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## COVER PHOTO

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### **Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*)**

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The Tufted Titmouse is a very rare and local resident species in the Greater Toronto Area. There is anecdotal evidence that it may have bred in both the Regional Municipalities of *Peel* and *Halton* in the early 1960s, but confirmed evidence of breeding in the GTA is still lacking after more than 40 years of continuous occurrence. Its confirmation as a breeding bird on the Toronto bird checklist is long overdue.

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## GREATER TORONTO AREA BIRD REPORT – MARCH 2007

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The following are largely unchecked reports, not authenticated records. Key to counties: DU = Durham R.M.; HL = Halton R.M.; PL = Peel R.M.; MT = City of Toronto; LO = Lake Ontario Pelagic; YO = York R.M. [County not specified for sites in 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: HFR, DRF, YRF = Halton, Durham and York Regional Forests, respectively. TBO = Toronto Bird Observatory; TTPBRS = Tommy Thompson Park Bird Research Station.

Species names in **bold, underlined BLOCK CAPITALS** are OBRC rarities. These reports require acceptance by OBRC before they can be considered as part of the local records. They are qualified by [Documentation received] or [No documentation received], as applicable.

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Individual species **marked \* or specific reports marked \*** indicate unusual local observations for which documentation is requested by TBRC and/or TOC Records Committee by virtue of rarity, difficulty of ID, extreme dates (early, late, unseasonal) or high counts.

Species names in [square brackets] indicate reports believed to relate to escaped or released birds, or to introduced birds which have not yet become established.

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.

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SNOW GOOSE - 1 (blue) at Oakville Harbour [HL] on 12<sup>th</sup> (AA) & 1 (white) at Reesor Road Ponds [YO] on 13<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

**ROSS'S GOOSE** - 1 at Ashbridges Bay Sewage Plant on 11<sup>th</sup> [No doc. seen] (MVL fide NMu, fide ONTBIRDS), inside the grounds on SE corner of Lakeshore & Leslie St.

ACKLING (RICHARDSON'S) GOOSE - 4 at HBP [E] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RSC).

MUTE SWAN - 8 flying W at Halls Rd. [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

TRUMPETER SWAN - 2 at HBP on 10<sup>th</sup> (Steve Mc Allister fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11<sup>th</sup> (JMG). 10 (w wing tags) at Dufferin just S of Hwy 9 [YO] on 16<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 (wing tagged) at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 24<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at HP on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 2 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide DRBA).

TUNDRA SWAN - 1 at HBP on 10<sup>th</sup> (Steve McAllister fide ONTBIRDS), on 11<sup>th</sup> (JMG) & on 16<sup>th</sup> (FP). 41 at N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> & 52 on 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 30 flying over at Ellis Ave & Queensway on 13<sup>th</sup> (VC), 120 at Burlington Lakeshore [HL] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (MKB fide ONTBIRDS) & 80 at Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA). 164 (in 4 migrant flocks all moving W) at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), 38 flying over at Hwy 401 @ Lawrence Ave. on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa), 30 at Toronto Harbour (off 207 Queen's Quay) on 26<sup>th</sup> (FP) & 2 at Humber Trail, N of Rutherford [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (AA).

WOOD DUCK - 1 M at HP on 15<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 4 (3 M, 1 F) there on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 4 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 20 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Old Simcoe St & Conc 1 Brock [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (C. Apperson fide DRBA), 2 at Don River S of Bloor on 27<sup>th</sup> (FP) & 1 M at North Toronto Sewage Plant on 28<sup>th</sup> (FP). 6 at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> & 2 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN WIGEON - 24 at Prince of Wales Park on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 10 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA).

AMERICAN BLACK DUCK - 10 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 12 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

MALLARD - 200 (prob. migrants) at N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 16<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN SHOVELER - 5 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 8 at HP on 27<sup>th</sup> & 1 on 29<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 4 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA) & 9 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

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NORTHERN PINTAIL - 50+ at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 300+ on 24<sup>th</sup>, 50 on 29<sup>th</sup> & 20 on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 4 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA).

GREEN-WINGED TEAL - 8 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12 on 24<sup>th</sup> & 15 on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

CANVASBACK - 11 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 2 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 6 (4 M, 2 F) at Triangle Pond, LSS on 31<sup>st</sup> (RBHS,WP), 3 M and 1 F in Triangle Pond & another pair flew over C3.

REDHEAD - 2 at Bond Head [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & 69 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RING-NECKED DUCK - 1 at HBP [E] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RSC), 2 at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 4 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 3 M at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 24<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright fide ONTBIRDS), 24+ at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA) & 80 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA). 24 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 18 at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF,RHNC).

GREATER SCAUP - 288 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

LESSER SCAUP - 2 (M & F) at HBP [W] on 10<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 2 at TI 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

SURF SCOTER - 1 at Bay D, LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (WP).

WHITE-WINGED SCOTER - 7 at CSSP on 11<sup>th</sup> (Brian Bailey fide OUTON) & 175 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 55 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 26 on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 19 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).



White-winged Scoters and a Surf Scoter, 25 March 2007, Leslie Street Spit, Toronto. Photo by Winnie Poon.

BLACK SCOTER - 1 at Hanlan's Point, TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

BUFFLEHEAD - 76 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 114 on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 109 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 72 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

COMMON GOLDENEYE - 100 at LSS on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 250 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 118 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 32 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

HOODED MERGANSER – 1 F at Don River just N of Bloor on 1<sup>st</sup> (FP), 1 M at TI on 4<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 11 at Snug Harbour, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 6 (5 M, 1 F) at HBP [W] on 4<sup>th</sup> (SHa, 10 on 10<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 9 there on 13<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 5 at LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS), 5 on 11<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 12 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 2 at HP on 15<sup>th</sup> & 7 on 29<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 7 (4 M, 3 F) at Lambton Woods on 25<sup>th</sup> (SHa). 6 at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF,RHNC) & 5 at Humber Trail, N of Rutherford [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (AA).

HOODED MERG X C. GOLDENEYE (?) - 1 at Marie Curtis Park on 4<sup>th</sup> (SE,Linda Wells, fide ONTBIRDS). Prob. same bird as seen on MWWI on 7 Jan 2007.

COMMON MERGANSER - 29 at LSS on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 50 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 36 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 27 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RUDDY DUCK – 7 reports ranging from 4 to 15 from HBP from 10<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. 5 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA).



WILD TURKEY - 33 in cornfield on E side at Jane St N of King SR [YO] @ 16:35hrs on 4<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 4 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 9<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA), 9 on 11<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA) & 9 there on 20<sup>th</sup> (JFloer fide DRBA). 18 at Lakeridge Rd S of 5th Conc. [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS) & 8 at Durham Rd 5, E of Balsam [DU] on 24<sup>th</sup> (MDW fide DRBA).

RED-THROATED LOON - 3 at LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (JRC), 12 on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 6 on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 1 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (RBHS,WP).

COMMON LOON - 2 at LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (AA), 1 on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 there on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 2 at Toronto Island Ferry Docks on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF,RHNC).

PIED-BILLED GREBE - 1 at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 2 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 2 at Whitby Harbour [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA) & on 22<sup>nd</sup> (anon fide DRBA). 1 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa), 1 at HP on 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

HORNED GREBE - 2 at HBP [E] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RSC), 4 on 15<sup>th</sup> (John Stirrat,JFa, fide ONTBIRDS), 6 on 16<sup>th</sup> (FP) & 6 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (CJH). 2 at LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 4 on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 reported there on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> (RBHS,WP). 4 at CSSP on 15<sup>th</sup> (John Stirrat,JFa, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Ashbridge's Bay Park on 24<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Snug Harbour, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

RED-NECKED GREBE - 1 at LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS), 2 on 11<sup>th</sup> (AA), 13 on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 6 at SE Tip, LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP), 53 on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 1 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (RBHS,WP). 6 at CSSP on 15<sup>th</sup> (John Stirrat,JFa, fide ONTBIRDS).

\* **EARED GREBE** - 1 at HBP [E] on 15<sup>th</sup> (John Stirrat,JFa, fide ONTBIRDS).

**WESTERN GREBE** - 1 at S end of the Endikement, LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS) was first reported as Clark's Grebe. It was relocated at 9:20hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> and identified as Western Grebe [No doc. seen] (RLau,GC, JRC, &), and was seen by many observers later that day. It continued to be reported: being seen again on 17<sup>th</sup> (JFa, RBHS,WP); 18<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright fide ONTBIRDS); 24<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright fide ONTBIRDS); and 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu, Ed O'Connor), when it was heard to give a double note call (NMu). Still present on 31<sup>st</sup>, when it was quite distant and hard to see well due to moderate E wind and waves 1m (RBHS,WP). All sightings were off the S end of the Endikement, the SE Tip, or the 'Flats'. Photos of varying quality were obtained by: RLau, JI, JRC; Iain Fleming (posted on OUTON, later on OFO website), and WP on 11<sup>th</sup>; and by WP on 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Based on initial photos, a couple of experts suggested it could be an 'intermediate type' or hybrid, but others favoured Western. Over the following weeks it appeared to get a little darker around the lores and eyes and the general opinion shifted to Western (subject of course to OBRC review).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT - 4 at CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters [HL] on 19<sup>th</sup> (Dave Moore fide DVW, fide ONTBIRDS). 5 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 16 on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 41 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 1 at HBP [E] on 24<sup>th</sup> (CJH). 4 at LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright fide ONTBIRDS), 5 on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 40 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (SMF).

GREAT BLUE HERON - 5 at Leslie & 19th Heronry [YO] on 21<sup>st</sup> (Graham Leonard fide RJF) & 8 there on 24<sup>th</sup> (FP). 2 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa), 6 at Humber Station Rd. Heronry [PL] on 25<sup>th</sup> (anon fide OUTON), 2 at 218 Humbercrest Blvd. (area) on 26<sup>th</sup> (JRC,VC), 1 at 60 Miles Hill Cr, Rich. Hill [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (FP) & 1 at Ward's Island, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON - 3 at Lower Don River on 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 on 26<sup>th</sup> & 8 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (FP). 2 at Snug Harbour, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

TURKEY VULTURE – First report was of 1 at Bathurst St N of Aurora [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 10 other reports from 16<sup>th</sup> to end of month of 1 or 2 birds. 12 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 3 at Kerncliff Park, Burlington [HL] on 27<sup>th</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS).

BALD EAGLE - 11 IMM on ice edge at Eastport Dr W of Lift Bridge [HL] on 14<sup>th</sup> (Dimmy Nimmo,Neil Nimmo, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN HARRIER – 6 reports of singles and 3 reports of 2 birds thro' the month.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK - 1 at Aurora [YO] on 7<sup>th</sup> (Siegmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS).

COOPER'S HAWK – 13 reports of singles thro' the month, plus a pair at Nature Reserve, TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK - 1 at YRF - North Tract [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-SHOULDERED HAWK - 1 AD at Cardinal Golf Course [YO] on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chris Dunn, Julia Marko, fide RJF) & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

RED-TAILED HAWK - 1 (dark morph) JUV at Salem Rd & Hwy 401 [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (JI fide ONTBIRDS). Dark morphs occur in eastern populations (especially northern ones), and have been given the name 'abieticola' (not recognized by AOU). 3 photos posted on her website. 6 (all light morph) at same location on 11<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK - 2 at Keele Valley Landfill [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS,WP), 4 (2 dark, 2 light) at Teston & Rodinea [YO] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 1 (light) at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

GOLDEN EAGLE - 1 IMM at Strawberry Lane & Keele St [YO] on 10<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 AD at Pickering Townline @ Hwy 7 [DU] on 13<sup>th</sup> (MDW fide ONTBIRDS).

MERLIN - 1 at LSS on 11<sup>th</sup> (HC) & 1 at DVP N of Bayview exit on 16<sup>th</sup> (FP).

PEREGRINE FALCON - 2 at Progress & Milner, Scarb. on 7<sup>th</sup> (Seigmar Bodach fide ONTBIRDS), at Yellow Pages Tower, Scarborough Town Centre. 1 at LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11<sup>th</sup> (JRC,m. obs). 1 at Clarica Centre, Islington on 17<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

AMERICAN COOT – 8 reports of 1 or 2 at HBP from on 9<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> & 3 there on 18<sup>th</sup> (RBHS). 6 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 14<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA), 4 on 18<sup>th</sup> & 8 on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA). 1 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 1 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (MM) & 1 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa). 1 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (JDL fide ONTBIRDS).

KILLDEER - 2 at Baselands, LSS on 13<sup>th</sup> (Gunnar Bessel fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Milton [HL] on 13<sup>th</sup> (Sheri Lewis fide ONTBIRDS), 5 at Sobey's Pond, Whitby [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (R. Stephenson fide DRBA), 100 flying N at Burlington Lakeshore [HL] on 22<sup>nd</sup> (MKB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Durham College, Oshawa [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (J. Foster fide DRBA).

WILSON'S SNIPE - 1 at Island Airport, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

AMERICAN WOODCOCK - 1 at Baselands, LSS on 13<sup>th</sup> (Gunnar Bessel fide ONTBIRDS), 2 at Cumberland Rd, Burlington [HL] on 17<sup>th</sup> (CEdge fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Darlington NGS [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Don Docherty fide DRBA) & 1 at Bathurst N of Morning SR [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (BB fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS). 3 at north Holland Landing [YO] on 25<sup>th</sup> (KDu,RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Campanile Dr, Woodbridge [YO] on 30<sup>th</sup> (AA).

ICELAND GULL - 1 at Bond Head [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), 2 1W at LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 AD at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA).

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL - 1 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (JI fide ONTBIRDS).

GLAUCOUS GULL - 7 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (JI fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 there on 18<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA). Singles at Bond Head [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), Whitby Harbour [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA), LSS on 24<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP,Bob Kortright) & at Toronto Harbour on 27<sup>th</sup> (FP).

\* CASPIAN TERN - 1 (early date) at CCIW-Centre for Inland Waters [HL] on 28<sup>th</sup> [No doc seen] (anon fide CEdge, fide ONTBIRDS). [Doc require prior to 1 Apr according to Guidelines].

EASTERN SCREECH-OWL - 1 at HP on 20<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

SNOWY OWL - Singles at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS), at Edward Ave, Holland March [YO] on 8<sup>th</sup> (Bruce Wilson fide ONTBIRDS) & at Keele St & King, Holl. Marsh [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 AD-M at #195 Strawberry Lane, Holl. Marsh [YO] on 9<sup>th</sup> & at N of Woodchopper's Lane [YO] on 15<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Oshawa [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (Ken Ridge fide DRBA).

LONG-EARED OWL - 2 at Peninsula C, LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS), 4 on 11<sup>th</sup> (JRC,RLau,&) & 5 there on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 1 at Parking Lot 'A', Bronte Creek P.P. (W side) [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Eric Single fide ONTBIRDS) & on 13<sup>th</sup> (Raymond J. Barlow fide ONTBIRDS). 8 at Bronte Creek P.P. (W side) [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Eric Single fide ONTBIRDS), 7 on 13<sup>th</sup> (Raymond J. Barlow fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at NE Campground, Bronte Creek Prov. Park [HL] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS).

SHORT-EARED OWL - 1 at 60 Miles Hill Cres, Richmond Hill [YO] on 30<sup>th</sup> (FP).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL - 1 LSS on 10<sup>th</sup> (Bob Kortright,TFN, fide ONTBIRDS) & on 11<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at E side, Bronte Creek Prov. Park [HL] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS).

BELTED KINGFISHER - 1 at Don R just N of Bloor on 26<sup>th</sup> (FP), 1 at HBP on 27<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Pearse House Cons. Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> (Laura Murray fide ONTBIRDS). 1 at Snake Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 2 at St Johns Sideroad Marsh [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF,RHNC).

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER – 1 F reported at HP thro' the month (SMF). 1 M at Dacre Crescent on 9<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 1 at Glenbrook St, Oshawa [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (Ken Ridge fide DRBA) & 1 M at Hochreiter Rd., N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER - 1 M at HP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF) & 1 at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

DOWNY WOODPECKER - 6 at HP on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 12 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 6 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN FLICKER - 1 at LSS on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & on 31<sup>st</sup> (SMF). 11 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 3 at Ward's Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). Singles at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA), Mount Pleasant Cemetery on 31<sup>st</sup> (MM) & at 34 Shady Lane, Thornhill [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (SVa fide TH).

PILEATED WOODPECKER – 10 reports of singles thro' the month from Nonquon Education Centre [DU] (Carol Apperson fide DRBA), HP (SMF), Stouffville Rd, E of Yonge [YO] (FP), 60 Miles Hill Cres, Rich. Hill [YO] (FP), Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), Lambton Woods (SHa) & at Holland Landing S.L. [YO] (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

EASTERN PHOEBE – 9 reports of singles from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 at HP on 26<sup>th</sup> & 2 on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF), 3 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 4 on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 3 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 4 at Humber Trail, N of Rutherford [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (AA).

NORTHERN SHRIKE - 1 at Major Mackenzie & CPR [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 1 at Cineplex, Yonge & Hwy 7 [YO] from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (NMu). Singles at HBP [E] on 10<sup>th</sup> (JRC,VC), Bronte Creek P.P. (W side) [HL] on 11<sup>th</sup> (Eric Single fide ONTBIRDS), Oshawa Second Marsh [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (ETB fide DRBA) & at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA).

AMERICAN CROW - 272+ at Delaware Ave (Bloor/Ossington) between 10hrs & 11hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> (CJH),

COMMON RAVEN - 2 at Kirby, S of Pontypool [DU] on 16<sup>th</sup> (KK fide ONTBIRDS), 1 at Tyrone [DU] on 17<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA), 1 at Clark/Darlington Townline, W of Orono Forestry property [DU] on 18<sup>th</sup> (JKa fide DRBA) & 1 at Greenwood C.A. [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (GCarp fide DRBA).

HORNED LARK - 12 at McGillivray & CPR [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 8 at Strawberry Lane, Holl. Marsh [YO] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP).

TREE SWALLOW - 3 at Frenchman's Bay [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (DW fide DRBA), 1 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 5 there on 31<sup>st</sup> (SMF). 13 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 6 on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 3 at Cranberry Marsh [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide DRBA), 1 at Conc 2 N of Queensville SR [YO] on 29<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Home Smith Park on 29<sup>th</sup> (JRC).

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE - 31 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 36 there on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

BROWN CREEPER - 1 at Nonquon Education Centre [DU] on 2<sup>nd</sup> (Carol Apperson fide DRBA), 6 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 1 at Oshawa [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA).

CAROLINA WREN – 9 reports from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of 1 at HP (SMF). 1 at Nature Reserve, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

WINTER WREN - 1 at HP on 26<sup>th</sup> (SMF) & 2 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide ONTBIRDS). 2 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 6 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET - 20+ at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at Kerncliff Park, Burlington [HL] on 27<sup>th</sup> (Bill Morden fide ONTBIRDS), 6 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide ONTBIRDS, fide DRBA) & 58 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD - 1 F at Cell #1, LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa), 4 (3 M, 1 F) at Pearse House Cons. Centre on 29<sup>th</sup> (Laura Murray fide ONTBIRDS) & 2 at Humber Trail, N of Rutherford [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (AA).

HERMIT THRUSH - 1 at HP on 5<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (SMF). 1 at Bluffer's Park on 20<sup>th</sup> (Gunnar Bessel fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Newmarket [YO] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN ROBIN - 75 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 100 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD – Only 32 reports this month, representing about 30 sites (excluding duplication). These break down as: [MT] 22; [YO] 7; and one each for Halton, Peel, and Durham. One site – the Overland Drive Rail Trail [MT], had 3 birds on 13<sup>th</sup> (BF). Thanks to the following 12 observers: anon fide RJF; anon fide OUTON; ETB fide DRBA; BF; SMF; SHa; Leslie Kinrys; Jennifer Minogue fide ONTBIRDS; FP; WP; RBHS; and DW.

BROWN THRASHER - 1 first reported at HP on 19<sup>th</sup> & last seen on 28<sup>th</sup> (SMF).

CEDAR WAXWING - 30+ at Highland Golf Course, Aurora [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> (TET fide ONTBIRDS).

AMERICAN TREE SPARROW - 20 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

\* CHIPPING SPARROW - 1 (v. early) at 34 Shady Lane, Thornhill [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> [No doc. seen] (SVa fide TH).

\* FIELD SPARROW - 1 at Island Airport, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 2 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 1 at Beatrice & Mary, Oshawa [DU] on 30<sup>th</sup> (DRuch fide DRBA) & 1 at Brookbanks Ravine on 30<sup>th</sup> (RJP,JI). [All these are documentable prior to 1 Apr according to Reporting Guidelines].

SAVANNAH SPARROW - 3 at Island Airport, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

FOX SPARROW - 2 at HP on 26<sup>th</sup> & 1 on 31<sup>st</sup> (SMF). 5 at Thicksons Woods [DU] on 27<sup>th</sup> (MB fide ONTBIRDS) & 1 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (RJF,RHNC). 21 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 9 at Ward's Island, TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

SONG SPARROW - 4 at HBP [E] on 15<sup>th</sup> (John Stirrat,JFa, fide ONTBIRDS), 28 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 17 at Richmond Heights Plaza [YO] on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu). 237 at TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa), included 136 around W, S and E sides of airfield fence & 74 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL), 'The wave of migrants brought down by fog on Tuesday [27th] have mostly moved on'.

SWAMP SPARROW - 3 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA), 1 at Nature Reserve, TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & 1 at Island Airport, TI on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

WHITE-THROATED SPARROW – 1 to 5 reported at HP thro' the month (SMF). Other reports thro' the month were of 4 singles & 3 of 2 birds.

DARK-EYED JUNCO - 43 at TI on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

SNOW BUNTING - ~1000 at Jane St & Hwy 9 [YO] on 3<sup>rd</sup> (KDu,RJF, fide ONTBIRDS) & 100 there on 4<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP). 300 at #195 Strawberry Lane, Holl. Marsh [YO] on 4<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP) & 5 at Endikement, LS S on 11<sup>th</sup> (RBHS,WP,JRC). ~200 at N End Bathurst Street [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS) & 200+ at W. End Ravenshoe Rd. [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (KDu fide RJF, fide ONTBIRDS).

NORTHERN CARDINAL - 12 (9 M, 3 F) at HP on 1<sup>st</sup> (SMF). 16 at TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 21 on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 19 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL).

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD - 50 M at TI on 15<sup>th</sup> (MM), 200 on 27<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 150 there on 30<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 39 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa).

EASTERN MEADOWLARK – Singles at 40 Titan Rd, Etobicoke on 17<sup>th</sup> (SHa), at Island Airport, TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL) & at Darlington NGS [DU] on 23<sup>rd</sup> (Don Docherty fide DRBA). 3 at Jack Goodland Park on 24<sup>th</sup> (RBHS) & 2 at Cawthra-Mulock FON Reserve [YO] on 26<sup>th</sup> (RJF fide ONTBIRDS).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD - 1 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 20<sup>th</sup> (JFloef fide DRBA).

COMMON GRACKLE – early dates included singles at Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 9<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS); Halls Rd. [DU] on 11<sup>th</sup> (RPye fide DRBA); and at Yonge & Hwy 7 [YO] on 12<sup>th</sup> (NMu).



BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD - 1 at Leslie St Allotment Gardens & 2 at Bay D, LSS on 18<sup>th</sup> (NMu,MVL). 2 at Snug Harbour, TI on 21<sup>st</sup> (NMu,MVL), 1 M at HP on 22<sup>nd</sup> (SMF) & 1 M at HBP on 23<sup>rd</sup> (SMF). 8 at LSS on 25<sup>th</sup> (NMu,ICa) & 3 at 34 Shady Lane, Thornhill [YO] on 31<sup>st</sup> (SVa fide TH).

PURPLE FINCH - 3 at Durham RF - Main Tract [DU] on 7<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 9 at Mill St., Bond Head [DU] on 25<sup>th</sup> (MJL fide ONTBIRDS).

WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL - 3 at Durham RF - Main Tract [DU] on 4<sup>th</sup> (JKa fide DRBA), 4 there on 7<sup>th</sup> (SLaF fide DRBA) & 7 at Halls Rd. [DU] on 12<sup>th</sup> (SLo fide ONTBIRDS).

HOUSE SPARROW - 125 at 31 Glenroy Ave, Etobicoke on 17<sup>th</sup> (SHa).

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## NOTE – PHOTOS IN THE BIRD REPORT

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Observant readers may have noticed that in the April 2007 Newsletter (#174) we included a photo in the Bird Report for the first time. Subject to space, and with the editor's approval, the TOC Records Committee would like to do this on an occasional basis, and is now requesting submissions. We are not specifically looking for good portrait shots (although they would be welcome), but rather for something which 'tells a story' related to the season or reporting period or some interesting or unusual ornithological event or observation. A narrow horizontal format is preferred to fit the typical newsletter layout, but rectangular or square format is not precluded, although it will probably end up occupying half the width of the page i.e. in one of two columns. Ideally, photos should have sufficient contrast to reproduce well in black and white, considering that few people print the Newsletter in colour. Submission of any photo for this purpose will be assumed to include permission for one-time reproduction in the TOC Newsletter, so please embed your own © symbol, logo, or digital watermark if you wish. Please send any submissions to Winnie Poon ([winniepoon@sympatico.ca](mailto:winniepoon@sympatico.ca)), as a high quality .jpg (not exceeding 3MB), attached to an email containing your preferred caption (which may be edited), date, location, and name of photographer as you wish it to be credited. Include technical details if you wish, particularly for flight or 'action' shots. Preference will be given to photos by TOC members, taken within the GTA, and during the relevant period, but we cannot guarantee that any particular photo will be used.

*TOC Records Committee, April 2007*

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