Point Pelee National Park Birdwatching Best Bets ⊱ Map Legend 0 Km-Sparrow Although birding anywhere in the park can be rewarding, the following locations have proven to be among the best. Refer to the "Seasonal Status of Birds", available for purchase at the Visitor Centre, for the best possible time of year to find the species you West Beach h to observe. Footpaths are subject to change Loop Woods Please note: Ticks are a part of our environment and a small percentage of the park's The Dynamic Tip black-legged tick population carries the Lyme Disease bacterium. Information about precautions is available at the Visitor Centre. Lake Erie's natural coastal processes of erosion and deposition, as well as storms and high winds, continually Birding from the Road impact the sand spit landform which Tip Exhibit Provides open view of sky makes up the park. Shoreline Visitor Centre to Tip often very produc-1 Km_ tive, only shuttle traffic permitted from alteration is constant and most Parking lots at Visitor Centre and DeLau-April through October noticeable at the Tip which can change rier Homestead are excellent for hawk drastically in shape and length. To Tip Trail ensure safe visitor experiences and to protect the fragile Tip area habitat, Seasonal Birding Footpaths trails and footpaths are monitored and Each spring a special network of approximately 5 km of seasonal birding footpaths promay be closed or rerouted. vides access to and through known 'best bet' areas. Marked with flagging tape and signs, these footpaths are open mid-April until migration has slowed. By early June, these Marsh Boardwalk footpaths are difficult to navigate as the vegetation regenerates. Poison ivy and ticks can be present. Blue Heron 2 Km= Seasonal footpath signs mark trail Minimally cleared, not groomed, often Northwest Beach Cattail Café heads has deadfall, overhangs and wet soil Tip Area Orange flagging tape identifies Narrow, not suitable for larger groups seasonal footpaths Bike & Hike Year-round Footpaths Open year-round and providing access to a diversity of park habitats, this 5 km network of footpaths is well established. These footpaths are unsurfaced and may have uneven and wet areas with obstacles such as downed trees. 3 Km -Lake Erie Park Trails Popular birding areas Over 12 km of 1.5 m wide trails, surfaced with crushed gravel and boardwalks, are Dunes maintained year round and provide access to all five of the major habitat types found in the park. DeLaurier Homestead Sanctuary Pond Lookout & Marsh Sleepy Hollo Open grassy areas are good for eastern bluebirds, yellow-breasted Provides access to a cattail marsh 4 Km _ where one may find common yellowchats, savannah sparrows and provide open vistas to view raptors. Scan the throat, marsh wren, black tern, rails shrubby marsh edge for green herons, and swamp sparrow. Also excellent for wood ducks, willow flycatchers and Bald eagle shorebirds during times of low water other migrants. Can access Anders levels. Footpath from DeLaurier Trail. View the eagle nesting platform from the Woodland Nature Trail The wide varieties of habitats along observation tower. Black Willow Beach this trail often produce an excellent array of migrants. Carolina wrens are Large concentrations of ducks, gulls permanent residents. and raptors are attracted to the Tip. Wooded areas are often alive with 5 Km -The mature forest attracts an excellent vireos, warblers, thrushes, kinglets and variety of migrant woodland birds. flycatchers. Search open areas along the west beach and Sparrow Field for Scan for waterthrushes and other White Pine warblers along the edge of water-filled indigo buntings and less common species of sparrow in spring and northern sloughs. Centennial Bike & Hike saw-whet owls in late fall. Oak Trail The Region is Rich with Flights of Fancy! Henry Community Youth Camp (#1550) Birds know no boundaries, flock out into the Essex-Kent County region for other birding experiences. Group Campground (reserva 6 Km-Ruscom Shores Conservation Area Visitor Centre West Beach A conservation area with trails through fields and early successional edge habitat (5 km west of Stoney Point). eamington Harbour/Marina An excellent location to view gulls and wa-Leamington Hilman Marsh Conservation Area Excellent opportunities to view resident bald 20/ eagles, waterfowl and shorebirds. 7 Km-Fishing boats can attract large numbers of Kopegaron Woods Conservation Area A small woodlot with walking trails, good for Pt. Pelee D Road E spring migrants and wildflowers. Post Woods Wheatley Provincial Park Camping and walking trails; creek is good **Point Pelee National Park** for marsh species and shorebirds; excellent **ESSEX COUNTY** spring wild flowers. vo Creeks Conservation Area Winding trails and open habitat provide homes for warblers and sparrows. 8 Km-Lake Erie Tip Exhibit Area Point Pelee Holiday Beach Conservation Area An Important Bird Area of global signifi-Oiibway Prairie Complex Fish Point Nature Reserve, Stone Road Alvar and Lighthouse Point Nature Reserve are A total of 214 species have been recorded cant. Witness the fall migration spectacle in the Ojibway Prairie complex on the southwhere nearly 100.000 hawks have been west corner of Windsor. This is the largest 3 excellent birding sites. Low vegetation during spring provides spectacular viewing seen in one day! Also excellent for obserprotected tallgrass prairie and oak savanof orchard orioles, yellow-breasted chats, nah in Ontario. The park attracts tufted ving migrating monarch butterflies. Festi-DANGEROUS CURRENTS blue-gray gnatcatchers, occasionally whitetitmouse, red-bellied woodpeckers, indigo val of Hawks in September. eyed vireos and many species of warblers. buntings and many migrating warblers. No swimming or wading