

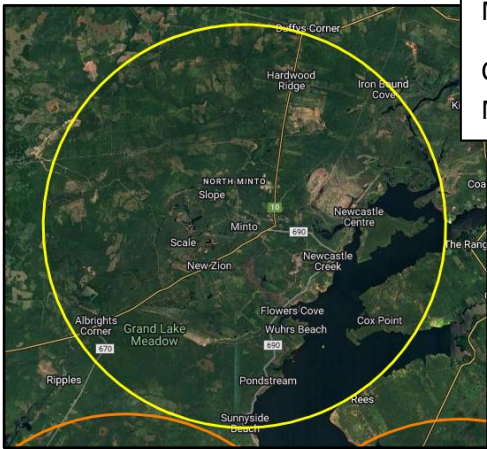
Minto and Chipman area Christmas Bird Counts

The Minto-Chipman area has hosted Christmas Bird Counts almost continuously since 1986. Including the 2023 count, there have been 41 counts over the 37 years. This represents a significant amount of data over the general area, all acquired under the Christmas Bird Count protocols. This document clarifies which Count Circle(s) were surveyed during each of the years that results from a Minto or Chipman count have been published in the NB Naturalist.

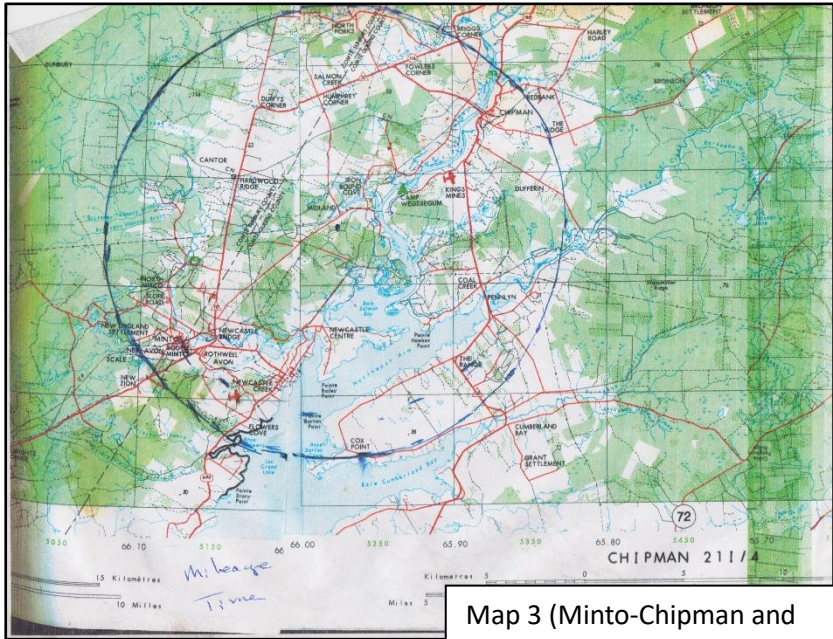
It is simpler than it looks. From 1986 to 2001 the Minto count was the only local count. Nearby Chipman had a separate and partially overlapping count from 2001 to 2004 and in 2005 Minto and Chipman merged counts into a “hybrid circle” that incorporated about half of each of the original two circles. This hybrid circle, variously called Minto-Chipman or Chipman-Minto, was surveyed from 2005 to 2022. In 2023, due in part to there being no recent participants from Chipman, the “old Minto” circle was reestablished; the count name returned to Minto as well.

The table and maps below should make this easier to follow.

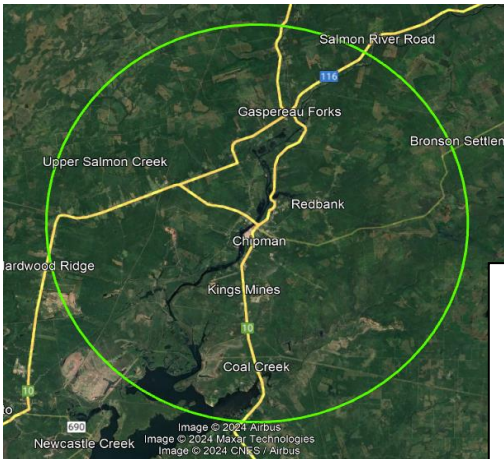
Year	Count Name	Map Area		Year	Count Name	Map Area
1986	Minto	Map 1		2004	Minto	Map 1
1987	Minto	Map 1			Chipman	Map 2
1988	Minto	Map 1		2005	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1989	no count			2006	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1990	no count			2007	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1991	Minto	Map 1		2008	Chipman-Minto	Map 3
1992	Minto	Map 1		2009	Chipman-Minto	Map 3
1993	Minto	Map 1		2010	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1994	Minto	Map 1		2011	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1995	Minto	Map 1		2012	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1996	Minto	Map 1		2013	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1997	Minto	Map 1		2014	Chipman-Minto	Map 3
1998	no count			2015	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
1999	Minto	Map 1		2016	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
2000	no count			2017	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
2001	Minto	Map 1		2018	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
	Chipman	Map 2		2019	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
2002	Minto	Map 1		2020	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
	Chipman	Map 2		2021	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
2003	Minto	Map 1		2022	Minto-Chipman	Map 3
	Chipman	Map 2		2023	Minto	Map 1



Map 1 (Minto)
Centred at Queen Road and Main Street, Minto



Map 3 (Minto-Chipman and Chipman-Minto)
Centred near Midland
Map thanks to Elizabeth Mills



Map 2 (Chipman)
Centred at either east end of Chipman Bridge or Chipman town centre a few metres away

The three Minto-Chipman area maps in context
Minto in red; Chipman in green;
Minto-Chipman/Chipman-Minto in blue

