

The spring migration (2003) in St. Pierre & Miquelon islands.

The spring in general was cold. About the same as last year. Snow and ice lingered longer, May was possibly sunnier than last year, it was also quite windy ! Few exciting species, except for a rather rare heron and an unusual number of Lincoln sparrows.

Red-throated Loon : One heard in flight at Langlade on May 12 (BL) was 12 days later than average. One pair was present on the extreme north-east of the Isthmus on May 27 (LJ) where they have nested in the last few years.

Common Loon : Concentration off the north-west coast of Cape of Miquelon did not occur this spring, possibly due to the bad weather conditions, instead, the highest number was seen off Mirande lake on the east-north-east coast of Miquelon. The highest numbers for the whole islands were 29 on March 25 (RE/BL/PB); 41 on March 25 (RE/BL/PB); 63 on April 2 (RE/PB); 59 on April 9 (RE); 69, the record high, on April 10 (RE/BL), 45 on April 20 (RE//PB). Nineteen birds were still present off the west coast of Miquelon on May 22 (RE).

Red-necked Grebe : There was at most about 100 birds off Cape Miquelon in March and early April while the highest number recorded was 147 on April 20 (RE). The maximum off Mirande lake was 116 on April 2 (RE). This was a “medium-low” year for the species with a maximum for the whole island of about 250 birds. Would the birds missing around here were those reported as a “memorable influx” in mid-Atlantic states in “Winging it” vol. 15 n° 4 ? It’s time that concentration of this species around the French islands are better known, the same article states that “this grebe disperses in winter along the coast from Nova Scotia south” ! ...

Northern Gannet : The first bird was spotted off the east coast of St. Pierre by MD on April 18 (average is April 24). The next one was seen on April 30 off St. Pierre again (LJ). There are a few other reports for a maximum of 8 off St. Pierre on May 30 (LJ). BS reported many birds at sea between St. Pierre and the Burin Peninsula on May 34.

Double-crested Cormorant : One bird in St. Pierre harbour on April 17 (PA) has possibly over-wintered as the first migrants were seen regularly from May 1 on (FPA/RE/MD/BS). Reported mostly for Miquelon where 15 to 20 birds are regularly seen between the salt pond near the village and the rocks where they usual nest off the East coast of that island.

Great Cormorant : 10 birds were on the coast of Cape Miquelon on April 8 (RE). Four birds were on Colombier island on April 10. Probably underreported ! ...

American Bittern : One bird was first seen by LJ in St. Pierre on April 30 and subsequently by several observers up to May 19 (SA/FPA/MD/PB/TV).

Snowy Egret : One bird first reported by Yves Detcheverry near the village of Miquelon was seen by the author the same day, April 12. One bird, most certainly this one, was found dead a few days later in this location (Ludovic Detcheverry).

Tricolored Heron : This is our fourth record. One seen in St. Pierre on May 16 was photographed by PA (see photos at <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/iles-et-ailes>). and subsequently by others (SA/BS/LJ/BL/MD). The bird was not particularly wary. Last seen by FPA on May 25.

Canada Goose : The first one was seen in St. Pierre on March 22 (FPA/PA). Five were seen arriving on the salt lagoon of Grand Barachois by LJ on March 26. Then a few birds were seen regularly with no more than 25 to 30 birds reported at a time. We (BL/JMD/LJ/RE) had one nest with 4 eggs and another pair on an unchecked nest on centre Langlade on May 16. LJ had a brood of 6 goslings aged a few days on the Isthmus on May 27 and there was one brood of 4 goslings on Mirande lake on May 30 (RE/LJ).

Wood Duck : One pair was first seen in St. Pierre by MD on April 8 and subsequently by other observers up to May 10. The pair was joined by another male from May 1 to May 10 (FPA/LJ).

American Black duck : The species has had a hard time this winter with little open water in feeding areas up to about mid March. Highest count at Grand Barachois before marshes unfrozen were : 146 on March 22 (LJ) about 230 on March 24 (RE), 222 on March 26 (LJ) and 238 on April 2 (BL) and 262 on April 5 (RE). On the salt pond near the village of Miquelon there was a maximum 41 birds on March 5 and a maximum of 33 at île aux Marins (near St. Pierre) on March 17 (LJ).

Mallard : The male reported earlier probably did not survive as I found a wing at Grand Barachois on April 5. One pair was at Langlade on May 13 (PB) and May 14 (LJ).

Blue-winged Teal : One male was near the village of Miquelon on May 27 (RE) and a pair on the Isthmus the next day (LJ).

Northern Pintail : The first male was found on the Isthmus on March 31 (BL). Then regularly, reported in the three islands, about as usual (BL/RE/PB/LJ/FPA/SA/MD/PA).

Green-winged Teal : It was not a G-W Teal spring ! ... The first male was seen in St. Pierre on April 9 (SA/BL) and April 11 (FPA/SA), then the next ones (2 males and a female) were seen on the Isthmus on May 4 (RE). Only 7 other reports, very few at a time, up to May 28 (Jean-Marie Orsiny/RE/MD/LJ/FPA).

Ring-necked Duck : One male was in St. Pierre on April 20 (LJ/MD) while the first male on the Isthmus was seen on April 26 (RE). 12 others reports up to May 23 (RE/FPA/BL/MD/TV/PA) for a maximum of 6 birds at a time.

Greater Scaup : A group of bird (maximum 26) stayed on the salt pond near the village of Miquelon to early April then move to fresh water ponds in the same general area up to the end of April, then they started to spread out (RE/LJ/BL). About ten were on Grand Barachois on March 16 (RE). One male and three females were seen in St. Pierre on May 4 (FPA). Last seen : one in Mirande lake May 27 (RE).

Common Eider : Estimation in early March were about 1400 on the north-eastern corner of Miquelon on March 1 (BL). The next day the same observer had about 2000, same area, and several thousands off the east coast of the Isthmus. On March 17 LJ had about 3300 birds off Saint-Pierre. On April 3 BL had about 3500 to 4000 birds off the Isthmus. On April 20 LJ had about 1500 birds south of St. Pierre, numbers started to dwindle around those last dates. Last reported : about 250 on the Miquelon' south-western corner (RE) on May 17.

Harlequin Duck : Four males & 5 females were near St. Pierre on March 17 (LJ). Two immature males were off St. Pierre on March 30, April 2 and 9 (MD/LJ). Three birds and a pair were, same area, respectively on April 20 (MD) and April 21 (PA).

Surf Scoter : A few were identified as this species among numerous White-winged Scoters off the east coast of the Isthmus on April 20 (RE).

White-winged Scoter : A few frustrating observations off the Isthmus as usual (fairly far away) in April and May. There was about 250 birds off the Gully of Grand Barachois on May 22 (RE).

Black Scoter : There was one pair on March 29 off the south-western corner of Miquelon.

Long-tailed Duck : Fairly common, as usual around the islands. We have had a few oiled birds between April 2 and 9. No high concentration was reported, There was about 100 birds off Mirande lake on April 20 (RE). Last seen : a young male off the west coast of Langlade on May 12 (BL).

Bufflehead : One at Grand Barachois was seen on April 16 (PH fide PA).

Common Goldeneye : A maximum of 105 birds was counted at Grand Barachois on April 2 (BL) and about 130 on April 5 (RE). Last seen about 12 on Grand Barachois on May 4 (RE).

Red-breasted Merganser : Common as usual and well reported throughout the season (m. ob).

Osprey : Three reports only, all for Langlade : One on May 17 (PA) and one on May 28 and 30 (LJ).

Bald Eagle : Several adults and immature reported throughout the season (m. ob.) about as usual.

Northern Harrier : On report only : one female near Grand Barachois on May 13 (RE/BL/JMD).

Sharp-shinned Hawk : One in St. Pierre on March 2 and 13 probably over-wintered. One near Mirande lake on May 6 (RE) was probably a migrant. Two other reports for St. Pierre, on May 17 and 18 (MD/BS).

Northern Goshawk : One at Langlade on March 31 (BL). Rather unusual was one above the town of St. Pierre on April 3 (LJ). One probably nesting, and with an aggressive behaviour at Langlade on May 31 (LJ).

Rough-legged Hawk : Two were seen above Colombier island (where they usually nest) on April 21 (SA). Two were on the north-west coast of St. Pierre (where they have nested) on May 17 (BS). One was seen at Langlade by MD on May 24.

American Kestrel : On male in St. Pierre on May 20 (LJ).

Merlin : The first one was spotted by LJ in St. Pierre on April 26. Seen regularly then and fairly well reported in the three islands (m. ob.).

Peregrine Falcon : One in flight above the village of Miquelon on May 6 (RE).

Black-bellied Plover : One near the village of Miquelon, in winter plumage, on May 27 (RE) and 29 (LJ).

Semipalmated Plover : The first one was seen near the village of Miquelon on May 11 (RE) while the next one was seen at St. Pierre by PB on May 17. Rather scarce so far, three other sightings only, all in Miquelon between May 18 and 29 (RE/LJ).

Piping Plover : None seen on two visits of the southern part of the Isthmus on May 4 and 18 (RE). LJ had four adults on May 27 on the north-eastern corner of the Isthmus, a place where there is no ATV access and where they have nested two years ago. LJ had one adult only on the southern side of the Gully of Grand Barachois the next day (this is also a known nesting site).

Killdeer : Two birds were in St. Pierre on April 19 and 20 (FPA). One was heard near the village of Miquelon on April 26, then two, same area, on May 20 and one, feigning injury, on May 25 (RE).

Greater Yellowlegs : Two in flight near the village of Miquelon on April 26 were about on average (RE). The next ones were seen : one in Mirande and 7 in St. Pierre on May 2 (FPA/SA/RE). It was rather scarce this spring, except for the 19 birds reported around one pond of St. Pierre on May 4 (FPA). Last seen one in St. Pierre on May 28 (MD).

Willet : The first one was seen in St. Pierre on May 3 by LJ. Four birds seen the same day, May 4, is unprecedented in the islands : 2 near the village of Miquelon and one at Grand Barachois (RE) and one in St. Pierre (PA/FPA). One was still at Grand Barachois on May 14 (LJ).

Spotted Sandpiper : One in St. Pierre on May 18 (PA) was one day later than average. Seen regularly from May 20 on (LJ/MD/SA); the first one was seen in Miquelon on May 23 (RE).

Ruddy Turnstone: One bird alone was at Grand Barachois on May 22 (RE).

Sanderling : Three birds near the gully of Grand Barachois on May 4 were possibly over-winterers (RE).

Least Sandpiper : The first one or two were heard near Grand Barachois on May 20, a week later than average (RE). Very few other reports.

Purple Sandpiper : They were 15 to 20 near the village of Miquelon on March 12 while few areas were free of ice ! ... There was a maximum of about 40 birds in St. Pierre harbour on March 22 (MD). In April there were 26 in St. Pierre harbour on April 18 (PA) and 35 the next day (MD). Last seen 5 near the village of Miquelon on May 29 (LJ), the average departing date is April 20.

Dunlin : Three birds managed to survive at least to almost the end of March at Grand Barachois, Seen on March 16 and 24 (RE) and on March 22 (LJ). Photos could be seen at <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/iles-et-ailes> .

Common Snipe : One calling bird heard near Mirande lake on April 20 was one day earlier than average (RE). The first one for St. Pierre was reported on April 28 by LJ. Seen regularly from May 5 on (m. ob.).

Laughing Gull : One adult was seen at Grand Barachois on May 15 (LJ) and photographed by JMD.

Black-headed Gull : None seen in Miquelon. A few birds were seen as usual in St. Pierre harbour throughout the season (PA/PB/FPA/MD). Last seen : one adult and one immature on May 20 (PA).

Bonaparte's Gull : One, seen from time to time in St. Pierre harbour between March 26 and April 19 (PB/PA).

Ring-billed Gull : The first migrants were found both in Miquelon (1) and St. Pierre (2) on March 29 (RE/PA). Numbers increased slowly to about 30 birds in St. Pierre on April 5 (PA) to a few here and there in Miquelon on April 9 and 10. They were abundant at Grand Barachois on April 20 (RE).

Iceland Gull : The last adults were seen in St. Pierre on March 23 (PA). Then only immature were present in St. Pierre harbour & on the W. coast of Miquelon (RE/PA). Last seen, one near Mirande lake on May 25 (RE).

Glaucous Gull : A first winter bird was in St. Pierre harbour on March and one 1st winter and one 2nd winter on March 8 (PA). One 1st winter was also in St. Pierre harbour on March 14 and 18. One immature was off the west coast of Miquelon on April 18 (RE) and one at Langlade on May 16 (PA).

Black-legged Kittiwake : About 200 birds were already around the cliffs of Cape Miquelon on March 2 and about 500 were landing on the cliffs by March 23 (RE). They had a hard time with the ice that lingered fairly late on the cliffs this spring ! Over a thousand birds were counted, same area, on April 9 (RE). I visited the same colony on May 28 and found a lot of birds. I saw only one egg and one copulating pair (RE)

Caspian Tern : One in St. Pierre on May 2 (FPA) is the only report so far.

Common Tern : Three birds were first spotted in St. Pierre on May 23 (PA). A few were on the islet of Mirande lake on May 27 (RE).

Arctic Tern : Hundreds of birds were present at Grand Barachois on May 22 (RE).

Dovekie : One in St. Pierre harbour on March 1 is the latest report ! (PA).

Common Murre : A few birds were seen between Fortune and St. Pierre on May 24 (BS).

Razorbill : One bird was seen just outside St. Pierre harbour on March 21 (BS). There were about 200 birds at Grand Colombier on April 20 and about 300 the next day (SA), seemingly confirming the good trend noticed a few years ago, mostly at Grand Colombier. 32 birds were on the N-W coast of St. Pierre on April 21 (TV).

Black Guillemot : Common and fairly well reported, more or less as usual. One bird off the West coast of the Isthmus was almost in full breeding plumage by March 29 (RE). Most of them were in breeding dress by May 5 (RE).

Atlantic Puffin : SA had 15 birds at Grand Colombier on April 20 while Stephane Fouchard (fide MD) had about 100. Thousands of birds were present, same spot, on May 6 (RE).

Mourning Dove : 8 birds were present at SA's feeder in St. Pierre in March and 4 only in April. Three reports only in May, all for St. Pierre : 3 on May 1 (SA), one in the town on May 24 (TV) and one on May 29 (FPA).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird : One pair was well seen and well described in St. Pierre by André Tillard on May 20 and 21 (LJ).

Belted Kingfisher : Most of observations in St. Pierre (where most observers live !). First seen by FPA on Apr. 30, 3 days earlier than average. One bird possibly the same was observed on May 1 and 2, same area (DG/FPA/PA/SA). A few other scattered reports in St. Pierre between May 12 and 20 (DG/MD/PA/LJ/PB). None reported from Miquelon and 2 sightings only for Langlade : 2 on May 24 (FPA) & one on May 28 (LJ).

Northern Flicker : One in St. Pierre on March 15 probably over-wintered (LJ). One in St. Pierre on April 20 (SA) followed by one singing in Miquelon on April 28 (RE) were probably migrants. Regular then and reported in the three islands, about as usual (m. ob.).

Olive-sided Flycatcher : One heard calling and seen near Mirande lake on May 27 (RE) is the earliest ever (record early was May 28, 1997).

Eastern Kingbird : One in St. Pierre on May 10 (LJ) was 9 days earlier than average. One bird at a time was seen regularly in St. Pierre up to May 24 (DG/FPA/MD/PA/TV/SA). One only was seen near the east coast of Miquelon on May 27 (LJ).

Blue-headed Vireo : One was heard at Langlade on May 24 (FPA).

Blue Jay : The species is now a permanent resident in St. Pierre. 6 were present at FPA's feeder throughout March and two only in April. SA had twelve bird on April 21 while only two were present during the other days of that month. One was seen near Mirande lake in Miquelon on April 19 and May 28 (RE).

Common Raven : One of the pair nesting in Cape Miquelon, that I follow since 1979, change their nesting site by a few hundred meters from time to time. It happened this year again although it is not possible to see a regular cycle in this. The nest used this year is used only for one year and is exposed to the north while the "regular" one is occupied for several years in a row and is exposed to the south. Four completely feathered young were in it on

May 28. Another nest in Cape Miquelon had only one young aged about 3 weeks on May 28 (RE) The pair has constructed a nest just a few meters from last year's. One nest on the woods of eastern Miquelon was located on a balsam fir at a height of 5 m and contained 3 young aged about 3 weeks (RE) on May 17.

Horned Lark : A few birds have over-wintered in Miquelon or on the Isthmus as usual. Three birds flying south near Mirande lake on March 21 were thought to be migrants while this is somewhat subjective ! ... Six in St. Pierre on March 30 (MD) were definitely migrants. Fairly common here and there since.

Tree Swallow : The first two birds spotted by MD in St. Pierre on May 17 were nine days later than average. I had about 10 birds in flight in the village of Miquelon on May 21 while LJ had three in St. Pierre the same day. Four other observations, for St. Pierre only and few birds at a time (LJ/PA/SA).

Bank Swallow : The first one was seen by LJ at Langlade south on May 15, nine days earlier than average. One bird at a time was seen between May 18 and 28 in St. Pierre (BL/LJ/PA/SA/LJ).

Barn Swallow : Three were at Langlade on May 16 (PA), a week later than average. Nine other reports for a maximum of 8 birds on May 19 (SA), mostly in St. Pierre up to May 23.

Black-capped Chickadee : One bird in St. Pierre on May 19 (LJ), is almost an event in the time being ! ...

Boreal Chickadee : Fairly common as usual and well reported throughout the season. One bird was seen carrying breeding material into a nest box at Langlade on May 28 (LJ).

Red-breasted Nuthatch : 13 reports between March 9 and May 24 (m. ob.) in the 3 islands, few birds at a time.

Winter Wren : The first one was heard singing in Miquelon on May 6 (RE), 3 days later than average. The first one heard in St. Pierre was 6 days later than in Miquelon (PB). Fairly regular and fairly well reported since (RE/FPA/BL).

Golden-crowned Kinglet : A few heard in St. Pierre on April 2 (PB) is the only report ! ...

Ruby-crowned Kinglet : The first ones were heard and seen in Miquelon on April 28 (RE), 2 days later than average. A few were seen the next day in St. Pierre (PB/LJ). Fairly common since and singing here and there (FPA/PA/SA/PB/RE).

Gray-cheeked Thrush : Really scarce ! One in the town of St. Pierre on May 26 (LJ) was two days later than average. One was heard in Miquelon on May 28 (RE).

Swainson's Thrush : One in St. Pierre on May 30 (DG).

Hermit Thrush : One in St. Pierre on May 1 (LJ) was 5 days earlier than average. Well reported throughout the season, usually one bird at a time except about 10 in St. Pierre on May 20 (LJ). This is now our most common Thrush !

American Robin : One bird in St. Pierre (SA) and 4 in Cape Miquelon (JCH) on March 28 were probably migrants. More birds were seen the next day and reported by 7 different observers. Other noticeable arrivals were April 4 (FPA/PB/PA); April 12/13 and April 28 (RE). One adult was carrying food in Miquelon on May 18 (RE). One nest found in the town of St. Pierre on May 25 was not accessible to see the number of eggs (DL).

American Pipit : One in S-W St. Pierre on May 18 and one on N. St. Pierre the same day ! (PA/BS).

Yellow Warbler : One bird only seen on the Isthmus on May 28 (LJ) was 3 days later than average.

Magnolia Warbler : One seen in St. Pierre on May 12 (DG) was the earliest ever (record early was May 15, 1991). I saw one male in Miquelon on May 24 (RE).

Yellowrumped Warbler : Two females were seen on April 9 by LJ on the east coast of Miquelon (average date is April 30). The next one was seen on May 1 (FPA) and regularly between May 3 and May 28 (m. ob.). The species was very common to abundant between May 12 and 23 (m. ob.). I had about 40 birds together near the village of Miquelon on May 25 (RE).

Black-throated Green Warbler : One male was heard and seen in Miquelon and one was seen in St. Pierre on May 24 (RE/LJ). One male was heard in Miquelon on May 25 and seen on May 28 (RE). One male was seen at Langlade on May 28 (LJ).

Palm Warbler : One in St. Pierre on April 29 (LJ) was 5 days earlier than average. The next ones were seen near Mirande lake on May 5 (RE). Rather numerous in the three islands between May 16 and 20 (PA/FPA/RE/PB/SA/LJ/MD/BS/TV). Last seen two in St. Pierre on May 24 (SA).

Blackpoll Warbler : The first one was seen by DL in St. Pierre on May 15 (average date is May 18). Fairly well reported from May 17 on (LJ/PA/LJ/RE/SA) in relatively low numbers.

Black and White Warbler : A few birds were seen in St. Pierre between May 19 and 23 (LJ/MD/BS/PA/SA) while I had my first pair in Miquelon on May 24. A few then here and there up to the end of the period.

Ovenbird : One heard singing in Miquelon on May 27 (RE).

Northern Waterthrush : First seen in St. Pierre by LJ and FPA on May 17 (2 days later than average). A few were singing in the woods of Miquelon on May 19 (RE). Fairly common thereafter.

Common Yellowthroat : One was found in St. Pierre by LJ on May 24 (average is May 20). One male was singing in Miquelon only on May 27, and May 31 (RE). One was found on the Isthmus by LJ on May 28.

Wilson's Warbler : One in St. Pierre (LJ/SA) on May 20 was one day earlier than average. A few other sightings in St. Pierre and Langlade (FPA/PA/SA/LJ), none so far in Miquelon.

American Tree Sparrow : One only seen twice in St. Pierre by MD on April 12 and 20.

Chipping Sparrow : One only at DG's feeder in St. Pierre between May 23 and 25.

Savannah Sparrow : One in St. Pierre on April 11 (MD) was unusually early. Single individuals were seen early for 13 years out of 30 for an average date of April 12. Regular ones were seen in Miquelon from April 28 on (RE) and in St. Pierre from April 30 on (LJ/FPA/SA/PA/PB/BS).

Fox Sparrow : Single birds at feeders reported in late March might have been over-winterers, while two singing near Mirande lake (RE) and one near Grand Barachois (BL) on April 2 were almost certainly migrants. The next day FPA had 32 birds and SA about 50 around their feeders. Common since in the three islands, about as usual.

Song Sparrow : Several birds have over-wintered in St. Pierre and at least one in Miquelon so the first migrants were not easy to pick-up. One singing on southern Langlade on April 8 was probably a migrant as well as one singing in Cape Miquelon the next day (LJ/JCH respectively). The species is more and more common in our islands although far from abundant. It is a confirmed nester in St. Pierre only so far.

Lincoln's Sparrow : One on western Langlade (PA) and one in St. Pierre on May 17 (FPA), were right on average ! On May 18 PA reports an **unprecedented number** of "several tens" in St. Pierre. The first one in Miquelon was heard singing in the woods on May 19, the next day one or two were singing on the Isthmus ! Five other sightings, one individual at a time, up to May 25 (FPA/PA/RE).

Swamp Sparrow : One bird briefly seen in Cape Miquelon on May 5 was 4 days earlier than average ; a few birds were singing in Miquelon on May 12 (RE). One or two were singing in southern Langlade on May 15 (RE/LJ/BL). Fairly common thereafter (PA/FPA/LJ/RE). and possibly underreported.

White-throated Sparrow : A few birds over-wintered in St. Pierre, but possibly a few migrants were present there in late April/early May. The first ones were singing in Miquelon on May 5 (RE). Hundreds of birds (or more) were present in the 3 islands between May 16 and 23 (m. ob.) One carrying nesting material to a nest on the ground under cut branches of conifer was found at Langlade by LJ on May 28.

White-crowned Sparrow : Possibly more common than usual this spring, mostly in St. Pierre, we have a total of 17 reports between May 17 and 27 (LJ/PA/FPA/JCH/RE/TV/DG). Two were seen in Miquelon on May 20 (RE/JCH) and 3 in eastern Miquelon on May 27 (LJ).

Dark-eyed Junco : SA had about 20 birds at her feeder throughout the month of March and April while FPA had about 30 in March and about 10 in April. A few here and there in the field, no more (m. ob.). FPA reports the first song by March 14.

Snow Bunting : Few reports and few birds reported, except about 40 on the Isthmus on April 19 (PB). Last seen one only near Mirande lake on April 21 (RE).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak : One pair was in St. Pierre on May 4 (DG).

Indigo Bunting : One male was in the village of Miquelon on May 19 (JCH) and two males were well described to PA by J. M. Quédinet in St. Pierre on May 24.

Red-winged Blackbird : One male was in the village of Miquelon on April 28 and the next day (RE). One male was seen in St. Pierre between May 17 and 19 (LJ/FPA/BS/LJ). A female was seen also in St. Pierre by FPA on May 19.

Rusty Blackbird : One male was singing in Miquelon on April 28 (RE) and the first one was seen in St. Pierre on May 1 (LJ). Eight other reports in Miquelon and St. Pierre between May 5 and 31, very few birds at a time (RE/MD/PA/SA/LJ/TV).

Common Grackle : 7 birds were reported in the village of Miquelon by Jean Michel on April 19. I saw two birds also in the village the next day. The first ones were seen in St. Pierre on April 20 (FPA/SA/LJ/MD). Several other reports for St. Pierre only except two on the east coast of Miquelon on May 27 (LJ).

Brown-headed Cowbird : One female was in the town of St. Pierre on April 16 (LJ) and one male also in St. Pierre on May 16 and 17 (PB).

Pine Grosbeak : Ten and 11 birds were seen at or near FPA's feeder in St. Pierre on March 2 and 16 respectively. A few were singing near Mirande lake from March 25 on (RE). No others reports from St. Pierre.

Purple Finch : A few birds were seen mostly at feeders in St. Pierre (PA/SA/DG/PB/FPA) between March 30 and May 19. One or two were heard in flight near Mirande lake on May 24 (RE).

Pine Siskin : Twelve and 29 birds were at FPA's feeder respectively on March 4 and 6. Up to 6 birds were at other people's feeder in March and April (PB/SA). Two birds were seen in the field by MD on May 5, and 3 on May 16 (PA).

American Goldfinch : Fairly common in St. Pierre as usual throughout the season. 20 birds were seen by SA on March 30, TV had 22 birds at his feeder on March 30, etc.

Evening Grosbeak : One female in the town of St. Pierre on May 1 (LJ) is the only report.

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