Andrew, Euan Aitken, Don and Vivian Hall, Keith Parker, Don Wilshere, Cliff Wallwork, Jack Jones,

and Rich Benson for their assistance. Also to Lynne Dugay-Echo Bay Township; Ken James-Great Lakes Power; Jim Saunders-MNR; Geoff Meakin-Forest Enterprises for the poles.

Respectfully submitted, Tony Walker

Year 2001 Bird Report

The 2001 birding year began with one of the best owl and falcon years in six. On January 5th, a **snowy owl** was observed picking up a mallard on the St. Mary's River at Algoma Cabins. A gray-phase **gyrfalcon** was found on a hydro pole at the west side of the east sewage treatment plant on Queen Street on January 6th. That same day a **merlin** was seen at Belleview Park and a **peregrine falcon** was seen perched on the blast furnace of the Algoma Steel Plant.

On the 7th, a lucky birder had an excellent look at an immature white-phase **gyrfalcon** at Lakeview Road and Pumpkin Point Road. It was seen again on the 14th on the west side of Highway 17 between Rydal Mill Road and Neebish Road. The appearances of **boreal owls** were highlights during the week of February 1st, when 1 **boreal owl** visited a lucky birder's backyard at 39 Pleasant Drive. Another was reported on the 3rd, at the corner of Baseline and Airport Roads. At Bass Lake west of Leeburn, a dead **northern hawk owl** was found on February 1st. An adult **snowy owl** was observed being harassed by 4 **common crows** on the 10th, at the foot of the rapids.

From the Michigan side, on Feb. 6th, a **boreal owl** was found on Bay Road 1.5 miles south of M-48. Three **horned larks** were seen at the corner of Posima Road and Mile 17 Road. On February 11th, a **great gray owl** hit the spot for many Michigan birders. It was seen hunting at the intersection of 9 Mile Road and Hay Lake Road. A small flock of **red crossbills** was reported at the Raco Cemetery on M-28 that same day.

On February 24th, on Mark Street in the Sault ON east end, a **northern hawk owl** put on a show for several birders after it captured a pigeon and defended its prey. On the 25th, two lucky birders had a **boreal owl** fly into a balsam fir twenty feet from their home on Fairmount Drive

On March 8th, about a thousand gulls, mostly herring gulls with some ring-billed gulls, flew into the Sault over the Sugar Island Ferry at 2:00 pm. On the same day the first red-necked grebe was reported in an open water patch on the St. Mary's River between the Sugar Island Ferry and Pine Street Marina. The first warm spell of the year arrived mid-March with a few early migrants trickling in. Over 5000 herring gulls and ring-billed gulls were tallied on the St. Mary's River in front of the Station Mall. With them on the 17th and 18th was an adult great black-backed gull. On March 20th, the first flocks of Canada geese were reported along the river and near the airport on Parkwood Drive. On March 19th, a male and a female **northern** cardinal were seen at 71 Fairmount Drive. That same day had the

first American robin reported on the "W" Line on St. Joseph's Island. On the "U" Line west of Baseline, the two northern cardinals and one eastern towhee that over-wintered could still be seen.



The first **golden eagles** were tallied at

Whitefish Point Bird Observatory on March 30th. Sandhill cranes finally made their first appearance on March 31st, with two seen and heard at the Echo Bay marsh, three at Pumpkin Point marsh and three at Gibboney marsh east of the Sault. The highlight for that week was a sighting of 2 greater whitefronted geese on the west side of Highway 17 at the divided highway section on April 6th and 1 single greater white-fronted goose on the Huron Line on St. Joseph's Island on the 7th. A blue phase snow goose was found with 300 Canada geese on Gordon Lake Road north of the CPR train tracks. The first **pied-billed grebe** was seen on the 7th, in the shipping channel along Sailor's Encampment on St. Joseph's Island. The first 20 tundra swans arrived on April 4th at Laird Park near Pumpkin Point. The swans doubled in numbers on the 7th.

At Whitefish Point on April 9th, 14 **northern saw-whet owls** were tallied. On the 11th, 4 **boreal owls**, 4 **long-eared owls**, 3 **northern saw-whet owls** and the first **yellow-rumped warbler** were migrants. The 12th was a good day with 1 **osprey**, 3 **bald eagles**, 1 **northern harrier**, 44 **sharp-shinned hawk**, 1 **Cooper's hawk**, 2 **northern goshawk**, 2 **red-shouldered hawks**, 34 **red-tailed hawks**, 1 **roughlegged hawk**, 1 **golden eagle**, 1 **American kestrel** and 2 **merlins**. On the 28th, a rare **summer tanager** greeted many birders during their big weekend.

Results from 6 Red-shouldered Hawk and Spring Woodpecker Survey Routes have proved that red-shouldered hawks have almost doubled in numbers from last year with 18 tallied in 1999, 19 in 2000 and 37 in 2001. The highlight on April 30th was a visit from 2 Hudsonian godwits at Belleview Park. An early sighting of the area's first ruby-throated hummingbird was reported on the second on Holden Drive at Sunset Point on St. Joseph Island. The following day the first Baltimore oriole showed up at the same location. An adult yellow-headed blackbird was reported from Ranger Lake on May 4th.

At Whitefish Point a rare sighting of a **Wilson's plover** was reported on May 4th and 5th. On the first there were 6 **boreal owls**; on the 5th, 3 golden eagles and one more on the 6th. Hundreds of **common loons** were tallied during the counts with dozens of **red-throated loons** counted.

On May 27th a cattle egret was observed west of the Sault at Baseline Road and Townline Road. A trip to Spanish Lake west of Sudbury, on May 31st, yielded an adult glossy ibis feeding with mallards in a flooded sand bar at the north end of the lake. On June 8th, 12 American white pelicans made a brief evening appearance on Batchawana Bay. On June 14th, the first 7 black-crowned night-herons were seen feeding at the tailrace of the Clergue Hydro Generating Station. On June 17th a pair of northern mockingbirds were seen on Lake George Road and Lakeview Road east of Echo Bay and a pair of green herons were observed displaying courtship behavior at the Sault Locks on Whitefish Island. A search of the Sault area for sandhill cranes on July 28th proved that the local population, numbering at least 250, began to gather in fields in family groups beside the sub-adults. By September 1st, they had increased to 486. Two weeks later on the 16th, the highest one-day count for the Sault Ste. Marie staging area was recorded at 2410.

On September 25th, an adult red-headed wood-

pecker was found in Hiawatha Conservation Area. On October 21st, the first 66 tundra swans were reported in Echo Bay along with 3 American coots. That same day, evening grosbeaks, white-crowned sparrows, white-throated sparrows and 1 fox sparrow visited a feeder on Walls Road near the airport.

October and November came with a surprise of mild weather for the Sault Ste. Marie area producing late dates for species that usually have traveled south and early dates for some species that usually arrive in December. On October 28th, in Echo Bay, a late **gray catbird** visited a feeder and on November 3rd, an **eastern towhee** visited the same feeder.

On the 5th of November on the MNR Sault District front lawn, a first winter **Iceland gull** was viewed by



many as it poked the grass searching for food while a **red-necked grebe** dove for food out on the St. Mary's River. At the St. Mary's River rapids on the 11th, a **snowy owl** was seen being chased by 3 **American crows** heading west, while a light morph **rough-legged hawk** hunted

over the field along the headrace. On November 16th, there were two reports of one female **red-bellied woodpecker** in Heyden on Peacetree Drive and another in the town of Blind River. In a field at the north end of Landslide Drive, 2 **cattle egrets** were seen feeding with cattle in the Crystal Creek valley.

A very rare sighting of a **mountain bluebird** showed up at Holiday Beach Drive on Dec. 7th, for a minute after a severe fall windstorm blew along the Lake Superior coast. A **Bewick's wren** visited a feeder in the town of Massey at 405 King Street on Dec. 18th. On Dec. 8th, as many as 194 **tundra swans** were tallied between Echo Bay and the south end of Lake George. A very late adult **double-crested cormorant** was seen in Lake George that same day.

Highlights from the Sault Ste. Marie Christmas Bird Count held on the 15th, reported by 60 participants, included 2 **snowy owls**, one of which was located at the Sault Locks, which was brought into the OMNR District Office two days later after dying from starvation. Five **tundra swans** were found for the first time within the count circle at Sugar Island. A late **northern flicker** and a **belted kingfisher** were also present near the Sugar Island Ferry. A total of 7 **glaucous gulls**, 25 **ring-billed gulls** and 2 **great**

black-backed gulls were recorded at the Sault Locks and at the waste disposal site on Fifth Line. The group that hikes through Hiawatha Conservation Area found two boreal chickadees, and 1 golden-crowned kinglet. With 16 feeder watchers, evening grosbeaks, pine grosbeaks and common redpolls were common species. Two boreal chickadees and 3 hoary redpolls visited a feeder behind White Pines High School. For count week, a



Lincoln's sparrow visited a feeder on Parkdale Drive and on Dec. 16th, two harlequin ducks surprised a fisherman on the St. Marys River rapids.

Thanks to all those who phoned, e-mailed or passed along their notes to me on bird observations.

Great Birding in the Border Area, Bob Knudsen Ornithological Records

Chairperson

102nd Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, December 15, 2001

Winter came very late this year to the twin Soos area. So, although the temperature on the count day was below zero, there was very little snow on the ground and very little ice on the water throughout the circle. A light breeze made the wind-chill factor negligible. The balmy weather of the previous weeks made usual migrants linger much later in the area than they might have, increasing numbers for the count, both in terms of individuals and species. Moreover, food cover in the wild was poor, perhaps due to a drier than usual summer, so some boreal species moved south to our area looking for food.



Increased numbers are evident in the counts for the following birds: Canada goose (this year 154; last

year 21), American black duck (51; 7), common merganser (176; 47), bufflehead (30; 1), ring-billed gulls (55; 1), herring gulls (2483; 547), rough-legged hawk (14; 4), rock dove (1036; 668), black-capped

chickadee (859; 466), and common redpoll (311; 7). Some of these increased numbers can be directly attributed to the abundance of open water and the mild weather. Chickadee and redpoll numbers are probably high because a reduced wild food crop is encouraging small seed-eaters to come into feeders.

Reduced numbers are evident among bohemian waxwings. Last year we tallied 1,594; this year we could only find 162. The berry crop in this area is poor, so it is likely they have moved to areas (south?) that have more food.

Surprises this year included late migrants tundra swans (5), a Lincoln's sparrow at a feeder during count week, a northern flicker on Sugar Island, a female belted kingfisher hunting in the waters west of Sugar Island, 3 Northern Harriers and 4 redtailed hawks (still able to hunt the open fields due to very limited snow cover). Other surprises included 3 long-tailed ducks, 25 lesser scaup, a ring-



necked pheasant (in count week), a peregrine falcon, and 2 merlins (one of which was enjoying a breakfast of Bohemian waxwing).

Old favourites included 20 glaucus gulls, 2 great

black-backed gulls,13 bald eagles, 3 snowy owls (counted by 2 groups on the Canadian side, and 1 Michigan group), a golden-crowned kinglet, a single gray jay, 5 northern shrikes, an American robin west of the city, 3 hoary redpolls at a feeder, 4 boreal chickadees (2 at a feeder in the east end, 2 in the woods near Hiawatha), and 12 pileated woodpeckers. Last year, numbers for nuthatches were roughly even: 17 red-breasted and 15 white-breasted. This year, white-breasted nuthatches (66) more than

doubled the population of red-breasted nuthatches (30).

Unfortunately missing from this year's count were common loon, red-breasted merganser, hawk owl, great gray owl, gyrfalcon, tree sparrow (last year, 56), cardinal, and both crossbills. The harlequins were not seen on the Count Day, but a pair were seen the day after, in the rough waters of the St Mary's rapids.

Birders, both in the field and at feeders, did a tremendous job of finding both good species and

good numbers and are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication.

The total number of species was 52 (plus 3 more for Count Week species) and the total number of individuals on Count Day was 9,321 (compared to 7,133 last year). Also in good numbers were the participants in this year's count: 60 in the field and 16 at feeders!

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Species and numbers

Mallard duck

"A" List - (usually seen on Count)

Mallard duck	811
Black duck	51
Common merganser	176
Common goldeneye	117
Canada goose	154
Snowy owl	3
Bald eagle (6 adult + 7 imm)	13
Herring gull	2483
Ruffed grouse	4
Sharp-tailed grouse	6
Rock dove	1036
Mourning dove	89
Common raven	278
American crow	494
Hairy woodpecker	15
Downey woodpecker	28
Pileated woodpecker	12
Black-capped chickadee	859
Common redpoll	311
White-breasted nuthatch	66
Red-breasted nuthatch	30
Evening grosbeak	14
Pine Grosbeak	95
European starling	1471
Bohemian waxwing	162
Snow bunting	57
House sparrow	48
American goldfinch	110
Blue jay	124

"B" List - (not usually seen on Count)

Tundra swan	5
Hooded merganser	13
Bufflehead	30
Long-tailed duck	3
Lesser scaup	25
Great black-backed gull	2
Ring-billed gull	55
Glaucous gull	20
Red-tailed hawk	4

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Rough-legged hawk	14
Peregrine falcon	1
Merlin	2
Northern harrier	3
Belted kingfisher	1
Northern flicker	1
American robin	1
Gray jay	1
Dark-eyed junco	5
Golden-crowned kinglet	1
Pine siskin	4
Northern shrike	3
Boreal chickadee	4
Hoary redpoll	3
Lincoln sparrow (count week)	1
Harlequin duck (cw)	2
Ring-necked pheasant (cw)	1



Respectfully submitted, Don Wilshere, CBC Compiler

When you come to our next meeting, invite a friend - better yet - invite two!





Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 2001

Prepared and submitted by Gail Andrew, Treasurer, Jan, 11, 2002

Operating expenses

(Account at CIBC, rendered in Canadian Dollars)

Receipts	\$1736.28

Memberships	\$880.00
U.S. Premium	\$282.50
Crafts/Resale	\$ 80.79
Donations	\$128.41
Capital Projects	\$ 48.26
Miscellaneous	\$316.32
	\$1736.28

Disbursements Newsletter Postage Stationary and Supplies Hot Line and Long Distance Insurance FON Membership Bank Charges P.O. Box Rental Donations Annual Dinner	\$241.68 \$200.95 \$78.69 \$516.52 \$372.75 \$150.00 \$000.00 \$077.04 \$373.47 \$ 57.21 \$2038.31	\$2038.31
Receipts over (under) Disbursements	(\$302.03) \$966.40	
Balance Jan 1, 2001 December 31, 2001	\$966.40 \$664.37	
Receipts Memberships Donations Sale of books Annual Dinner	\$148.00 \$19.00 \$18.70 \$162.00 \$347.70	
Disbursements		\$554.69
Postage	\$54.69	
To Can. Acct.	\$500.00	
	\$554.69	
Receipts over (under) disbursements		\$(206.99)
Balance Jan 1, 2001	\$1260.72	
Balance Dec 31, 2001	\$1053.74	
Savings		
(Account at Northern Credit Union rendere	ed in Canadian dollai	rs)
Membership shares	\$25.0	
Patronage shares	\$88.0	00
General Account	\$1109.69	
Term Deposit #1	\$2373.64	
Term Deposit # 2	\$1912.38	
Term Deposit # 3	\$1122.01	

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Newsletter Committee

A big thank you to Sue Meades for editing our newsletter over the past years. From the formatting to the content, it was always first class. We will do our best to uphold the high standard Sue has set.

Gerry and Betty Bennett

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