

Ring Necked Pheasants & Gray (Hungarian) Partridges:

Souris & Area Branch of the PEI Wildlife Federation has had a rich history of supplying feed for wildlife that struggles for survival during the harshness of some winters. The trick is to ensure that they don't become dependent upon mankind in supplying them with food as they will stop searching for food sources themselves and then may become somewhat domesticated. This will make them easy targets for other predators.

The last few years we have been gaining ground with our pheasant population that was introduced from wild stock from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This success story probably wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the dedication of number of volunteers that supplied feed to these birds, some out of their own pocket and some from funds that Souris Wildlife was able to acquire again this year.

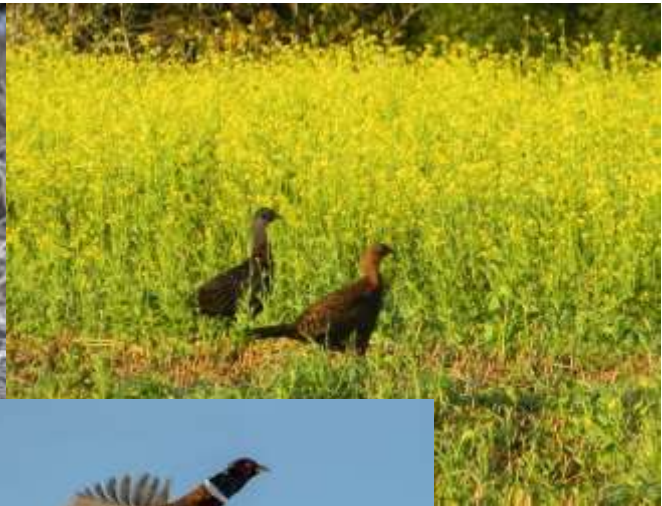
This year I'm getting reports of populations in Rollo Bay, Lower Rollo Bay, Souris River, New Zealand and Fortune. Please inform us either by email at sourisareawildlife@gmail.com or by calling the office at 902-687-4115, if you have any hanging around your area.

This year if the winter gets rough we will continue to supply feed to these birds even although our source of funding for feed this year has refused to support feeding birds that are not native to Prince Edward Island.

Hungarians are in low numbers to our knowledge, with our last numbers recorded in East Point and North Lake, if anyone sees any please give us a call as we would like to establish better numbers in our management area.



**Ring-necked pheasant,
photograph courtesy of
JoAnne Dunphy**



**Hungarian partridges,
photograph courtesy
of Judy MacDonald**



***Flying ring-necked pheasant, photograph
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