

## LEACH'S STORM-PETRELS



September and October is fledging season for the Leach's Storm-Petrels. Newfoundland and Labrador has one of the largest populations of these seabirds, with Witless Bay Ecological Reserve having the second largest population in the world!

Like the Atlantic Puffins, Leach's Storm-Petrel chicks fledge during the night to avoid predators, using the moon and stars as their navigation system, leading them to the ocean. However they are often attracted to the artificial lighting along the coastline, flying inland and becoming stranded. Petrels are nocturnal birds, so stranded chicks are released at night.

Due to their vast and broad population throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, strandings are occurring in many different areas across our province.

Please continue to turn off or reduce your outdoor lighting. For more information on ways to help these birds check out our website:  
<https://cpawsnl.org/puffinpetrelpatrol/>

## PUFFIN PATROL 2019



Thank you to all volunteers, local champions and those from away to participate in the Puffin Patrol. This season over 320 pufflings were rescued and returned to sea!

Thank you to the communities of the Witless Bay Area for patrolling, and for reducing their artificial lighting resulting in fewer birds being attracted and stranded in land. Also a big thank you to the local boat operators, O'Brien's, Gatheralls, and Molly Bawn's, for allowing us to join your trips to release the pufflings at sea.

Thank you to all that have bought t-shirts and donated, we are grateful of your support.

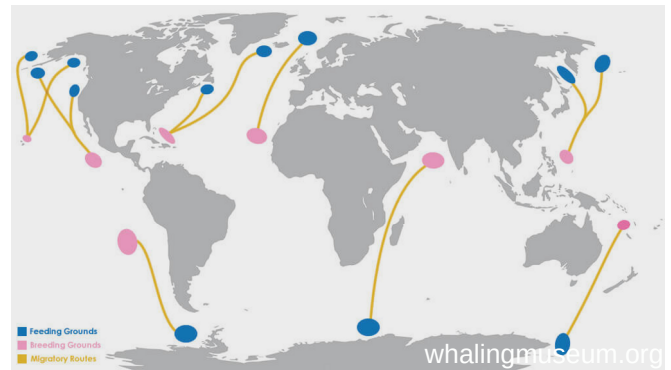
See you all next year, and remember to reduce all outside lighting during fledging season!

## FEATURE ANIMAL: MOOSE



Did you know Moose is native to only Labrador? In 1904, four moose were brought to the island of Newfoundland and today the population is about 110,000. With great food supply and few predators, these mammals have thrived in our province. Unfortunately, due to their great abundance and grazing on young forest growth, we are seeing ecological issues in our forests. Moose management is a conservation initiative to keep both a sustainable moose population and also ensure our forests habitats remain in tact.

## WINTER IS COMING... WHERE DO THE WHALES GO?



Newfoundland and Labrador is known for our great showing of whales during the summer! We are extremely fortunate to have great feeding grounds where these species travel to forage.

Perhaps our most famous visitor is the humpback whale... but as the Fall is approaching, the whales are leaving us. But where do they go? The diagram above illustrates the migration route of the humpback whale. Like many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, the winter becomes too cold and these whales travel to warmer waters, to the Caribbean! These waters do not provide large food source, but the energy gained through the summer of foraging, provides these gentle giants with energy to reproduce.

Next summer we will see the same whales, and we hope to see their new calves as well!

### DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS, COMMENTS OR CONTRIBUTIONS?

We are always looking for inspiring stories, photos and ideas to help us engage Canadians in nature conservation. Do you have any great stories about your experiences in nature? Pitch your ideas and content to us at [nlcoordinator@cpaws.org](mailto:nlcoordinator@cpaws.org)!



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