

**War and Peace ... in a Marsh:** Deana and I were at the Sackville Waterfowl Park on Sunday enjoying our lunch near the covered bridge. I showed Deana the spot where I had seen a [Virginia Rail](#) the day before and thought I would use the Virginia Rail bird call to see if I could draw it in. We had a very quick response ... from a Sora ...that darted aggressively towards us, to protect its territory presumably. A short time later there was a skirmish and we believe we saw two Virginia Rails ... “hit the rails” so to speak, and scurry away.

Not long after a crow was attacked and pursued in the same area by at least 6 male Red-winged Blackbirds and at least one female. It must have been getting too close to the [active nests](#) in the area. This went on for some few minutes under the scrutiny of one or two Common Grackles. Image [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#).

Only a few meters away a pair of [Pied-billed Grebes](#) were quietly tending their nest and only moments earlier [Cedar Waxwings](#) had been feeding quietly on apple blossoms.