



Miramichi Naturalists' Club Newsletter

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Members and Friends of the Miramichi Naturalists' Club I am inviting you to become involved with our club's bi-weekly newsletter of which this is the first issue. All of us see things in the natural world that interest us, make us curious, excite us so that we want to share and raise questions in our minds. We also want to know what others in our area are experiencing and learn more about the natural history of the Miramichi. **I invite you to send me your observations, questions, insights, whatever you think you would like to share for publication in this newsletter. (See bottom of page 2)**

Peter Gadd, President, Miramichi Naturalists' Club.

Coming Events Locally and Across New Brunswick (click on coloured hyperlinks)

March 29th "Hawk Watch" - New Horton NB - get [Details](#)

April 1st [Invitation to NatureWatch Webinar](#) Visit [Nature Watch](#) web site

April 5th MNC Pot Luck Lunch & Snowshoe Excursion, Pleasant Ridge, All Welcome, details to follow

April 13th MNC Monthly Meeting "A Visit to Antarctica" presentation by Holly Frazer *

[Bird Day](#) – Details to be announced

June 5th to 7th Nature NB Festival of Nature — "Discover Chignecto" -> [Details](#)

*April 13th Presentation Outline: **A Visit to Antarctica** Holly Frazer

I have traveled to many interesting, special and obscure locations but my 15 day Antarctic trip in January may well rate as the 'trip of a lifetime' when I look eventually back on all the various trails I have followed at the end of my wanderings (still many, many years in the future, I hope!). The Crossing the Circle cruise that I took with Quark Expeditions is touted as offering its less than 200 passengers of the Ocean Diamond the most intimate and in-depth exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula and beyond, venturing south of the Antarctic Circle and east to the South Shetland islands. Home to fantastic ice and geological formations as well as amazing land, sky and water wildlife, from the majestic and huge humpback whale to the ubiquitous, tiny krill, I was 'charged' for the duration of those two weeks. Come share a fraction of my awe, some photos and stories!

Sightings

Dave McLeod; "I agree with Jim Saunders that this Redpoll with the more extensive black on the throat and areas between the eyes (mask) is what Sibley calls the Greenland population. Thought this info might also be of interest: The Greenland or Greater Redpoll that Sibley illustrates is regarded as a subspecies of the typical Common Redpoll, *Acanthis flammea* subsp. *flammea*, which is the common wintering bird in southern Canada. This Greenland (Greater) Redpoll entity is differentiated from the type by using the scientific name *Acanthis flammea* subsp. *rostrata*. Besides breeding in Greenland, as reported by Sibley and the National Geographic "Field Guide to the Birds of North America, 6th Edition" (2011), Earl Godfrey in his "The Birds of Canada" (1986) extends the breeding range of this larger and darker subspecies to include Baffin Island and part of the N.W.T. He also says, "*rostrata* is also a winter visitant in small numbers to southern parts of the East from Ontario to Newfoundland." Photograph – Peter Gadd



Photo taken March 20, 2015 in
Miramichi West

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