



Recent frosts have brought fall colors to their peak, with many trees already beginning to drop their colorful coats. (Harrington Photo)

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill
Lydia Fisher returned home after spending three weeks with her brothers and family in Port Elgin, NB. Audrey Rector visited with her daughter, Colleen, in Dartmouth.

Sharon Roode spend the Thanksgiving weekend at her son's in Bible Hill. Shannon MacAloney attended the birthday part of Jim. W. Chipman in Bass River. She was also invited there for Thanksgiving dinner.

Shirley Ryan was Thanksgiving dinner guest of

Tammy and Danny Garnham, while Bernice Kaulback was at Bud and Linda's, and Lydia Fisher was at George and Betty Hudson's.

Curtis and Marilyn Adams called on folks at he villa on October 18th. Curtis and Marilyn had come home, because of the illness and death of Curtis' sister, Mary Corbett. We all extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Corbett.

Harry Adams and Perry McNutt were guests for Thanksgiving dinner on Monday with Cathy Adams.

Nature Notes



By Fran Spalding • 647-2837

Most people are fascinated, at least mildly, by rarities. In the case of a rare stamp or coin its monetary value pretty much determines the degree of the non-expert's respect; if it's a rare plant, bird or other living thing one is merely pleased to realize it's rare and to be able to tell others about it. All this by way of introducing the cover of the latest issue of the Nova Scotia Bird Society's quarterly magazine.

It features photos taken in April by Kimberley Forster in Truro of a strange bird clinging to the roof of her house. It turned out to be a swallow-tailed kite, a beautiful hawk normally found in south Texas and California and is the second very rare bird seen in our Bay of Fundy area in recent years, both by non-birders.

The other was the white-tailed tropicbird blown into the yard of Geraldine Hammond in Economy during a November gale a couple of years ago. The Romans would have called either of these "rara avis" and let it go at that, but now-a-days, with such

wonderful lenses available, almost every unusual sighting is recorded and the species identified.

Actually one other person may have seen the kite: Tom Meredith, a bird-watcher who always carries binoculars, was in town that spring day and had a glimpse of what he thought was a swallow-tailed kite flying in the distance but decided, understandably, that it was too improbable to report.

The most enthusiastic nature photographers I know of along our shore, from Truro westward, are Janet Quinn and Matt Martin of Economy and Jeff Ogden of Truro (a member of the Bird Society who documented an uncommon lesser scaup on the Kiwanis Pond last spring), but province-wide there are scores.

Recent local sightings include a flock of a dozen bluebirds (ready to migrate) in Five Islands in early October, of which Janet Quinn took fine photos, Great Village and a very late barn swallow Oct. 11 at the Merediths in Highland Village.

Economy Five Islands Notes

By Ruth Thompson.

Hi: I do not have much news this time. I am having trouble getting people to open up. I will keep trying. Here is what I have now.

I had my girlfriend Eleanor Brown and her friend Sarah from Lakefield, ON, to visit us for two weeks. We had a good time

The fall season is upon us and I hope that everyone has a good fall and look forward to a good winter with little snow. Helen Smith and daughter Beverley are home for a week.

Nice to have them home.

Our sympathy is extended to Ralph Welton on his wife Sandy's passing. God give you strength to get through these difficult times. Glad to hear that Ida Cameron is home again from the hospital. Keep well Ida.

Good to hear that Jan Vanderleest is hope from hospital too. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and Carolyn during these difficult times.



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Autumn Glory

Autumn days are here at last
With colors bright and shrill
Yellow beeches by the brook
Red Maples on the hill.

Jack Frost comes around at night
His tracks are plainly seen
The north wind briskly shakes the leaves
Upon a lawn still green

October says that summer's o'er
With colors for all eyes
But all to soon the colors fade
Beneath the pale blue skies.

The harvest moon hands round and bright
With autumn starts a 'twinkle,
But clouds drift in to spoil the view
And rain begins to sprinkle.

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