

SEPTEMBER 2019 | YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEABIRDS AND LIGHT ATTRACTION



Emma has been conducting interviews and giving presentations on Seabirds and Light attraction in the Conception Bay area. This is a fitting topic as mid-September through mid-November is the Leach's Storm-Petrel fledging season.

Fledging Leach's Storm-Petrels are attracted to artificial lighting and are commonly stranded in coastal communities around Conception Bay. Many of these birds come from the Baccalieu Island Ecological Reserve, located at the mouth of Conception Bay near the Bay de Verde Peninsula.

We are focusing on this topic in hopes of mitigating seabird strandings this fall. If your school or community group would be interested in having a presentation, or would like more information, please email us at nlpuffinpatrol@cpaws.org or call (709) 726-5800.

TOP 10 PRIORITY COASTAL SITES: TORNGAT MOUNTAINS



In consultation from experts, CPAWS-NL has created a Top 10 Priority Coastal Sites List of areas requiring immediate attention for protection.

Torngat Mountains located in Northern
Labrador, has been the home of Inuit
people and their predecessors for
millennia, and in 2008 became a
National Park. We are very excited that
Nunatsiavut Government and Parks
Canada are working together to
protect the marine component of this
park, creating the first National Marine
Conservation Area in Newfoundland
and Labrador!

Seven Islands Bay and Galvano Islands, have been identified as Important Bird Areas (IBAs). Galvano Island is significant for large numbers of breeding Common Eider, subspecies borealis and Seven Islands Bay has been observed to hold 22% of the estimated eastern North American population of the Harlequin duck.

FEATURE ANIMAL: LITTLE BROWN BAT



Newfoundland and Labrador is home to three species of bats, with the Little Brown Bat (Myotis lucifugus) being the most common and only one of the three to be found in Labrador.

The Little Brown Bat was emergency listed as an Endangered Species due to its steep decline in population, which is mostly attributed to White Nose Syndrome (WNS).

The Government of NL Forestry and Wildlife Research Division ask the public to report known or potential hibernation sites and dead or sick bats found by calling 1-833-434-BATS (2287). This will allow early detection of WNS.

Photo and Content Source: Parks Canada, Terra Nova Park

TRICK OR TREAT! TREAT THE ENVIRONMENT THIS HALLOWEEN



- 1) Buy treats with minimal plastic packaging (or opt into handing out fruit and veggies)
- 2) If making treat or lootbags, avoid plastic bags
- 2) Roast the seeds, make pumpkin pie and other delicious treats out of the insides of your carved pumpkin. What isn't used, compost!
 - 3) Don't forget to compost your jack-o-lantern after as well!
 - 4) Reuse items to make new costumes and decorations instead of buying new
- 5) Nothing to reuse? Reduce by checking out local thrift stores, swapping with friends, or renting, before buying new.

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!



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