

Reconnaissance biological inventory of the Lund Property, Sackville, New Brunswick



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Introduction

The Lund Property is a 12 ha area located in Sackville, New Brunswick, and bisected by the TransCanada Highway. The property is composed of 8.5 ha on the southwest side of the highway between the Sackville Waterfowl Park and Squire Street (composed of seven separate properties; herein "southern parcels"), and a single parcel on the northeast side of the TransCanada Highway just north of the junction of Folkins Drive is 3.5 ha (herein "northern parcel"). The Lund Property is part of the Tantramar Marsh system, a large dykeland and marsh complex that is particularly important for waterfowl and marsh birds. The property also represents an important green space for the town of Sackville, being located within town limits and adjacent to the Sackville Waterfowl Park.

The Lund Property has been offered for donation to the Town of Sackville, with the owner under consideration for benefits provided through the Ecological Gifts Program of Environment Canada. As a result, Matt Mahoney, Environment Canada's regional coordinator for the Ecological Gifts Program requested that Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre biologists visit the site to further assess its biological significance. Sean Blaney (June 17, 2014) and Alain Belliveau (October 9, 2014) visited the site for a reconnaissance natural history survey. Fieldwork was primarily focused on vascular plants, documenting 154 vascular plant species (120 native, 34 exotic) within or immediately adjacent to the Lund Property boundaries, and making notes on vascular plant communities presetn. The fieldwork produced one probable record of a provincially uncommon vascular plant species (Horned Pondweed, *Zannichellia palustris*, S3 – Secure, but plants infertile and identification not confirmed). In addition, six Chimney Swifts (S2S3 - At Risk, federally Threatened under the Species at Risk Act), which were likely nesting in downtown Sackville, were observed feeding over the site in June.

Methods

Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC CDC) botanists Sean Blaney (with Ecological Gifts coordinator Matt Mahoney) on June 17, 2014 and Alain Belliveau on October 9, 2014 conducted approximately 2 hours and 3 hours of fieldwork respectively, in and adjacent to the Lund Property, covering all major habitat types present: the southern branch of Morice Brook, open marshland, old field uplands, and various forest and thicket communities. We kept GPS units on while in the field to precisely record area covered, and our tracks are mapped in Figure 1. We traveled a combined 5.3 km on foot, 4.6 km of which was within or immediately adjacent to the Lund Property.

We compiled a full vascular plant species list for the Lund Property and vicinity, with locations documented for first sightings of non-rare species, and with most species assigned a general ranking of their abundance within the property (rare, uncommon, fairly common, common). For provincially rare species (those species with provincial status ranks [S-ranks], of S1 to S3S4 and/or provincial General Status Ranks assigned by New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources of At Risk, May Be At Risk or Sensitive)¹, we recorded locations by GPS

¹ S-ranks defined are in detail at www.natureserve.org/explorer/ranking.htm#globalstatus, with S1 = critically imperiled, S2 = imperiled, S3 = vulnerable, S4 = Secure with some cause for long term concern, and S5 =Demonstrably secure. General Status Ranks are defined in detail at

(accurate to 10 m or less), along with information on population size and extent, habitat and associated species. All data is attached with this report the file in "LundPropertySackvilleNB_fieldnotes.xls", and will be permanently maintained in the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre database for use in response to any future conservationrelated data request in the vicinity of the study area.

In addition to vascular plant data, Sean Blaney recorded incidental observations of birds (breeding evidence documented using Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas codes) for birds noted incidentally during his June fieldwork.

Results and Discussion

Vascular plant species diversity

We found 154 vascular plant species (120 native, 34 exotic; Table 1) in and around the Lund Property. The total native species diversity we recorded on the Lund Property is relatively low because of the property's small size and limited number of undisturbed habitats present. The proportion of exotic species (22%) is lower than is typical for an urban property and many of the exotic species were only found along and just outside the property's edge.

Rare plant species

The single provincially rare plant species we recorded was only tentatively identified because it was infertile when observed in June and was not detectable when we returned to the site in October. The record is thus probable only and requires later confirmation. The probable Horned Pondweed (*Zannichellia palustris*, S3 – Secure; Figure 2) was in a muddy ditch in the formerly tidal wet meadow at the western end of the southern parcels, in association with Broad-fruited Burreed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*). This species of muddy brackish waters is found throughout the coastal areas of the Maritimes provinces and is likely more overlooked than truly rare, with a majority of high-potential upper tidal rivers and streams searched by AC CDC in the past eight years having been found to support the species.

Vascular plant communities

The vascular plant communities present on the Lund Property include upland and wetland forests and thickets, a limited area of upland old field, extensive open wet graminoid meadow, and a slow-moving stream habitat of the southern branch of Morice Brook. The forests (Figure 3) in the eastern half of the southern parcels are mostly mixed wood with one small hardwood-dominated area and a small Black Spruce (*Picea mariana*) stand with Black Huckleberry (*Gaylussacia baccata*) shrubby understory. Some forested areas have regenerated

<u>http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/wildlife/genstatus/background.asp</u>, with ranks of At Risk, May Be At Risk, Sensitive, Secure, Undetermined, Not Assessed, Exotic, Extirpated, Extinct, Accidental, Occurrence Not Verified.

relatively recently from old field, but uneven local microtopography (indicating a long period of larger fallen trees having been left to decay naturally) suggests other portions of forest to have had limited recent history of cultivation. The mixed wood forest is mainly White Spruce (*Picea glauca*), Gray Birch (*Betula populifolia*), Tamarack (*Larix laricina*), and Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) in varying combinations, and is characterized by an understory of Mountain Holly (*Nemopanthus mucronatus*), Northern Wild Raisin (*Viburnum nudum* var. *cassinoides*), and Spinulose Wood Fern (*Dryopteris carthusiana*). The small patch of hardwood forest is composed of Red Maple, Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), Gray Birch, and scattered English Oak (*Quercus robar*, non-native) and Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*, non-native) in the overstory, and with an understory primarily characterized by Evergreen Wood Fern (*Dryopteris intermedia*) and Glossy Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*), a locally abundant and particularly invasive shrub species that may be of management concern in future.

Old field forests (Figure 4) are located in the eastern half of the southern parcels and the southern edge of the northern parcel, and are dominated by either White Spruce and Tamarack, or Trembling Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). Understory species in old field forests include White Birch (*Betula papyrifera* var. *papyrifera*), Red Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* ssp. *strigosus*), American and European Mountain Ash (*Sorbus americana and S. aucuparia*), Rough-stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*), and Hairy Flat-top White Aster (*Doellingeria umbellata*). One small area of open, shrubby old field conditions (Figure 4) still remains at the northern edge of the southern parcels and is dominated by White Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), Virginia Rose (*Rosa virginiana*), Hairy Flat-top White Aster, and a serviceberry species (*Amelanchier* sp.).

The marsh in the western half of the southern parcels (Figure 5) is mostly dominated by Bluejoint Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*), with scattered patches of White Meadowsweet and Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*). A small portion of drier and more disturbed marshland is dominated by the European pasture grass Meadow Foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*). The marsh extending over most of the northern parcel (Figure 5) is dominated by Broad-leaved Cattail (*Typha latifolia*), Blue Cattail (*Typha x glauca*), and White Meadowsweet, with scattered Tamarack and Speckled Alder. The slow-moving stream (Figure 6) at the western tip of the southern parcels is near the upper reaches of the tide and is muddy-bottomed, with scattered vegetation including Broad-fruited Burreed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*), Rice Cut Grass (*Leersia oryzoides*), and Canada Waterweed (*Elodea canadensis*). The swampy, shrubby margin between upland forests and wetlands (Figure 6) is often characterized by Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana* ssp. *rugosa*), or Mountain Holly.

Birds

Birds were not the focus of this project and were only recorded during the single midafternoon visit in June. As a result, we recorded just 11 bird species (Table 2), one of which is of conservation significance. A group of six Chimney Swifts (S2S3 - At Risk, federally Threatened under the Species at Risk Act) was feeding overhead on the June visit. These birds were seen repeatedly by Sean Blaney and other observers around downtown Sackville through June and were likely nesting in a building somewhere nearby.

Conclusions

The Lund Property represents an important opportunity to protect a portion of the larger Tantramar Marsh complex and its high diversity of flora and fauna. The site will be a significant urban green space for the town of Sackville that will greatly increase the size of the Sackville Waterfowl Park. In particular, the southern branch of Morice Brook benefits from added protection and wetland function, which should promote the persistence of the uncommon Horned Pondweed and other aquatic habitat-dependent species present.

This survey provides a fairly good preliminary documentation of vascular plant species and vascular plant communities on the Lund Property but further fieldwork would undoubtedly add more species of plants to the total site list. Further fieldwork in birds and insects would also add to the understanding of the biological diversity and significance of from the property.

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Matt Mahoney of Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, provided site boundaries and mapping and accompanied Sean Blaney in the field.





Figure 2. Horned Pondweed (*Zannichellia palustris*, S3 – Secure; photo from Wallace River, Nova Scotia, not from the Lund Property). Plants that were likely this species, but were infertile and not readily identifiable, were observed on the southern branch of Morice Brook, but could not be relocated on the second visit. Confirmation of identification will require another visit when mature fruit are present.



Figure 3. Upland mixed wood forest (left) and hardwood forest (right) found in the eastern half of the southern parcels.



Figure 4. Upland old field forest (left) and shrubby old field (right).



Figure 5. Graminoid marsh dominated by Bluejoint Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*) (left) and tall graminoid marsh dominated by Broad-leaved Cattail (*Typha latifolia*) with scattered Tamarack (*Larix laricina*) (right).



Figure 6. Southern branch of Morice Brook (left) and shrubby, swampy margin between upland and wetland in the northern parcel (right).

Table 1. Vascular plants recorded by Sean Blaney and Alain Belliveau in and adjacent to the Lund Property during June 17, 2014 and October 9, 2014 surveys, with provincial ranks (see Methods) and status on site (c = common; f = fairly common, u = uncommon, r = rare, lc = locally common, x = status not noted).

Species / Family	Common Name	S-rank	GS Rank	Site Status	
EQUISETACEAE	HORSETAILS	HORSETAILS			
Equisetum arvense	Field Horsetail	S 5	Secure	x	
OSMUNDACEAE	FLOWERING FERNS				
Osmunda cinnamomea	Cinnamon Fern	S 5	Secure	x	
Osmunda claytoniana	Interrupted Fern	S5	Secure	x	
THELYPTERIDACEAE	MARSH FERNS				
Thelypteris palustris var. pubescens	Eastern Marsh Fern	S5	Secure	x	
DRYOPTERIDACEAE	WOOD FERNS				
Dryopteris carthusiana	Spinulose Wood Fern	S5	Secure	x	
Dryopteris cristata	Crested Wood Fern	S5	Secure	x	
Dryopteris intermedia	Evergreen Wood Fern	S5	Secure	x	
Onoclea sensibilis	Sensitive Fern	S5	Secure	x	
PINACEAE	PINES				
Abies balsamea	Balsam Fir	S5	Secure	u	
Larix laricina	Tamarack	S5	Secure	x	
Picea glauca	White Spruce	S5	Secure	x	
Picea mariana	Black Spruce	S5	Secure	x	
Pinus strobus	Eastern White Pine	S5	Secure	x	
Pinus sylvestris	Scotch Pine	SNA	Exotic	r	
RANUNCULACEAE	BUTTERCUPS				
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	SNA	Exotic	x	
BERBERIDACEAE	BARBERRIES				
Berberis thunbergii	Japanese Barberry	SNA	Exotic	r	
MYRICACEAE	BAYBERRIES				
Myrica gale	Sweet Gale	S5	Secure	x	
FAGACEAE	BEECHES				
Quercus robur	English Oak	SNA	Exotic	x	
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	S5	Secure	x	
BETULACEAE	BIRCHES				
Alnus incana ssp. rugosa	Speckled Alder	S5	Secure	x	
Alnus viridis ssp. crispa	Green Alder	S5	Secure	x	
Betula papyrifera var. papyrifera	White Birch	S5	Secure	x	
Betula populifolia	Gray Birch	S5	Secure	x	
Betula x caerulea	a hybrid Birch [papyrifera X populifolia]	SNA	Not Assessed	x	

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CARYOPHYLLACEAE	PINKS				
Moehringia lateriflora	Blunt-leaved Sandwort	S 5	Secure	х	
POLYGONACEAE	SMARTWEEDS				
Polygonum hydropiper	Marshpepper Smartweed	SNA	Exotic	x	
Polygonum sagittatum	Arrow-leaved Smartweed	S5	Secure	u	
Rumex orbiculatus	Greater Water Dock	S5	Secure	x	
TILIACEAE	LINDENS				
Tilia cordata	Little-leaved Linden	SNA	Exotic	r	
VIOLACEAE	VIOLETS				
Viola macloskeyi ssp. pallens	Small White Violet	S5	Secure	x	
Viola sororia	Woolly Blue Violet	S5	Secure	r	
SALICACEAE	WILLOWS				
Populus tremuloides	Trembling Aspen	S5	Secure	x	
Salix discolor	Pussy Willow	S5	Secure	x	
ERICACEAE	HEATHS				
Chamaedaphne calyculata	Leatherleaf	S5	Secure	x	
Gaylussacia baccata	Black Huckleberry	S5	Secure	x	
Kalmia angustifolia	Sheep Laurel	S5	Secure	x	
Ledum groenlandicum	Common Labrador Tea	S5	Secure	x	
Rhododendron canadense	Rhodora	S5	Secure	x	
Vaccinium angustifolium	Late Lowbush Blueberry	S5	Secure	x	
Vaccinium myrtilloides	Velvet-leaved Blueberry	S5	Secure	x	
PYROLACEAE	PYROLAS				
Pyrola elliptica	Shinleaf	S5	Secure	u	
PRIMULACEAE	PRIMROSE				
Lysimachia terrestris	Swamp Yellow Loosestrife	S5	Secure	x	
Lysimachia thyrsiflora	Tufted Yellow Loosestrife	S4	Secure	x	
Trientalis borealis	Northern Starflower	S5	Secure	x	
ROSACEAE	ROSES				
Amelanchier sp.	a Serviceberry sp.		[native]	x	
Comarum palustre	Marsh Cinquefoil	S5	Secure	x	
Crataegus sp.	a Hawthorn		[native]	lc	
Fragaria virginiana	Wild Strawberry	S5	Secure	x	
Photinia melanocarpa	Black Chokeberry	S5	Secure	x	
Prunus pensylvanica	Chokecherry	S5	Secure	u	
Prunus virginiana	Chokecherry	S5	Secure	x	
Rosa multiflora	Multiflora Rose	SNA	Exotic	r	

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Rosa virginiana	Virginia Rose	S5	Secure	x		
Rubus allegheniensis	Alleghaney Blackberry	S5	Secure	f		
Rubus hispidus	Bristly Dewberry	S5	Secure	x		
Rubus idaeus ssp. strigosus	Red Raspberry	S5	Secure	x		
Rubus pubescens	Dwarf Red Raspberry	S 5	Secure	x		
Sorbus americana	American Mountain Ash	S5	Secure	x		
Sorbus aucuparia	European Mountain Ash	SNA	Exotic	x		
Spiraea alba var. latifolia	White Meadowsweet	S 5	Secure	x		
FABACEAE	BEANS					
Lathyrus palustris	Marsh Vetchling	S5	Secure	х		
Lupinus polyphyllus	Large-Leaved Lupine	SNA	Exotic	x		
Trifolium aureum	Yellow Clover	SNA	Exotic	lc		
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	SNA	Exotic	х		
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch	SNA	Exotic	x		
LYTHRACEAE	LOOSESTRIFES					
Lythrum salicaria	Purple Loosestrife	SNA	Exotic	x		
ONAGRACEAE	EVENING-PRIMROSES					
Chamerion angustifolium	Fireweed	S5	Secure	х		
Epilobium leptophyllum	Bog Willowherb	S5	Secure	r		
Oenothera biennis	Common Evening Primrose	S5	Secure	lc		
CORNACEAE	DOGWOODS					
Cornus canadensis	Bunchberry	S5	Secure	x		
Cornus sericea	Red Osier Dogwood	S5	Secure	x		
AQUIFOLIACEAE	HOLLIES					
llex verticillata	Common Winterberry	S5	Secure	x		
Nemopanthus mucronatus	Mountain Holly	S5	Secure	x		
RHAMNACEAE	BUCKTHORNS					
Frangula alnus	Glossy Buckthorn	SNA	Exotic	х		
ACERACEAE	MAPLES					
Acer pensylvanicum	Striped Maple	S5	Secure	r		
Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	SNA	Exotic	x		
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	S5	Secure	x		
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	S5	Secure	r		
BALSAMINACEAE	TOUCH-ME-NOTS					
Impatiens capensis	Spotted Jewelweed	S5	Secure	х		
ARALIACEAE	SARSAPARILLAS	SARSAPARILLAS				
Aralia nudicaulis	Wild Sarsaparilla	S5	Secure	x		

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APOCYNACEAE	DOGBANES			
Apocynum androsaemifolium	Spreading Dogbane	S5	Secure	x
SOLANACEAE	NIGHTSHADES			
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet Nightshade	SNA	Exotic	x
CONVOLVULACEAE	BINDWEEDS			
Calystegia sepium	Hedge False Bindweed	S5	Secure	x
LAMIACEAE	MINTS			
Lycopus uniflorus	Northern Water Horehound	S5	Secure	x
Scutellaria galericulata	Marsh Skullcap	S5	Secure	x
CALLITRICHACEAE	WATER-STARWORTS			
Callitriche palustris	Marsh Water-starwort	S5	Secure	x
PLANTAGINACEAE	PLANTAINS			
Plantago major	Common Plantain	SNA	Exotic	lc
SCROPHULARIACEAE	FIGWORTS			
Chelone glabra	White Turtlehead	S5	Secure	x
Veronica officinalis	Common Speedwell	S5	Exotic	x
Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme-Leaved Speedwell	S5	Secure	r
RUBIACEAE	BEDSTRAWS			
Galium mollugo	Smooth Bedstraw	SNA	Exotic	x
Galium palustre	Common Marsh Bedstraw	S 5	Secure	x
CAPRIFOLIACEAE	HONEYSUCKLES			
Lonicera villosa	Mountain Fly Honeysuckle	S5	Secure	x
Viburnum nudum var. cassinoides	Northern Wild Raisin	S5	Secure	x
Viburnum opulus var. opulus	Highbush Cranberry	SNA	Exotic	x
VALERIANACEAE	VALERIANS			
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian	SNA	Exotic	x
ASTERACEAE	ASTERS			
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	S5	Secure	u
Bidens cernua	Nodding Beggarticks	S5	Secure	x
Cirsium arvense	Canada Thistle	SNA	Exotic	x
Doellingeria umbellata	Hairy Flat-top White Aster	S5	Secure	x
Euthamia graminifolia	Grass-leaved Goldenrod	S5	Secure	u
Hieracium caespitosum	Field Hawkweed	SNA	Exotic	lc
Hieracium scabrum	Rough Hawkweed	S5	Secure	lc
Lactuca biennis	Tall Blue Lettuce	S5	Secure	x
Lapsana communis	Common Nipplewort	SNA	Exotic	x
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	SNA	Exotic	lc

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Solidago canadensis	Canada Goldenrod	S5	Secure	f
Solidago rugosa	Rough-stemmed Goldenrod	S5	Secure	x
Solidago uliginosa	Northern Bog Goldenrod	S5	Secure	x
Symphyotrichum novi-belgii	New York Aster	S5	Secure	x
Symphyotrichum puniceum	Purple-stemmed Aster	S5	Secure	x
Taraxacum officinale	Common Dandelion	SNA	Exotic	x
Tragopogon pratensis	Meadow Goatsbeard	SNA	Exotic	x
Tussilago farfara	Coltsfoot	SNA	Exotic	lc
ALISMATACEAE	WATER-PLANTAINS			
Sagittaria latifolia	Broad-leaved Arrowhead	S5	Secure	x
HYDROCHARITACEAE	WATER-WEEDS			
Elodea canadensis	Canada Waterweed	S4S5	Secure	r
ZANNICHELLIACEAE	HORNED PONDWEEDS			
Zannichellia palustris [ID tentative]	Horned Pondweed	S3	Secure	r
LEMNACEAE	DUCKWEEDS			
Lemna turionifera	Turion Duckweed	S5	Secure	х
JUNCACEAE	RUSHES			
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	S5	Secure	х
CYPERACEAE	SEDGES			
Carex brunnescens ssp. sphaerostachya	Brownish Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex canescens	Silvery Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex debilis var. rudgei	White-edged Sedge	S5	Secure	х
Carex gynandra	Nodding Sedge	S5	Secure	u
Carex lasiocarpa var. americana	Slender Sedge	S5	Secure	r
Carex novae-angliae	New England Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex paleacea	Chaffy Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex pseudocyperus	Cyperuslike Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex stipata	Awl-fruited Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Carex trisperma var. trisperma	Three-seeded Sedge	S5	Secure	x
Schoenoplectus acutus	Hardstem Bulrush	S4S5	Secure	x
Scirpus cyperinus	Common Woolly Bulrush	S5	Secure	r
Scirpus microcarpus	Small-fruited Bulrush	S5	Secure	x
POACEAE	GRASSES			
Agrostis capillaris	Colonial Bent Grass	SNA	Exotic	f
Agrostis gigantea	Redtop	SNA	Exotic	f
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail	SNA	Exotic	x
Calamagrostis canadensis	Bluejoint Reed Grass	S5	Secure	x

Species / Family	Common Name	S-rank	GS Rank	Site Status	
Elymus repens	Quack Grass	SNA	Exotic	r	
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue	S5	Secure	x	
Glyceria canadensis	Canada Manna Grass	S5	Secure	u	
Glyceria grandis	Common Tall Manna Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Glyceria melicaria	Slender Manna Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Glyceria striata	Fowl Manna Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Hierochloe odorata	Vanilla Sweet Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Leersia oryzoides	Rice Cut Grass	S5	Secure	r	
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed Canary Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Phleum pratense	Common Timothy	SNA	Exotic	u	
Poa pratensis	Kentucky Blue Grass	S5	Secure	x	
Spartina pectinata	Prairie Cord Grass	S5	Secure	x	
SPARGANIACEAE	BUR-REEDS				
Sparganium eurycarpum	Broad-fruited Burreed	S4S5	Secure	x	
ТҮРНАСЕАЕ	CATTAILS				
Typha latifolia	Broad-leaved Cattail	S5	Secure	x	
Typha x glauca	Blue Cattail	SNA	Not Assessed	x	
LILIACEAE	LILIES				
Maianthemum canadense	Wild Lily-of-The-Valley	S5	Secure	x	
Maianthemum trifolium	Three-leaved False Soloman's Seal	S5	Secure	x	
IRIDACEAE	IRISES				
Iris versicolor	Harlequin Blue Flag	S5	Secure	x	

Table 2. Breeding birds recorded in and around the Lund Property, with maximum breeding

 evidence noted (following Maritimes Breeding Bird Atlas methods).

Species	Common Name	S-rank	GS Rank	Breeding Evidence
				No evidence of breeding on site;
Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	S4	Secure	flying over
				Probably breeding –
Agelaius phoeniceus	Red-winged Blackbird	S4B	Secure	Courtship / territorial interaction between two adults
	Ruby-throated			Possible breeding –
Archilochus colubris	Hummingbird	S5B	Secure	Adult in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing	S5B	Secure	Adult in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Carpodacus purpureus	Purple Finch	S4S5B	Secure	Adult in suitable breeding habitat
				No evidence of breeding on site;
Chaetura pelagica	Chimney Swift	S2S3B	At Risk	aerial feeding overhead
	Yellow-rumped			Possible breeding –
Dendroica coronata	Warbler	S5B	Secure	Singing male in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Empidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher	S5B	Secure	Singing male in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Parula americana	Northern Parula	S5B	Secure	Singing male in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling	SNA	Exotic	Adult in suitable breeding habitat
				Possible breeding –
Vireo olivaceus	Red-eyed Vireo	S5B	Secure	Singing male in suitable breeding habitat