

PUFFIN PATROL

2021 Summary

Another successful season is over! This year we were able to band and release 343 pufflings! Thanks to everyone in the area who helped out by dimming their lights and a big thank you to all volunteers who assisted in patrolling! A special thank you to ECCC-CWS and Nature's Way Canada for all their help and support.



JOIN OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

On October 21 at 7:00PM we will be hosting our AGM! **Gregory Jeddore**, from the Miawpukek First Nation will be joining us to speak! You can also learn about the work CPAWS NL does and how to get involved! It will be **free** on Zoom.

To register and get the Zoom link visit:

bit.ly/CPAWSNL-AGM2021



Average Weight: 254g

Average Wing Length: 150mm

Total Banded and Released: 343

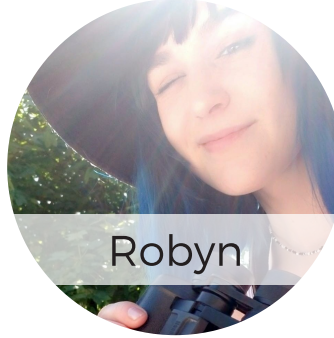
Summer Staff Recap



Chantelle



Brody



Robyn



Jade

CPAWS-NL had a team of four summer interns this year, assisting with ongoing environmental projects. Brody, Chantelle and Robyn are recent MUN Biology graduates, and Jade is an experienced member of the puffin patrol!



The team visited harbours along the Southern Shore, surveying commercial and recreational fishers and divers on wolffish.

The surveys included questions on awareness and personal experiences with wolffish, for example as bycatch. There are three local wolffish species in Newfoundland and Labrador: Northern, Striped (Atlantic) and Spotted, all of which are at risk and not well understood.

They also hosted 'Whale Talks' at Gatherall's Boat Tours in Bay Bulls, with many props borrowed from Whale Release and Strandings NL (Tangly Whales). The talks included whale bones, teeth, baleen and much more! During these Whale Talks, CPAWS-NL introduced their new mascot, Baleen the whale! 'Sea Do's and Don'ts' were posted along the Southern Shore highway by the summer team to educate vessel users on how to be "whale safe" when out on the water.



Summer Staff Recap

The summer team cleaned four beaches with the help of volunteers, carrying away a total of 16 bags of garbage and 3 car batteries! In Port Kirwan, Clear Cove beach and Backside beach were cleaned of fishing gear, wires, food wrappers, bottles and various other plastics. On the Backside Harbour beach and Freshwater Cove beach in Ferryland, the team found just about every type of garbage!



Every August, CPAWS-NL hosts the Puffin Patrol from O'Brien's boat tours in Bay Bulls. Volunteers and local residents were trained by the summer team this year on how to safely catch a baby puffin and record data from the capture. Patrollers would find pufflings from Witless Bay to Burnt Cove in brightly lit areas on cloudy nights, and return the pufflings to the team in Bay Bulls where the birds were checked for injuries.

In the morning, the interns assisted with weighing, measuring and banding the baby puffins before transporting them to a beach or boat where the team released them back to sea!

Thank you so much for all your hard work this summer!

NATURE FEATURE: WOODLAND CARIBOU



Native to Newfoundland and Labrador- Woodland Caribou populations can be split into two categories: migratory forest tundra herds, and sedentary forest-dwelling caribou.

They are the only large mammals able to assimilate a primary winter diet of terrestrial and arboreal lichen. Through the summer, Caribou seek green vegetation found in wetlands and valleys but, following the winter freeze, they use their keen scent to locate nutritious terrestrial lichen, which have high carbohydrate content and are easy to metabolize.

These woodland caribou are listed as threatened under the provincial Endangered Species Act and the federal Species at Risk Act. They can also be found in at least five of the proposed areas in the Protected Areas Plan!



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