

Dr. Patriquin's summary of the Natural Wonders report for Sandy Lake:

<http://versicolor.ca/sandylakebedford/species-lists/avian-sar-report/>

In March 2020, Natural Wonders Consulting Firm (NWCF) reported on Avian & Species at Risk Surveys of the proposed Sandy Lake – Sackville River Regional Park (SL-SRRP). There were an astounding 11 habitats identified within the proposed park, and many species of conservation interest.

Species data drawn from the Report:

- 117 species of birds visit or reside year-around or seasonally within the SL-SRRP
- 99 bird species nest within the SR-SRRP
- 15 are avian species of "Species of Concern"
- Of those "Species of Concern", 7 are classified as "Species-At-Risk" and are protected under the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act and/or the federal Species at Risk Act.

The NWCF Report also documents the presence of 6 non-avian Species-At-Risk in the SL-SRRP:

- Monarch Butterfly
- Little Brown Myotis (bat)
- Moose (Mainland Population)
- Common Snapping Turtle
- Eastern Painted Turtle
- Wood Turtle

Two species present at SL-SRRP, but not cited in the report as they are aquatic species and outside of the scope of the NWCF study, are:

- Atlantic Salmon
- American Eel

In total, there are 15 legally listed Species-At-Risk in the proposed SL-SRRP!

Dr. Patriquin asks: "Is there any other equivalent area in HRM?"