



## The Winter Finch Forecast for 2017-18

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**On the Watch**  
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General Forecast: Cone crops in the northeast are bumper in 2017. It is the best cone crop in a decade or more and will be a banner winter to see boreal (northern) finches. Most

PINE GROSBEAKS should stay in the north because the mountain-ash berry crop is good to excellent across the boreal forest - Alaska to Newfoundland and some south to Algonquin Park. PURPLE FINCHES: most east of Lake Superior should stay due to heavy seed crops on eastern conifers and mountain ashes. There should be a good showing of RED CROSSBILLS. WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILLS flooded into the northeast over the summer, drawn here by the bumper cone crops - many to Algonquin Park. COMMON REDPOLL: should move south because of poor crops of white birch and alder seed crops but will be stopped by the abundant conifer seeds and better birch seed crops and European black alder in southern Ontario. An abundance of weedy fields will also attract them. HOARY REDPOLLS: watch for them in flocks of common redpolls. PINE SISKINS: abundant and common this winter because of the good cone crops. EVENING GROSBEAKS: most should stay because of the abundant conifer seed crops and outbreaks of spruce budworm - Algonquin Park again.

Ron always adds a few other birds whose movements are often linked to movement of boreal finches. BLUE JAYS: less jays this year along the north shores of Lakes Ontario and Erie because their favourite nuts and berry crops are good in Ontario. RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH: now are in areas with high cone crops so will stay there. BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS: a small flight south because native mountain-ashes have good crops.

Ron also wrote that black oil sunflower seeds will particularly attract Pine Grosbeaks and Purple Finches. Niger seed is a favourite of Common Redpolls and Siskins. Soooo - get your bird feeders very clean, out and full of seed. It looks like an exceptional winter for Finches!

For more info, please see Ron's original article published at [www.jeanyron.ca](http://www.jeanyron.ca).

## The Women of Apsley bid Farewell

By Alice Liberty

It is after much thought that the Team "WOMEN OF APSLEY" have decided to end their Breast Cancer Fundraising for the C.I.B.C. RUN FOR THE CURE.

We will no longer be collecting bottles, cans etc. outside of the local grocery store. We would like to give them the "BIGGEST THANK YOU" for allowing us to place our blue bins there.

Also, we have a "BIG HEARTFELT THANK YOU" to everyone who so generously donated to the cause and gave us your support over the years.

Since 2001 to present, the team has raised an amazing total of **\$182,000.00**.

One day soon we hope to have a future without Breast Cancer.

There is "HOPE".

Thanks to Alice and all of your supporters!



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