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Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)

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This photograph of a male Gadwall bathing at Humber Bay Park East, *Toronto*, was taken on 8 March 2008.

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GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – FEBRUARY 2010

The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. County/Region codes used in the *database* are: MT = City of Toronto; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; YO = York R.M.; DU = Durham R.M.; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic, but full names are provided in the Report, except for locations within City of Toronto. Frequently cited place names in Toronto are abbreviated as follows: CSSP = Colonel Sam Smith Park; HP = High Park; HBP = Humber Bay Park (E or W); LSS = Leslie Street Spit; TI = Toronto Islands. Other abbreviations: HRF, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

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Names in *ITALICS* indicate subspecies, hybrids, morphs or other 'recognizable forms', which may be identifiable in the field. This does not necessarily imply that the compilers agree with such designations, or accept their validity.

SNOW GOOSE - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 3rd (RLau) & 6th (RBHS,WP), 2 there on 11th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 15th & 27th (RPye fide DRBA). 5 (white) at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 6th (AA), 6 (white) at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 4 there on 24th (JDL,Alan Woods, fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 9th (GCarp fide DRBA) & 2 there on 13th (RPye fide DRBA). 6 flying E at Audley Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 14th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

CAKCLING (RICHARDSON'S) GOOSE - 2 at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 11th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 3 on 12th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 1 there on 13th (RPye fide DRBA).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 15 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* @ 12:30hrs on 6th (RBHS,WP), wing tags: L04, 153, 917, 873 (873 had USFWS band 619-20834, read with binoculars). 19 (no tags) at Metro Toronto Zoo on 7th (SCH) & 10 AD at Pringle Creek, Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 9th (SLaF fide OUTON). 2 (tags E27 & #155) at HBP [E] on 14th (SCH), 110 at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS) & ~10 at Port Credit Harbour, *Peel* on 28th (Nancy Barrett fide ONTBIRDS).

WOOD DUCK - 1 M at Lake Aquitaine, Meadowvale, *Peel* on 3rd (anon fide OUTON) & on 28th (RBHS,WP). 1 M at Grenadier Pond, HP on 7th & 15th (SMF). 2 M on Don R. at North Toronto STP on 14th and 20th (ETB) and 2 (M & F) at Bethesda SR nr. Lemonville, *York* on 14th (Connie Walker fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

GADWALL - 6 at HBP [E] on 28th (SLaF,Carolyn King, fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - 73 at Metro Toronto Zoo on 7th (SCH) & 36 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 14th (RPye fide DRBA).

NORTHERN PINTAIL - 1 M at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 4th (MAV fide HBGG). 1 M at Ben Machree Park, *Peel* on 8th (Chris Kinkatz fide ONTBIRDS) & on 13th (JWi,BKa). 1 M at Grenadier Pond, HP on 15th (SMF) & 1 F at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 21st (MWJ,BHet, fide HBGG).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 1 F at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 9th (MJCB,SLaF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 23rd (Dan Kaczynski,GCarp, fide DRBA).

REDHEAD - 17 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th (RPye fide DRBA), 6 on 9th (Alan Woods,JDL, fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 there 20th (RPye fide DRBA).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 1 M at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 1st (Greg Schneider fide HBGG).

GREATER SCAUP - 200 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th, 400 there on 14th & 200 on 15th (RPye fide DRBA).

LESSER SCAUP - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 6th & 15th (RPye fide DRBA).

HARLEQUIN DUCK - 3 (1 M, 2 F) at St Lawrence Park, Port Credit, *Peel* on 16th (MHC fide ONTBIRDS), 4 (2 M, 2 F) on 20th (Kevin Kerr fide ONTBIRDS) & on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS). 3 (1 M, 2 F in pm) at St Lawrence Park, Port Credit, *Peel* on 28th (Nancy Barrett fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 W of J.C. Saddington Park, *Peel* on 28th (JCS fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 1 at Sioux Lookout Park, Burlington, *Halton* on 9th (AA) & 10 at Ajax, *Durham* on 16th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 47 at LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa) and 2 on Don R at North Toronto STP on 20th (ETB).

HOODED MERGANSER - 2 F at LSS on 7th (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Home Smith Park on 12th (SCH).

COMMON MERGANSER - 51 at LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa), 1 on Don R at North Toronto STP on 14th (ETB), & 8 at Woodbridge, *York* on 18th (Tessa Shelvey) (Brydon 2010).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER - 1 F at Resources Road Ravine on 13th (MK fide ONTBIRDS), on Humber River (1st time ever he has seen one there).

RUDDY DUCK - 1 at HBP [E] on 14th (SCH) & on 21st (SMF).

RUFFED GROUSE - 1 at Heber Down C. A., *Durham* on 26th (SLaF fide DRBA).

WILD TURKEY - 8 at Conc. 7 S of RR21, Uxbridge, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS,WP), 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 13th (RPye fide DRBA) & 2 there on 25th (SLaF fide DRBA). 55 at Sideline 12, Pickering (S of Townline), *Durham* on 14th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 1 at Morningside Park on 14th (RLau). 29 at Gore Rd S of Finnerty SR, *Peel* & 17 at Finnerty SR & Humber Station Rd, *Peel* on 20th (NMu,ICa).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at Port Credit Harbour, *Peel* on 28th (AA).

HORNED GREBE - 1 at Thickson's Bay, *Durham* on 9th, 2 at Lake Ontario off Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* & 3 at Ajax, *Durham* on 16th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA). 1 at CSSP on 12th (SCH), 4 on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 there on 28th (AA).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 1 at CSSP on 12th (SCH).

GREAT BLUE HERON – Singles at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 7th (RPye fide DRBA), at Don R. S of Pottery Rd. on 18th (Glenn Steplock fide ONTBIRDS) & at W. End Ravenshoe Rd., *York* on 24th (Hendrik Hart fide ONTBIRDS).

TURKEY VULTURE - 1 (early) at Hwy 401 W of Brock St, Whitby, *Durham* @ 15:30hrs on 19th (CMH fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Lakeridge Rd N of Hwy 2, *Durham* @ 12:12hrs on 21st (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS).

BALD EAGLE – Singles at CSSP on 12th (SCH), Marie Curtis Park on 12th (Alex Kovaloff fide ONTBIRDS), Rattray Marsh, *Peel* on 13th (JWi,BKa) & at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 15th (RPye fide DRBA).

NORTHERN HARRIER - 1 at Yonge & Bathurst St., *York* on 7th (BB) (Brydon 2010), 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 9th (SLaF fide OUTON) & on 14th (RPye fide DRBA). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 10th (SLaF fide OUTON), 13th, 20th & 28th (RPye fide DRBA). 2 at Walkers Line & #1 SR, *Halton* on 16th (Philip Waggett fide HBGG) & 2 (1 M, 1 F) at 8th Line N of Derry Rd, *Halton* on 27th (AA). 6 other reports of single birds at different locations from 16th to 28th.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK – 6 reports of single birds from different locations from 7th to end of the month.

COOPER'S HAWK – 19 reports of single birds thro' the month & 2 at 155 Ravenscroft Rd, Ajax, *Durham* on 26th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) with male doing display flight.

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 15th (RPye fide DRBA).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 1 at King Rd & Torbram, *Peel* on 1st (GCam) (Brydon 2010), 1 (dark) at W of McLaren Rd, NW of Forks of the Credit, *Peel* on 12th (Chris Evans fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Hwy 10 a few km W of Bolton, *Peel* on 15th (Carol Parafenko fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd., *York* on 15th (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS) & on 24th (Hendrik Hart fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 15th (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS), 20th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & on 24th (Hendrik Hart fide ONTBIRDS). 1 (dark) at Humber Stn Rd N of Healy Rd., *Peel* on 24th (PMG) (Brydon 2010) & 1 (dark) at Brock St & Rossland, *Durham* on 28th (SLaF fide DRBA).



This immature **Coopers Hawk** was seen at Huxley & Clayson Road, *Toronto*, 15 February 2010. The bird has a yellow band with the number '13' on its right leg. This is not a standard USFWS band, could it be from a falconer or zoo, and that the bird had escaped? © Winnie Poon.

MERLIN – 13 reports of single birds from 10 different locations, as follows: 1 at 185 Midwest Rd, Scarborough [MT] on 2nd and 3rd (RLau), 1 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 4th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Laverock Ave, Richmond Hill, *York* on 14th (NMu) and 21st, and again at Trayborn Dr, Richmond Hill, *York* on 24th (NMu), 1 at St Johns SR & Bayview, *York* on 15th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 F at Martingrove & Regina, *York* on 15th (RBHS,WP), 1 at Sunnyside [MT] on 16th (Ed Wugalter fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Walkers Line & Britannia, *Halton* on 16th (Philip Waggett fide HBGG), 1 at Port Perry, *Durham* on 20th (DRuch fide DRBA), 1 at Rotary Park, Ajax, *Durham* on 20th (RPyf fide DRBA), and 1 at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 21st (MWJ,BHet, fide HBGG).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 1 at Lift Bridge, Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 7th (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), 1 there on 15th (Lev Frid, Kyle Holloway, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at Sun Life Financial Centre on 12th (SCH), 1 at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 14th (RPyf fide DRBA) & 1 seen unsuccessfully attacking a Common Merganser at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 19th (MDW fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at LSS on 21st (Janice Sukhaini fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Metro Hall, Toronto on 23rd (Donald A. Davis fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN COOT - 1 at CSSP on 5th (SMF) & 5 at LaSalle Marina, *Halton* on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS).

KILLDEER - 2 at Toronto Film Studios on 11th (CSAM fide ONTBIRDS), seen and heard - one at 12:30h, one at 14:30h.

IVORY GULL - 1 AD flew in from E and landed on ice at Cherry Beach @ 15:45hrs on 15th (PNP,JI, fide ONTBIRDS). It was photographed by JI and photos are on her website. It remained for only a short time and was seen flying off to the W @16:00hrs.



The **Ivory Gull** that was seen briefly at Cherry Beach, *Toronto*, 15 February 2010. © Jean Iron.

RING-BILLED GULL - 500 at LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa), numbers starting to build up, most on an ice pan off the End of the Road. 2000 at Cherry Beach on 13th (NMu,ICa) and 618 at HBP on 14th (SCH).

CALIFORNIA GULL - 1 (3rd or 4th W) at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 2nd [No doc. seen] (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS), seen from boat launch off Gordon St from 15:00-15:45hr.

THAYER'S GULL - 1 1W at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 2nd (GCarp fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 there on 9th (MJCB,SLaF, fide ONTBIRDS).

ICELAND GULL - 5 at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 5th (DW). 1 AD there on 19th (DW), 5 on 20th (RPye fide DRBA) & 2 there on 28th (RPye,DW, fide DRBA). 9 reports from Whitby Harbour, *Durham* from 5th to 23rd with highs of 5 on 14th & 20th (RPye fide DRBA). 2 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 7th (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS) & 5 there on 14th (JWi,BKa). 2 1W at Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 15th (Lev Frid,Kyle Holloway, fide ONTBIRDS).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 at Whitby Harbour, *Durham* on 8th, 9th, 13th & 23rd (m.obs). 1 AD at Hydro Islands, Eastport Dr., *Halton* on 17th (anon fide CEE, fide ONTBIRDS).

GLAUCOUS GULL – 9 reports from Whitby Harbour, *Durham* thro' the month of 1 or 2 individuals. 2 at Frenchman's Bay, *Durham* on 5th (DW), 1 AD on 6th (AA), 4 on 20th (RPye fide DRBA) & 2 there on 28th (RPye,DW, fide DRBA). Singles at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 7th (Jack Alvo fide ONTBIRDS), Burlington Beach Canal, *Halton* on 15th (Lev Frid,Kyle Holloway, fide ONTBIRDS) & at Bronte Harbour, *Halton* on 21st (MWJ,BHet, fide HBGG).

ROCK PIGEON - 200 at Bloor St & Mimico Creek & 425 at Burnhamthorpe & Dundas on 12th (SCH).

MOURNING DOVE - 100 at Boag Rd, 1km W of Leslie St., *York* on 24th (Hendrik Hart fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at 7 Fairway Dr., Scarb. from 15th to 28th (RLau) was seen roosting in a nest box. 2 at Cudia Park, 2 at Morningside Park & 2 at Hague Park, Scarborough on 20th (RLau) were heard responding to a tape but otherwise quiet. 2 (1 red morph) at Bronte Woods, *Halton* on 21st (MWJ,BHet, fide HBGG). 2 heard at Glen Rouge Park & 2 at Ravine Dr @ Bellamy on 28th (RLau).

GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Graydon Property, Humber Grove, *Peel* on 11th (PMG) (Brydon 2010) & 2 at Ghost Road Bush, *Durham* on 19th (DW).

"SNYDER'S" GREAT HORNED OWL - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 13th [No doc. seen] (NMu,ICa), on E side of the Baselands, all day.

SNOWY OWL - 1 or 2 reported at N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 6 dates from 1st to 18th. 1 at CSSP on 5th (SMF), 6th (anon fide OUTON) & on 7th (Ron Luft fide OUTON). 1 at Pearson Int'l Airport, *Peel* on 6th (anon fide OUTON). 9 reports from W. End Ravenshoe Rd., *York* from 6th to 23rd with highs of 5 on 7th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 6 on 21st (BB) (Brydon 2010). 6 other reports of 1 or 2 birds from areas in Holland Marsh, *York* from 6th to 28th (m. obs).

BARRED OWL - 1 at Kennedy S of St. Johns SR, *York* on 14th (Jack & Connie Walker fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Centreville Creek Rd., *Peel* on 24th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010).

LONG-EARED OWL - 3 at Bronte Creek Prov. Park, E side, *Halton* on 14th (AA).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp, Terrie Smith, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - 1 at LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa) & 1 at Ghost Road Bush, *Durham* on 19th (DW).

BELTED KINGFISHER - 1 M at Hwy 48 & Queensville SR, *York* on 7th (Hendrik Hart fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Don R N of Queen St. on 19th (AA).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER - 1 at 104 Hadrian Dr, Rexdale on 6th (MK fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Palgrave, *Peel* on 10th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010). 1 M at Lambton Woods on 13th (SMF) & 2 there on 15th (SCH). 2 at Bronte Creek Prov. Park (E side), *Halton* on 14th (AA), 1 at 10th Conc & 18th SR, King, *York* on 20th (NMu,ICa) & 1 M at 8th Line N of Lower Baseline, *Halton* on 27th (DEP fide ONTBIRDS).

* DOWNY WOODPECKER - 29 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH), from James Gardens S to high railway bridge. **[NEW RECORD SITE COUNT for GTA, if documented]**. 5 (2 M, 3 F) at HP on 28th (SMF).

HAIRY WOODPECKER - 15 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH), from James Gardens S to high rly bridge. 3 at Thorncliffe Dr. Park on 14th (ETB) and 2 at Guild Inn, Guildwood Park on 28th (JWi,BKa).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 1 W of Jeffrey St, S of Hwy 2, Whitby, *Durham* on 22nd (G. Ernest fide DRBA).

PILEATED WOODPECKER – Singles at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA), Mimico Creek S of Bloor on 12th (SCH), Thorncliffe Dr. Park on 14th (ETB), Glen Rouge Park on 18th (RLau) & at Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 24th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010).

NORTHERN SHRIKE – 13 reports of single birds from 5th to end of month from 12 different locations. 2 at Wilmot Creek Wildlife Reserve, *Durham* on 7th (J. Robinson fide DRBA).

BLUE JAY - 17 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH).

AMERICAN CROW - 200 at Albion Trail, *Peel* on 16th (GCam) (Brydon 2010) & 70 at Resources Road Ravine on 28th (MK fide ONTBIRDS).

COMMON RAVEN - 1 at Metro Toronto Zoo on 7th (SCH), 1 at Herald Rd & Hwy 48, *York* on 14th (Jack & Connie Walker fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Finnerty SR & Duffys Lane, *Peel* on 15th (AA). 2 at Albion Trail, *Peel* on 15th (GCam) (Brydon 2010) & 2 at Fairy Lake, Newmarket, *York* on 21st (Jack Walker) (Brydon 2010).

HORNED LARK - 2 at Strawberry Lane, Holland Marsh, *York* on 7th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) was his earliest record for York R.M. 12 at Jane St & Hwy 9 (horse farm), *York* on 13th (Lev Frid fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Davis Dr E of Hwy 404, *York* on 14th (Jack & Connie Walker fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at N End Bathurst Street, *York* on 20th (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 20th (SLaF fide DRBA), 5 at Cochrane St, N of Hwy 7, *Durham* on 24th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 40 at 6th Line S of Derry Rd., *Halton* on 26th (CEE,Dave Don, fide HBGG). 11 at Resources Road Ravine on 28th (MK fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at Enfield, *Durham* on 28th (J. Robinson

fide DRBA), 10 at Woodchoppers Lane, Holland Marsh, *York* on 28th (Steven Price fide ONTBIRDS) & 12 at 8th Line N of Derry Rd, *Halton* on 28th (RBHS,WP).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 44 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH).

RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 3 at HP on 28th (SMF).

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH - 10 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH).

BROWN CREEPER - 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 13th & 20th (RPy fide DRBA). 2 at Thicksons Woods, *Durham* on 13th (AA), 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 20th (SLaF fide DRBA) & 1 at Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 24th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010). 2 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 25th & 26th (MAV fide HBGG), 1 at Guild Inn, Guildwood Park on 28th (JWi,BKa).

CAROLINA WREN - 1 at 104 Hadrian Dr, Rexdale on 7th (MK fide ONTBIRDS), 1st appearance in over a month.

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 1 at South Trail, Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS,WP) & 2 at LaSalle Park, *Halton* on 25th & 26th (MAV fide HBGG).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 10 at Palgrave, *Peel* on 9th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010), 40 at Sideline 22, N of Taunton Rd., *Durham* on 26th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA), 25 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 28th (JWi,BKa) & 50 at Guild Inn, Guildwood Park on 28th (JWi,BKa).

VARIED THRUSH – First reported at Cold Creek Conservation Area, *York* on 7th January 2010, this bird was reported on 5 dates this month from 5th to 28th (m.obs), and stayed into March.

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – There were just 23 reports this month, with 11 from *Toronto*, 6 from *Durham*, 2 from *York* and 4 from *Peel*. Allowing for duplication, about 18 birds were involved. Low numbers are typical for late winter. Thanks to the following 14 contributors for ongoing reporting: AA; anon fide OUTON, anon fide PMG; Monica Conolly fide ONTBIRDS; SCH; RLau; JDL; JMack: WP:RPy; Allan Roitner fide RJF fide ONTBIRDS; Alan Woods, and DW.

EUROPEAN STARLING - 640 at Albion Rd & Martingrove on 15th (SCH).

AMERICAN PIPIT - 1 at Thickson's Point, *Durham* on 21st (GC,Paula Radovanovich); still there, staying from 10 January 2010. Checked it was not a Red-throated Pipit!

BOHEMIAN WAXWING - 36 at #17053 Hwy 50 (E side), Palgrave, *Peel* on 18th & 19th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS), 13 on 20th (ICa,NMu, fide ONTBIRDS), 12 on 24th (DJM fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 there on 28th (JCS fide ONTBIRDS). 12 at 14 Birch Ave, Palgrave, *Peel* on 22nd (GCam fide ONTBIRDS). Presumably all these reports refer to the same flock.

CEDAR WAXWING - 40 at Palgrave, *Peel* on 10th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010) and 20 at #17053 Hwy 50, Palgrave, *Peel* @ 09:30hrs on 20th (ICa,NMu, fide ONTBIRDS). 100 at Long Sault C.A., *Durham* on 22nd (G. Ernest fide DRBA).

PHAINOPEPLA – First reported on Nov 9, 2009 at the Addington Cres. area, Brampton, *Peel* this bird turned up again on 8th after not having been seen for two weeks. It was seen just before dusk, but did not look well; foraging on the ground, which had not been noted previously. On the 9th it was seen to 'collapse' in a backyard and was able to be picked up and taken to 'Songbird Rehab Centre' [SOAR] (Diane Bogie fide GC). It was said to be doing well in captivity 'eating like a madman' but unfortunately died at the SOAR facility on the 17th (Dian Bogie fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER - 6 at Port Credit Harbour, *Peel* on 16th (MHC fide ONTBIRDS), on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 28th (JCS fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 60 at LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa) & 52 (flocks: 22,30) at 8th Line S of Derry Rd., *Halton* on 28th (RBHS,WP).

SAVANNAH SPARROW - 2 at 8th Line N of Derry Rd, *Halton* on 27th [No doc. seen] (DEP fide ONTBIRDS).

FOX SPARROW - 1 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 15th (RPy fide DRBA) & 1 at N of #5400 5th Line, *Halton* on 26th (CEE,Dave Don, fide HBGG).

SONG SPARROW - 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 13th (RPye fide DRBA), 2 on 15th (GCarp fide DRBA) & 2 there on 20th (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 at Peninsula B, LSS on 13th (NMu,ICa).

SWAMP SPARROW - 1 at South Platform, Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 6th (RBHS,WP). 1 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 13th (RPye fide DRBA) & on 20th (SLaF fide DRBA). 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 28th (RPye,J. Ball, fide DRBA). Probably all refer to the same bird.

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW – Singles at 7 Fairway Dr., Scarborough thro' the month (RLau), Canada Life, University Ave. on 3rd (RBHS), Sedgewick Park, Oakville, *Halton* on 9th (AA) & at Humber Arboretum on 13th (AA). 3 at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 15th (GCarp fide DRBA). 1 at HP on 15th (SMF) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh, *Durham* on 28th (RPye,J. Ball, fide DRBA).

LAPLAND LONGSPUR - 4 at 6th Line S of Derry Rd, *Halton* on 26th (CEE,Dave Don, fide HBGG).

SNOW BUNTING - 400 at Jane St & Hwy 9 (horse farm), *York* on 13th (Lev Frid fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 100 at Rosland Rd & Coronation, *Durham* on 23rd (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 100 at Humber Station Rd S of King Rd, *Peel* on 24th (PMG) (Brydon 2010). 100+ at Halls Rd., *Durham* on 24th (JDL,Alan Woods, fide ONTBIRDS), 300-400 at Cherrywood Swamp Heronry (Taunton Rd E of Townline), *Durham* on 24th (MDW fide ONTBIRDS) & 50 at 6th Line & Lower Baseline, *Halton* on 26th (CEE,Dave Don, fide HBGG). 50 at Woodchoppers Lane, Holland Marsh, *York* & 150 at W. End Ravenshoe Rd., *York* on 28th (Steven Price fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN CARDINAL – 10 at Thornccliffe Dr Park on 14th (ETB) and 19 at Lambton Woods on 15th (SCH).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 2 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 7th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA), 6 on 8th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 60 on 14th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 14 there on 15th (GCarp fide DRBA). 40 at Rosland Rd, W of Coronation Rd, Whitby, *Durham* on 20th (RLau fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at 8th Line N of Derry Rd, *Halton* on 27th (AA).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - 25 at Rosland Rd, W of Coronation Rd, Whitby, *Durham* on 20th (RLau fide ONTBIRDS) & 9 there on 22nd (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA).

BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 2 at Lynde Shores C. A., *Durham* on 7th (AA), 1 on 8th (C. Adey fide DRBA), 1 on 14th (Dan Kaczynski fide DRBA) & 10 there on 15th (GCarp fide DRBA). 50 at Rosland Rd, W of Coronation Rd, Whitby, *Durham* on 20th (RLau fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Centreville Creek Rd, N of Mayfield, *Peel* on 21st (DJM,GCam, fide ONTBIRDS).

PINE GROSBEAK - 2 at Heart Lake C.A., *Peel* on 8th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010).

PURPLE FINCH - 1 at Duffy's Lane, *Peel* on 24th (anon fide PMG) (Brydon 2010).

HOUSE FINCH - 18 at Lake Wabukayne, Meadowvale, *Peel* on 28th (RBHS).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 1 at Linwood Cres., Burlington, *Halton* on 9th (AA).

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