**Professional Bird Observations, Monhegan Island, September 2010**

The following are the observations of professional bird naturalist Bryan Pfeiffer, PO Box 121 *Plainfield*, *VT* 05667 , published on his consultancy's website Mr Pfeiffer describes birds he spotted on Monhegan Island over an 17 day period in September 2010. Pfeiffer is a consulting biologist, author, essayist, photographer, and field guide, specializing in birds, butterflies and dragonflies. His articles and essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Field & Stream*, *Vermont Life* and and many other publications. His wildlife photography has appeared in various magazines and newspapers, in calendars, on web sites, and on CNN.

Pfeiffer's observations of birds on and around Monhegan Island are of high quality and need to be incorporated into the present review process.

PFEIFFER'S MONHEGAN BIRD LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 14th to 28th , 2010 **Notable species (vagrants from the south and west) in bold.**

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| **DUCKS AND GEESE** |
| American Black Duck |
| Mallard |
| Blue-winged Teal |
| Wood Duck |
| Common Eider |
| White-winged Scoter |
| Black Scote**r** |
| **PHEASANTS** |
| Ring-necked Pheasant |
| **LOONS AND GREBES** |
| Common Loon |
| **SHEARWATERS, GANNET, AND CORMORANTS** |
| Northern Gannet |
| Double-crested Cormorant |
| Great Cormorant |
| **HERONS** |
| American Bittern |
| Great Blue Heron |
| Black-crowned Night-Heron |
| **HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS** |
| Osprey |
| Bald Eagle |
| Northern Harrier |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk |
| Cooper’s Hawk |
| American Kestrel |
| Merlin |
| Peregrine Falcon |
| **RAILS AND RELATIVES** |
| Sora |
| **SHOREBIRDS** |
| Semipalmated Plover |
| Black-bellied Plover |
| American Golden Plover |
| Spotted Sandpiper |
| Solitary Sandpiper |
| Greater Yellowlegs |
| Whimbrel |
| Wilson’s Snipe |
| **GULLS AND TERNS** |
| Laughing Gull |
| Ring-billed Gull |
| Herring Gull |
| Great Black-backed Gull |
| **Black Skimmer** |
| **ALCIDS** |
| Black Guillemot |
| **PIGEONS AND DOVES** |
| Mourning Dove |
| **CUCKOOS** |
| Yellow-billed Cockoo |
| **SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS** |
| Ruby-throated Hummingbird |
| **KINGFISHER** |
| Belted Kingfisher |
| **WOODPECKERS** |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker |
| Downy Woodpecker |
| Northern Flicker |
| **FLYCATCHERS** |
| Alder/Willow Flycatcher |
| Least Flycatcher |
| Eastern Phoebe |
| Western Kingbird |
| Great Crested Flycatcher |
| Eastern Wood-Pewee |
| **VIREOS** |
| **White-eyed Vireo** |
| Blue-headed Vireo |
| Warbling Vireo |
| Philadelphia Vireo |
| Red-eyed Vireo |
| **JAYS, CROWS AND RAVEN** |
| Blue Jay |
| American Crow |
| Common Raven |
| **SWALLOWS** |
| Tree Swallow |
| **CHICKADEES AND TITMOUSE** |
| Black-capped Chickadee |
| **NUTHATCHES & CREEPER** |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Brown Creeper |
| **WRENS** |
| Carolina Wren |
| House Wren |
| Winter Wren |
| Marsh Wren |
| **KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHER** |
| Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| **THRUSHES** |
| Swainson’s Thrush |
| Hermit Thrush |
| American Robin |
| **MIMICS** |
| Gray Catbird |
| Northern Mockingbird |
| Brown Thrasher |
| **STARLINGS** |
| European Starlings |
| **PIPITS AND WAXWINGS** |
| American Pipit |
| Cedar Waxwing |
| **WARBLERS** |
| Tennessee Warbler |
| Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Nashville Warbler |
| Northern Parula |
| Yellow Warbler |
| Magnolia Warbler |
| Cape May Warbler |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Black-throated Green Warbler |
| Pine Warbler |
| Prairie Warbler**Yellow-throated Warbler** |
| Palm Warbler |
| Blackpoll Warbler |
| Black-and-white Warbler |
| American Redstart |
| Northern Waterthrush |
| Common Yellowthroat |
| Wilson’s Warbler |
| **Yellow-breasted Chat** |
| **TANAGERS** |
| Scarlet Tanager |
| **SPARROWS AND RELATIVES** |
| Eastern Towhee |
| Chipping Sparrow |
| Clay-colored Sparrow |
| **Lark Sparrow** |
| Savannah Sparrow |
| Song Sparrow |
| Lincoln’s Sparrow |
| Swamp Sparrow |
| White-throated Sparrow |
| White-crowned Sparrow |
| **Lark Bunting** |
| Dark-eyed Junco |
| **CARDINALS AND BUNTINGS** |
| Northern Cardinal |
| Rose-breasted Grosbeak |
| Indigo Bunting |
| **Dickcissel** |
| **BLACKBIRDS** |
| Bobolink |
| Red-winged Blackbird |
| Rusty Blackbird |
| Common Grackle |
| Baltimore Oriole |
| **FINCHES** |
| Purple Finch |
| American Goldfinch |