SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- Nature PEI News;
- Nature PEI 50th Anniversary Celebration;
- Spiders of PEI Paper;
- 2019 Canada State of Birds;
- Two Dragonfly Species Expanding Their Range on PEI?;
- PEI Mammals Book Launch & Pre-sale Discount Offer;
- Strong Supporters of Nature - Now Gone;
- Northern Flicker Nest;
- News from About;
- 2019 Bain Bird Count;
- Weather Events;
- Great sightings: Green Snakes; Ruddy Duck; Common Nighthawk; Black-necked Stilt; Marbled Godwit; Buff-breasted Sandpiper; Laughing Gull; Lesser Black-backed Gull; Storm-Petrels; Great Egret; Green Heron; Black Vulture; Snowy Owl; Long-eared Owl; Eastern Phoebe; Gray Jay; White-breasted Nuthatch; Northern Mockingbird;
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Cover Illustration:

Brendan Kelly and Brett MacKinnon discovered and photographed a Black-necked Stilt at Borden beach on Jul. 21st, 2019. They put out a rare bird alert and a group of Island birders were able to make the trip to the site and obtain pictures of this Island rarity. When the stilt disappeared into the marsh, Dwaine Oakley rediscovered it and more birders had the opportunity to see it. This marks the 2nd PEI record for the Black-necked Stilt through American Birding Association. Cover photo by Brett MacKinnon.
Thankfully for the Executive Council members, the summer is devoted primarily to enjoying nature. However, amidst the more fun side of enjoying nature, it was active on the following activities:

**Executive Council** - Nature PEI’s Executive Council held its regular monthly meetings in May and June and communicated by e-mail on relevant matters, such as the Nature PEI weekend, in July and August.

**50th Anniversary Weekend** - please see article below

**Joint Island Nature Trust 40th and Nature PEI 50th Anniversary Celebration** - Rosemary Curley worked with Julie Lynn Zahavich on developing this event rescheduled to September 28th at the Trust’s Point Deroche Natural Area.

**Field Trips** - Nature PEI hosted an interpretive walk on Jul. 28th along the Winter River Trail led by Luke Peters but, unfortunately, there were no people besides Luke who attended. Luke enjoyed the field trip and noted it was a very quiet day for riparian zone species.

**Online Illustrated Flora of PEI** - The second section of the Online Illustrated Flora of PEI, featuring the Ferns, Clubmosses, Horsetails, Conifers and Lilies was released in March.

**Wind turbines at East Point** - President Rosemary Curley wrote a letter on July 14 to Premier Dennis King, with copy to ministers, stating the reasons Nature PEI opposes the project by PEI Energy Corporation to place turbines within the Red Zone at East Point. She also made a presentation at a public meeting on July 31 focusing on environmental accountability, the critical bat habitat and migrating wildlife within the Red Zone.

**Off-bottom shellfish aquaculture** - Letter co-authored by Nature PEI President Rosemary Curley, Island Nature Trust Executive Director Megan Harris, Environmental Coalition of PEI Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project Coordinator Gary Schneider, and Hillsborough River Association President Dan McAskill sent on July 15 to Ministers Catherine McKenna and Jonathan Wilkinson regarding the rezoning of and increase in off-bottom shellfish aquaculture leases and the potential harmful ecological repercussions of this cultivation method.


**The Spiders of Prince Edward Island** - A paper on the first comprehensive list of spider species on the island with contributions by Nature PEI recruits from across the Province was published in the journal The Canadian Field-Naturalist, vol. 132. Thanks to all who participated (see article on page 5)

**Mammals of Prince Edward Island and Adjacent Marine Waters** - The publication launch will be held on December 3rd, 2019. Nature PEI is offering a pre-sale discount of 25% until Nov. 30 (i.e. $40 including tax) with pickup in Charlottetown. Order online at www.naturepei.ca/pre-order-mammals-of-pei/ or mail a cheque for $40 per copy to Nature PEI.(see article on page 6)

**Island Naturalist Newsletter** - Newsletter editor Dan McAskill edited Island Naturalist Issue 231.

**E-mail enquiries** - Various questions were received from the public and answered by the various members of the Executive.

**NATURE PEI 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:**

Mother Nature gave us mostly beautiful weather for our August 23-25 weekend celebration of our 50th Anniversary. It was great to see a turnout of members from out of province to help us celebrate the occasion and share stories from days of old and new.

**Friday August 23** - Reception at Ravenwood 5 to 7 pm at Ravenwood with slide show of Nature PEI events by Ian Scott (30 people)

**Friday August 23** - Experimental Farm Lily Pond and Confed Trail Field Trip led by Rosemary Curley (9
Saturday, August 24  Dragonfly Damselfly Presentation at Stratford Town Hall Southport Room 1:30 to 2:30 pm by Bob Harding (40 people)
Saturday, August 24  Dragonfly Damselfly Field Trip at Pondside Park 2:45 to 4:30 pm led by Bob, Caleb and Jake Harding
Saturday, August 24  Mackerel Fishing - Delta Prince Edward Wharf led at 6:00 pm by Gerald MacDougall (12 people)
Sunday, August 25  Birding Trip PAB Parking Lot to East Point to Greenwich led by Dwaine Oakley and Dan McAskill (14 people)
Sunday, August 25  Greenwich Flower Field Trip 10 to 11:40 am led by Diane Griffin (12 people)
Sunday, August 25  Greenwich 50th Anniversary Barbeque noon to 1:30 pm (~30 people)
Sunday, August 25  Greenwich Interpretive Field Trip 1:30 to 3:00 pm led by Bob Harding (~20 people)

SPIDERS OF PEI PAPER PUBLISHED:

By Rosemary Curley

The scientific paper “The spiders of Prince Edward Island: experts and citizen scientists collaborate for faunistics”, which details the results of Nature PEI’s spider collections a few years back was published in The Canadian Field-Naturalist 132(4):330 July 2019 issue. The authors are: Joseph J. Bowden, Kyle Knysh, Gergin A.
It seems like ages ago when we did this work. It is in a scientific format with references in brackets in the scientific style. These can be safely ignored if you are more interested in current results rather than previous works somewhere else. The list of spiders begins on page 333 and by scanning through the 200 or so listings with locations you may be able to identify some of the specimens you collected. As well, if you google the Latin name you can likely get an image of each species. The collectors names are not listed in the paper but are on the specimens which are now deposited in the New Brunswick Museum.

Editor’s Note: Congratulations go to the authors of this paper on their receipt of the James Fletcher Award for The Canadian Field-Naturalist Volume 132. The citation states: “This paper presents the first comprehensive list of spider species on Prince Edward Island increasing the known list from 44 to 198 species which is a huge accomplishment. The paper also used a unique collaboration between experts and citizen scientists.” Congratulations also to the many citizen scientists who provided specimens for this project and to Rosemary, Kyle, Caleb, Bob and Mark for their leadership in making this paper happen!

2019 CANADA STATE OF BIRDS

Adapted from North American Bird Conservation Initiative Canada

To assess population trends, it is essential there is data collected in a consistent manner over many years and a commitment to analyze this data. The North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) in Canada is a coalition of federal, territorial and provincial governments, non-government and industry organizations, tasked with this analysis. It works in partnership with the United States and Mexico to protect, restore, and enhance North American bird species and their habitats.

The 2019 Canada State of Birds is based on almost 50 years of data. This concise (12 pages) collaborative report provides population trends for various groups of birds and was produced by a steering committee that included members from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Bird Studies Canada (BSC), Nature Canada (NC), and Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC). It was published by ECCC.

The news is disheartening for many species and positive for a much smaller group. There are rapid, severe declines in shorebirds (40% decline), grassland birds (57% decline), and aerial insectivores (59%). Waterfowl and Birds of prey showed recoveries with a respective population increase 150% and 110%. Others showed nominal to moderate changes with wetland birds having increased by 30%, Canadian nesting seabirds by 15%, forest birds by 7% and all others showing a decline of 3%. The full report is available on line at: http://nabci.net/resources/state-of-canadas-birds-2019/

TWO DRAGONFLY SPECIES EXPANDING THEIR RANGE ON PEI?

By Robert W. Harding

New records suggest that at least two of PEI’s dragonflies are expanding their range across PEI. The Twelve-spotted Skimmer (Libellula pulchella) is a recent addition to the PEI list and has quickly become a regular sight across PEI in the appropriate habitat. The Ebony Jewelfwing (Calopteryx maculata) was until recently known from only one PEI site near Coleman, Prince County. It has now been found in several sites in Queens and Kings counties including sites that had received considerable collecting effort for this species in previous years.

Twelve-spotted Skimmers are big, striking dragonflies with three large black spots on each wing and males (sometimes females) have white markings between these black spots. They can be seen patrolling the shoreline of lakes and ponds with emergent vegetation often returning to the same perch. It is fairly common throughout its range across North America from northern Mexico to southern Canada including most of mainland Nova Scotia and southern New
Brunswick.

The Ebony Jewelwing is a large damselfly with black wings and brilliant metallic green body. They prefer rapids or riffles along shaded, slow-flowing forest streams and their rather fluttering flight has been compared to that of a butterfly. The Ebony Jewelwing is found throughout the eastern half of the United States and in southern Canada from Ontario to the Maritimes where it is fairly common in appropriate habitat.

These apparent range expansions could be the result of a combination of factors: climate change; increased knowledge and awareness as more people are looking; positive impacts of the work of watershed enhancement groups; and the increased ease of sharing observations through social media and citizen science initiatives.

Both the Twelve-spotted Skimmer and the Ebony Jewelwing are quite distinctive and readily identifiable in the field (which is often not the case for dragonflies and damselflies). Nature PEI members are encouraged to help track their PEI distribution by sharing any observations of these species by email, on Nature PEI’s Facebook site, or by posting their photos to iNaturalist.ca.

**PEI MAMMALS BOOK LAUNCH AND PRE-SALE DISCOUNT OFFER:**

*Mammals of Prince Edward Island and Adjacent Marine Waters* will be launched on December 3rd at Beaconsfield’s Carriage House at Nature PEI’s December monthly at 7:30 pm. This book is the first comprehensive guide to PEI mammals. Written by leading experts in the field, this collection gathers local history and scientific knowledge into one volume. Inline citations provide researchers resources for further reading and a detailed glossary explains technical terms.

The book is being produced in an 8 X 10” soft cover format by Island Studies Press at UPEI. From now to November 30th, this book will be available at a special pre-sale price of $40 which is roughly a 25% discount off its retail price. The pre-sale copies can be picked up during the afternoon or evening of the launch. After November 30th, the book will be sold at its market price plus GST.

This long overdue book provides an in-depth guide to the Island’s 37 terrestrial mammals, including Northern Flying Squirrel, Red Fox, River Otter, and Striped Skunk, and 28 marine mammals, Hooded Seal, Long-finned Pilot Whale, Beluga, and Bottlenose Dolphin. Rooted in historical accounts and local research, this book illuminates the lives of PEI mammals large and small. From the Little Brown Bat to Sowerby’s Beaked Whale, this book highlights each species in illustrated detail and outlines the continued need for conservation efforts.

Its authors, Rosemary Curley, Pierre-Yves Daoust, Donald F. McAlpine, Kimberly Reihl and Dan McAiskill bring a wealth of knowledge to each of their species presentations. Each account highlights the species:

- English, French and Mi’kmaq species names;
- Detailed description, diet, behaviour, history and status in the province;
- Local Sightings and Research;
- Range Maps and Tracks; and
- Full Colour Illustrations

To order, mail a cheque made out to the Natural History Society of PEI to Nature PEI, P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown, PE C1A 8C1 or order it on line through Nature PEI’s website at [www.naturepei.ca](http://www.naturepei.ca)
STRONG SUPPORTERS OF NATURE - NOW GONE:

In the past several months, the Island has lost two key individuals that were instrumental in conserving wildlife and their habitat in Prince Edward Island. We will miss their dedication to nature and the energy they contributed to making our Island a better place.

On June 13, 2019, Nature PEI lost a long time member and supporter when Les Homans passed away. Les was an avid birder who started birding in England at age 12. In addition, for many years, he was a butterfly collector. He was one of the people who helped create the Lady Slipper Naturalists Club that held education meetings for a number of years at Eptek Arts and Culture Centre in Summerside. He was a citizen scientist that documented his observations and he willingly shared his skills with others. For years, he developed and brought natural history displays to schools to encourage natural history. Les contributed to the *Atlas of Breeding Birds for the Maritime Provinces* and he and Barry Martin conducted Maritimes Shorebird Surveys. He would often travel across the Island to get a new life bird for his Island list. One of his final tributes to nature and natural education was dedicating memorial donations to the Friends of the Rotary Regional Library or Nature PEI.

Father Charlie was a both a mentor and friend to many of us over the past 50+ years. Besides his many duties as a Roman Catholic priest since his ordination in 1957, he was a full-time professor of biology at Saint Dunstan’s University and UPEI until 1997. He achieved the distinctions of Professor Emeritus at UPEI and was named a UPEI Founder in 2009. In the 1970s, he was the co-leader of the trout populations surveys on the Dunk River. Since it was established, Father Charlie was a member and generous supported of the Island Nature Trust. He served as a Trust Board member from 2000 to 2006 and for many years offered the blessing for the Island Nature Trust’s Fund Raising Dinners. More recently, he served on and contributed to the Daryl Guignion Ian MacQuarrie Graduate Scholarship in Science at UPEI and other initiatives, helped revive, conserve and thoroughly enjoyed traditional fiddling on PEI, and many other community initiatives. When time afforded it, he was an avid trout and salmon fisher. He was a great listener and his infectious smile could light up a room. Father Charlie passed away on August 31st, 2019 in his 87th year.

NORTHERN FlickER NEST:

By John te Raa

On June 1st, I discovered a female Northern Flicker returning to a nest cavity in a Trembling Aspen on the north side of Confederation Trail in Tracadie Cross at latitude 46.349880 and longitude -62.952064. The cavity was located about 9 feet off the ground and was south facing in a tree with a diameter of about 25 cm and a height of 35 feet. I observed the nest and monitored nesting activity on June 13th, the week of June 16th through 21st (female going to and returning to the nest cavity), and June 23 to 26th (not seen or heard but suspect it may be incubating eggs). I was away until July 14th and revisited the nest to find at least two young flickers judging on colouration around their eyes. On this date, the young were secretive and hid when cyclists approached. They were still present in the cavity at 8 am on Jun. 15th but there was no sign of them when I returned three hours later and they were not present on July 18th.

On September 12th the tree was found down probably an outcome of the post tropical storm Dorian on Sept. 7th and 8th. It was bucked up on the 14th and I discovered that the nest cavity was 35 cm top to bottom. The bottom of the cavity was filled with decayed material.
Our profound thanks go to Duncan and Diana McNeill for the purchase and subsequent donation of 12.6 acres of primarily grasslands overlooking Malpeque Bay to the Island Nature Trust. It has become the *Princetown Grasslands Conservation Area*. It will be managed for breeding habitat for Bobolink, a species at risk listed as Threatened, and other grassland birds. The Trust also acquired an additional 5 acre property on Curtain Island in Malpeque Bay which now brings its natural areas designated area to 206 acres on this 271 acre off-shore Island. (Adapted from Island Nature Trust Quarterly Issue 146)

There was another outbreak of trichomonosis in parts of the Maritimes this summer. The causative parasite causes most mortality in Purple Finch, Pine Siskin and American Goldfinch. The Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre Atlantic Region (CCWHC) recommends that, if birds with the symptoms are seen, bird feeders, suet feeders and bird baths should be removed, cleaned, disinfected with a 10% clorox solution, rinsed with clean water and dried. They recommended that feeding not be commenced again until after prolonged cold weather and frost of winter returns. For more information see [http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/trichomonosis.php](http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/trichomonosis.php) (Adapted from Birding on PEI Facebook posts, CBC News June 21, 2019 posting by Sean Patrick Young)

The latest issue of the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation’s *Island Magazine* carries an article on the history of Brant and eelgrass declines (adapted from Island Magazine #85, Spring/Summer 2019)

Kudos go to Camilla MacPhee on the generous donation of over 200 acres of land in Kingsboro to the Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC). Her donation is in memory of her late husband Melvin “Mel” MacPhee. This wooded and bog area will be designated the Camilla and Melvin MacPhee Nature Reserve. Nature PEI and NCC conducted a bioblitz of the property on Jul. 6th. (Adapted from Eastern Graphic’s “A gift of land” Aug. 28, 2019 p. 8 and Nature PEI News in Island Naturalist #231)

On June 21st, 2019 An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (ending the captivity of whales and dolphins) received Royal Assent. This act commenced as a Senate Public Bill S-203 sponsored by Senator Wilfred P. Moore of Nova Scotia (now retired) which had first reading on December 8, 2015. Independent Senator Murray Sinclair sponsored this bill through the Senate’s committee process and Elizabeth May, Green Party Leader, was subsequently the sponsor of this Act in the House of Commons. With exceptions for those cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) already in captivity before the date this Act came into force, those kept in captivity to provide assistance, care or rehabilitation, this Act makes it an offense to: own, have custody of or control a cetacean that is kept in captivity; breeds or impregnates a cetacean; or possesses or seeks to obtain reproductive materials of cetaceans, including sperm or an embryo. This Act also amends the Fisheries Act and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act to achieve the expressed intent. (Adapted from Parliament of Canada website materials)

2019 BAIN BIRD COUNT: Dan McAskill, Ray Cooke, Dwaine Oakley, Nicole Murtagh, Ron Arvidson, Jean and Yvette Blanchard, Brenda Penak, Lucas MacCormack, Paul & Arlene McGuigan, Gerald MacDonald, and Jean Watts

There were three teams that participated in this year’s Bain Bird Count on May 25, 2019. The weather was excellent. Clear, 0 to 3°C before daylight and gradually increased through day to 18°C. by mid afternoon then dropped to 10°C by evening. Light northerly winds before dawn that ranged from 10 to 22 km/hr during the day and dropped to 4 km/hr in the evening. Winds northerly in central PEI and westerly at East Point.

Ray, Dwaine, Nicole, and Dan covered the area between Charlottetown, Dromore, Larkin’s Pond, Hermanville, Little Harbour, Black Pond, MacVane’s Creek, East Point, North Lake, Father James Road, Glen Road, Selkirk, Red Head, Savage Harbour, Mount Stewart, Afton Road and return to Charlottetown. The team drove 376.6 km and walked 0.7 km during the period from 1:35 am to 9:15 pm. We ended up with 110 species in total. We had no luck on some birds which we have gotten pretty consistently such as Alder Flycatcher and Blackburnian Warbler amongst others. The numbers for some common species were significantly lower than those of five plus years ago but we did reasonably well diversity wise on warblers with small numbers of the more common ones plus Wilson’s, Blackpoll, and Palm Warblers. At East Point, there were lots of fishing boats but very few gulls around the point or the lobster boats. However, we picked up small numbers of Common Eider and Black Scoter as well as over 100 Northern Gannet. There was a flock of 50 to 75 mostly tree swallows hunting around the lighthouse and restaurant buildings and one flock went offshore. It was extremely quiet for woodland birds but,
on the raptor side, we did find 2 Northern Harriers, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 2 American Kestrels, a Merlin, a Peregrine Falcon at East Point. There were 3 Boreal Chickadees at East Lake, a White-crowned Sparrow at Red Point Harbour, a Bobolink at Pigot’s Trail, 3 male Ruddy Ducks at Allisary Creek Impoundment, a Great Horned Owl being mobbed by American Crows at Savage Harbour, and 2 Veery at Afton Road.

Ron Arvidson, Jean Blanchard, Yvette Blanchard, and Brenda Penak started birding at 7 am and birded Desable, Richard’s Point, Cape Traverse, Borden and Tryon. They wrapped by birding at 12:30 pm. Their bird finding highlight of the day was definitely a male Ruff at Noonan’s marsh and they captured some great photos. In addition to the Ruff, they found 52 species during day. Other species of note included: an Eastern Kingbird and 2 Wood Ducks, and 2 Blue-winged Teal at Borden, a Hermit Thrush and Magnolia Warbler at Desable; 3 Bank Swallows at Richard’s Point and a Lesser Yellowlegs at Cape Traverse.

Arlene & Paul McGuigan, Gerald MacDonald, Gene MacDonald, Jean Watts, and Lucas MacCormack birded from 9 am to 4:30 pm driving 115 km and walking 4 km. During the field trip they discovered 70 species or birds and 4 species of mammals. Their highlights included an American Bittern out in the open at Little Harbour, a Lesser Black-backed Gull at North Lake, a Turkey Vulture at east Point, Pine Grosbeak at Kelly Road, and great views of Eastern Kingbird and White-crowned Sparrow at Monticello. Of course, lots of laughter and their traditional lobster and pie feast topped off the day!

Our combined species list was 121 bird species:

Canada Goose
Wood Duck (2 at Borden)
Blue-winged Teal (2 at Borden)
Northern Shoveler (3 male & 1 female)
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
American Black Duck
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Common Eider
Black Scoter
Common Goldeneye (1 at Black Pond)
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
Ruffed Grouse
Common Loon (1 off Little Harbour)
Pied-billed Grebe (9)
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Virginia Rail (at least 2)
Sora
Black-bellied Plover
Piping Plover
Kildeer
Spotted Sandpiper
Ruddy Turnstone (1)
Ruff (1 male at Noonan’s Marsh)
Dunlin (1)
Least Sandpiper (3 at Pigot’s Trail, 1 at Little Hbr.)
American Woodcock
Wilson’s Snipe
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Greater Yellowlegs
Bonaparte’s Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Herring Gull
Iceland Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull (North Lake)
Great Black-backed Gull
Caspiian Tern (13 at Savage Harbour & 3 at Mount Stewart)
Common Tern (2 at Savage Harbour & 2 at Allisary Creek Impoundment)
Northern Gannet
Double-crested Cormorant
Great Cormorant (2 at East Point, 2 at Little Harbour)
American Bittern
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Osprey (1)
Bald Eagle (6 adults/2 immature)
Northern Harrier (4)
Sharp-shinned Hawk (1)
Northern Goshawk
Red-tailed Hawk (1 at St. Charles Road)
Great Horned Owl (2)
Barred Owl (3 at Dromore)
Northern Saw-whet Owl (3)
Belted Kingfisher
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
American Kestrel (7)
Merlin (1 East Point, 1 at Little Harbour)

Eastern Kingbird (1 at Borden)
Blue-headed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow (75 at East Point & small numbers at other scattered locations)
Bank Swallow (3 at East Point)
Barn Swallow (1 at East Point, 1 Comm. East Point; 1 at North Lake)
Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee (2 East Lake, 1 Machin’s Road)
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Veery (2)
Swainson’s Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird (1 Comm. East Point)
European Starling
House Sparrow
Evening Grosbeak (East Point)
Purple Finch
Pine Grosbeak
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch
Chipping Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow (1 at
During the field trip two teams recorded mammals and we seen 2 Muskrat, 3 Beaver, 5 Raccoons, 9 Red Squirrels, 2 Eastern Chipmunk, 6 Red Fox, and heard Spring Peepers, a few American Toad and a few Northern Leopard Frogs. We seen 1 moth flying, a single Cabbage White, hover flies, bee mimics, and bumblebees. By evening at Afton Road, there were swarms of black flies, some of which were biting, but only 1 mosquito was seen.

The following plants were in flower: Marsh Marigold, Dandelion, small numbers of Wild Strawberry, a few White Violets, Leatherleaf, Red Maple, and Sugar Maple. Some Field Horsetail were at the strobilus (terminal cone) stage. White Birch and alder catkins were open. Surprisingly, a few Coltsfoot were still in flower at New Harmony. Willow with a reddish stamens at Campbell’s Pond. Leaf flushing had commenced on spirea, red-berried elder, raspberry, and a few Trembling Aspen.

WEATHER EVENTS:

It was a very dry and warm July and August. Post tropical depression Erin touched the Maritimes on Aug. 29 dropping 60.9 mm of rain in Summerside and some areas of western PEI receiving 65 and 33.4 mm in Charlottetown (AES Weather, CBC Radio).

Post-tropical Storm Dorian reached PEI on Sept 7 and blew out of the Island on Sept. 8th. Wind gusts hit 120 km/hr at East Point, 102 km/hr at Charlottetown, Summerside at 117 km/hr, and 123 km/hr at North Cape (AES) and had hourly sustained winds of up to 69 km/hr at Charlottetown, 95 km/hr at East Point, and 91 km/hr at North Cape. Rainfall was highly variable with 10 mm at Souris, 47.8 mm at Charlottetown, 53.5 mm at Harrington (Sept. 7 & 8 with almost all of it on Sept. 8) and 88.8 mm at Summerside on Sept. 8. Most of the winds were northeast shifting to northwest. In various areas there was 10 to15% damage of corn crops with some fields exceeding 50% damage. There was some lodging of grain crops. Electricity was fully restored on Sept. 15. Based on media reports and travel, there were higher levels of tree blow down and breakage the Kensington to Cavendish to Miscouche (CBC, AES, BJM).

A thunder and lightning storm on Sept. 24 brought 54.1 mm of rain in Charlottetown by the evening and 38.8 mm at Harrington (AES).

ANIMAL AND PLANT SIGHTINGS:

SPIDERS: Zebra Jumping Spider *Salticus scenicus* at Savage harbour on Jul. 13 (BJM).

**AMPHIBIANS/REPTILES:** Toadlet in lawn grass on Aug. 1 (JDM). *Red-bellied Snake* at Bristol Creek on Jul. 25 (BAM). 3 *Garter Snakes* curled up under garbage bin at Hardy’s Mill Road on Aug. 1 (JtR).

*Red-bellied Snakes* at Tracadie Cross on Sept. 17 and Mark noted seeing 4 to 5 *Green Snakes* at this site since 1994 and that he is observing a lot less *Garter Snakes* now than 10 to 15 years ago (MMacL).

**MAMMALS:** *Beaver* at Andrew’s Pond in May (LJD).


**BIRDS:** This checklist order has been adjusted to conform with the November 2017 *American Ornithological Society’s Checklist of Northern and Middle American Birds*. *Canada Geese* - 12 adults with 19 goslings at Allisary Creek impoundment on Jun. 7 (JtR), 35 (4 families with goslings) at Cavendish Grove pond on Jun. 13 (KO), too many to count at Dalvay on Jun. 16 (NC), 85 at Wood Island’s Prov Park on Jun. 17 (KMck, MAB), 200 at Dalvay on Jun. 19 (JCo), 40 at Corran Ban bridge on Jul. 24 (JDM), 20 at Driscoll’s pasture in Donagh on Aug. 22 (JDM), 76 at Dalvay Lake on Aug. 23 (LS), 160 at Montague on Aug. 23 (DMi), 162 at New Glasgow on Aug. 26 (DEJ), 50 flying at Glenfinnan Lake on Sept. 9 (JDM); *Wood Duck* - pair at Andrew’s Pond on May 7 (LJD), 2 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA), 8 on Jun. 17 (BJ), 6 on Jul. 13 (DRM) & 15 on Jul. 21 (MAM, VB), 7 on Aug. 19 (DRM), 2 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 7 (JtR), 5 on Jun. 9 (KO), 6 on Jun. 16 (DEJ), 5 on Jul. 19 (BK, BAM), & 28 on Sept. 12 (WFB, JDM), 5 at Mount Mellick Marsh on Jul. 7 (MAM), 1 at Wharf Road in Pownal on Jul. 9 (MAM), 2 at Miscouche Sewage Pond on Jul. 12 (FdB), 20 at Black Pond (Kings) on Aug. 1 (RP), family at Primrose on Aug. 5 (JDS), 7 at North Lake on Aug. 9 (RR), 50 at McKenna’s Pond on Aug. 28 (BD); *Gadwall* - 2 at Brackley Beach marsh on Jun. 3 (SCS) & 3 on Jun. 18 (JCo), 8 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA), 4 on Jul. 13 (DRM) & 10 on Jul. 21 (MAM, VB), 5 at Andrew’s Pond on May 16 (LJD), 4 at Stanhope Cape on Jun. 11 (RP), 5 at Miscouche Sewage Pond with 2 ducklings on Jul. 12 (FdB); *Blue-winged Teal* - 2 at New Acadia (St. Charles Road) on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 2 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA), 2 males at Cavendish Grove pond on Jun. 13 (KO), pair along Confed Trail Morell to Midgell (JL&BO), 2 at North Rustico on Jun. 23 (J&JG), 20 at East Lake on Aug. 25 (DO, JDM, 50th Anniversary Field Trip); *Northern Shoveler* - 2 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA), 1 on Aug. 31 (DRM) & 1 on Sept. 8 (DRM), 1 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 9 (KO) & 2 at Mount Stewart Lagoons on Sept. 12 (WFB, JDM), 2 at Covehead Bay on Jun. 18 (JCo), 1 at St. Peter’s Lagoon on Aug. 25 (JDM); *American Wigeon* - 3 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 3 (SCS) & 2 on Jun. 7 (JtR), 5 at Leslie’s Pond on Jun. 7 (SCS, FdB), 5 at North Lake on Aug. 9 (RR), 11 at Leslie’s
Pond on Sept. 2 (SCS); Mallard - 5 at Leslie’s Pond on Jun. 7 (SCS, FdB); American Black Duck - 2 at Whitlock’s Pond on Jun. 2 (SCS), 1 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (McKcK), 2 at Stratford pond on Jun. 3 (JDM), 9 at Brackley Beach marsh on Jun. 3 (SCS), 20 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA), 16 with fledged young at Leslie’s Pond on Jun. 7 (SCS, FdB), 42 at North Lake on Aug. 9 (RR), 10+ at Pisquid River WMA on Aug. 31 (JDM); Northern Pintail - 1 at Little Harbour on Sept. 8 (BAM); Green-winged Teal - 2 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA) & 5 on Jul. 21 (JDM, MAM, VB, DO), 9 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 9 (KO); Ring-necked Duck - 6 at Borden lagoons on Jun. 6 (RA) & 12 on Jul. 21 (MAM, VB, JDM, 5 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 7 (JtR), 4 half grown young and 2 adults at Campbell’s Pond in Park Corner on Sep. 3 (JB), 125 at Lake Verde on Sept. 12 (WFB, JDM); Greater Scaup - 1 at Orby Head on Jul. 31 (SH); Common Eider - 5 at Dalvay beach on Jun. 3, 80 at East Point on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM) & 7 on Jun. 10 (KO), 11 at North Cape on Jun. 11 (JDM), 20 at West Point on Jun. 13 (KO), 75 flying off Argyle Shore on Jun. 15 (BJ); Surf Scoter - 7 at East Point on Aug. 14 (DRM); White-winged Scoter - 4 at East Point on Jun. 10 (KO), 1 on Aug. 9 (R&RR), 5 on Aug. 22 (LS), & 22 on Aug. 31 (BR); Black Scoter - 35 at East Point on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM) & 35 on Jun. 10 (KO), 3 at West Point on Jun. 13 (KO), 22 off Argyle Shore on Aug. 26 (DW); Hooded Merganser - 3 at Day’s Corner on Aug. 25 (LS); Red-breasted Merganser - 1 off Argyle Shore on Aug. 26 (DW); Ruby Duck - 2 males at Allisary Creek impoundment on Jun. 7 (JtR) & 2 on Sept. 21 (MAM, VB, KG); Gray Partridge - 2 at St. Georges on Jun. 13 (JDS), 1 at Hampton on Jun. 14 (SB&MK), 1 at New Glasgow pond on Jun. 19 (JCo), 4 adults and 1 small chick at Orwell on Aug. 30 (CR), 23 at Kinlock on Sept. 9 (MAM); Ring-necked Pheasant - 2 at Damley on Jun. 13 (JCo), hen roadside at Donagh on Aug. 23 (JDM); Ruffeous Grouse - 2 at Greenwich on Jun. 1 (SCS), 2 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB) 1 at St. Georges on Jun. 16 (JDS), 4 at Whitlock’s Pond on Aug. 10 (JDS); Pied-billed Grebe - 3 at Allisary Creek impoundment on Jun. 7 (JtR), 2 at Poverty Beach on Jul. 16 (BK, BAM), 1 at Borden on Jul. 21 (RA), 2 at Greenwich on Aug. 25 (DW); Rock Pigeon - 11 at Wood Island Prov Park (KMcK, MAB), 5 at Winsloe and Jun. 15 (DEJ), 75 at Canoe Cove on Aug. 26 (DW); Mourning Dove - 3 at Winsloe on Jun. 15 (DEJ), 2 to 4 daily at Donagh in Jun., (JDM); Black-billed Cuckoo - 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 2 on Strang Road on Jul. 28 (DRM); Common Nighthawk - 1 heard at Damley on Jun. 18 (JCo); 1 flying at East point on Sept. 8 (SCS); Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), 1 at Horne Cross Road on Jun. 10 (VO), 2 at Hermannville on Jun. 10 (KO), 2 at Macphail Woods on Jun. 15 (MAM); Virginia Rail - 1 at Cumberland Road in Dundas ion Jun. 2 (SCS); Sora - 2 at Hermitage ponds on Jun. 2 (DO, NM), 1 at Larkin’s Pond on Jun. 21 (JCM), 1 at Poverty Beach on Jul. 16 (BK, BAM); Sandhill Crane - 3 near Doc’s Marsh on Sept. 22 (DCI via DMur), 5 at Malpeque on Sept. 25 (DRM); Black-necked Stilt - 1 found and photographed at Borden beach by Brett MacKinnon and Brendan Kelly on Jul 21 and confirmed along shore or later in marsh pond and in flight being chased by a Bonaparte’s Gull over lagoon cell on Jul. 21 by (RA, DO, DCS, VB, MAM, JDM, FdB, DRM); Black-billed Plover - 45 at Brackley Beach marsh on Jun. 3 (SCS), 6 at Tracadie Harbour on Jun. 3 (SCS) & 18 on Aug. 11 (SCS), 4 at Borden-Carleton on Jun. 6 (RA) & 9 on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM), 3 at North Rustico on Jul. 20 (AL); American Golden Plover - 5 photographed at Chelton beach on Aug. 31 (DRM), 56 at Guernsey Cove field on Sept. 7 (NM, DO), 15 at Tracadie Harbour on Sep. 13 (DRM); Semipalmated Plover - 3 at North Rustico on Jul. 20 (AL), 21 at Souris Causeway on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM), 14 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM, RA), 74 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 11 (SCS); Piping Plover - 1 at Anglo Rustico on Jun. 10 (RP), 3 at South Rustico on Jun. 10 (DRM), 2 at Bothwell Beach on Jun. 17 & 2 adults and 1 chick on Jul. 19 (RP), 1 incubating nest at North Rustico (nest with young) on Aug. 4 (MAM); Killdeer - 1 calling at Andrew’s Pond on May 10 & 12 (JLJ) 1 at Naufrage Harbour on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 1 at Damley on Jun. 13 (JCo), 1 at Borden on Jul. 19 (DRM), 1 at Waterside on Aug. 4 (MAM); Whimbrel - 1 at Kildare River on Jul. 11 (BK), 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Jul. 16 (DRM), 2 at Poverty Beach on Jul. 16 (BK, BAM), 1 at North Rustico on Jul. 20 (AL), 9 at Covehead Harbour on Jul. 16 (ICA), 1 at Stanhope Marsh on Aug. 14 (RP), 7 flying along Savage Harbour shore on Aug. 18 (JDM), 6 at East Point on Aug. 22 (LS); Hudsonian Godwit - 12 at Tracadie Harbour on Jul. 16 (DRM) & 3 on Aug. 12 (RR), 3 at Borden on Jul. 21 (DO, DCS, VB, MAM, JDM), 1 at Brackley Beach marsh on Aug. 5 (MAM), 3 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (ALa), 1 at Stanhope marsh on Aug. 14 (DCS, DO, NM, DRM), on Aug. 15 (VB), & Aug. 16 (JDM), 1 at Souris causeway on Aug. 13 (ALa); Marbled Godwit - 1 at Covehead Harbour marsh on Aug. 12 (ALa, DCS), Aug. 13 (SCS), photographed on Aug. 14 (DRM, SCS, RP), on Aug. 15 (VB), still present on Aug. 16 (MAM, JDM); Ruddy Turnstone - 10 at North Rustico on Jul. 20 (AL), 1 at Borden on Jul. 21 (BK, RA, DO, DCS, VB, MAM, JDM), 45 at Chelton on Aug. 1 (DRM), 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 11 (EMa), 8 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (ALa), 28 at Chelton beach on Aug. 19 (EMa), 140 at Rolling’s Pond on Sept. 9 (DRM); Red Knot - 4 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 6 (VB), 2 on Aug. 11 (SCS), 32 on Sept. 6 (SCS), & 16 on Sept. 13 (DRM), 5 at Greenwich on Aug. 24 (BR); Stilt Sandpiper - 3 at Brackley Beach marsh /Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 & 13 (ALa, DCS) & 2 at marsh on Aug. 19 (MAM); Sanderling - 2 at South Rustico on Jun. 10 (DRM), 4 at old ferry wharf in on Jul. 17 (BK), 10 at Bothwell beach on Jul. 19 (RP), 30 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 6 (VB); Dunlin - 1 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (ALa), 24 at Tracadie Harbour on Sep. 13 (DRM); Least Sandpiper - 4 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 12 (FdB), 1 at Souris Causeway on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM), 4 at Borden on Jul. 21 (BAM, BK, DO, DCS, VB, MAM, JDM) & 11 on Aug. 19 (DRM), 30 at
Souris causeway on Aug. 21 (RP); **White-rumped Sandpiper** - 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 5 (MAM) & 25 on Sept. 6 (SCS), 11 at Dalvay on Aug. 5 (BG), 31 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (Ala), 11 at Chelton beach on Aug. 19 (DRM), 35 at Rolling’s Pond on Sept. 9 (DRM); **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** - 1 photographed at Poverty Beach on Aug. 29 (VJ); **Pectoral Sandpiper** - 1 at Borden Carleton on Jul. 21 (RA), 1 at Stanley Bridge on Aug. 25 (LS); **Semipalmated Sandpiper** - 7 at South Rustico on Jun. 10 (DRM), 18 at Poverty Beach on Jul. 16 (BK, BAM), 6 at old ferry wharf in Launching on Jul. 17 (BK), 7 at Souris Causeway on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM), 5 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM); **Short-billed Dowitcher** - 7 at Tracadie Harbour & 1 at Brackley Beach marsh on Jul. 9 (VB), few at PEINP on Jul. 16 (DRM), 2 at old ferry wharf in Launching on Jul. 17 (BK), 38 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM, MAM, VB, DO, JDM, DCS), 37 at Chelton on Aug. 1 (DRM); **Spotted Sandpiper** - 1 at East Point on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM) & 3 on Aug. 14 (DRM), 1 at Leard’s Pond in Coleman on Jun. 13 (KO), 1 at Bonshaw Provincial Park on Jul 15 (PFe), 1 at Wood Islands on Jul. 16 (BK, DRM), 2 at Argyle Shore on Aug. 26 (DW), 3 at Apts Lane Stratford on Sept. 2 & 1 on Sept. 8 (MAM); **Solitary Sandpiper** - 1 at Oyster Bed pond on Aug. 1 (ICa), 1 at Linden Hill Pond in Kelly’s Cross on Aug. 4 (RA), 1 at East Point on Aug. 20 (DEJ), 1 at Black Pond on Aug. 21 (RP), 1 at Apts Lane Stratford on Sept. 2 (MAM), 1 at Little Harbour on Sept. 8 (BAM); **Lesser Yellowlegs** - 1 at Kildare River on Jul. 11 (BK), 2 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 12 (FdB), few at PEINP on Jul. 16 (DRM), 55 at Souris Causeway on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM), 23 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM, RA); **Willett** - 5 at Brackley Beach marshes on Jun. 6 (KO); **Greater Yellowlegs** - 2 at Brackley Beach marshes on Jul. 9 (VB), 4 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 12 (FdB), 20 at Souris Causeway on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM, RA), 8 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM); **Parasitic Jaeger** - 1 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (Ala), 3 at East Point on Sept. 8 (SCS), 1 off Red Point Prov Park on Sept. 11 (GCy), 3 off Îles de la Madeleine ferry PEI section on Sept. 11 (GCy), 1 off Bothwell Beach chasing terns on Sept. 20 (RP); **Razorbill** - 2-about 20 km off East Point on Jul. 4 (EBC); **Black Guillemot** - 2-photographed at Covehead Wharf on Aug. 13 (VB); **Ring-billed Gull** - 30 at Bothwell Beach on Jun. 17 (RP), 40 at Covehead Harbour on Jun. 17 (JL), 25 at North Lake on Jul. 3 (DEJ), 19 at Borden lagoons on Jul. 13 (DRM), 250 at Summerside West on Aug. 26 (LS); **Herring Gull** - 30 at Wood Island Prov Park (KMck, MAB), 5 at Covehead Harbour on Jun. 17 (JL), 75 at North Lake on Jul. 3 (DEJ), 225 at Summerside West on Aug. 26 (LS); **Lesser Black-backed Gull** - 1 at Orby Head on Sept. 3 (RP), 1 at Community East Point on Sept. 8 (SCS); **Great Black-backed Gull** - 1 at Wood Island Prov Park (KMck, MAB), 15 at Orby Head on Jun. 8 (KO), 40 at North Rustico on Jun. 23 (J&JG), 35 at North Lake on Jul. 3 (DEJ), 25 at Summerside West on Aug. 26 (LS); **Black Tern** - 1 flying at Poverty Beach on Sep. 8 (NM, DO), 1 photographed at Tracadie Harbour on Sep. 13 (DRM); **Caspian Tern** - 1 at Tracadie Harbour on Jun. 3 (SCS), 3 at Brackley Beach marsh on Jun. 6 (KO), 2 at Bothwell Beach on Jun. 17 (RP), 3 off Savage Harbour on Jul. 14 (JDM), 3 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (MAM, VB, DO, JDM), 35 at Stanhope Bay on Aug. 4 (JtR); **Common Tern** - pair at Hillsborough Bridge pier #1 on Jun. 1 (MAM, RC), 10 at Wood Island Prov Park (KMck, MAB), 2 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 5 (BAM) & Jun. 7 (JtR), 2 at Stanhope Cape on Jun. 12 (RP), 2 at Wharf Road in Pownal on Jun. 25 (RP); 100 at Launching sand spit nesting colony with young on Jul. 17 (BK, BAM) & 300 on Jul. 19 (DO), 12 at Tracadie Harbour on Jul. 21 (SCS), 5 at Borden beach on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM, JDM), 200 at French River on Jul. 31 (SH), 50 at South Lake on Aug. 21 (RP), 100 at East Point on Aug. 29 (JDM) & 120 on Sept. 8 (SCS); **Red-throated Loon** - 5 at East Point on Sept. 8 (SCS); **Common Loon** - 3 at Lake Verde on Jun. 1 (JDM, BK, RC, Nature PEI Birding Course Field Trip), 1 at Weisner’s Pond on Jun. 5 (DMur), 2 during BBS North Cape to Alberton Route on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Borden on Jun. 9 (KO), 3 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 1 at Cavendish on Jun. 28 (LBG), 12 off Argyle Shore on Jul. 31 (RW), adult with 2 young at Point Deroche Pond on Aug. 7 (BAM), 2 off Dalvay on Aug. 26 (J&JG), calling off Savage Harbour on Sep. 2 (JDM), 2 at East Point on Sept. 8 (SCS), 4 off Îles de la Madeleine ferry PEI section on Sept. 11 (GCy); **Northern Fulmar** - 1 about 20 km off East Point on Jul. 4 (EBC); **Wilson’s Storm-Petrel** - 16 about 20 km off East Point on Jul. 4 (EBC); **Leach’s Storm-Petrel** - 1 feeding off Hardy’s Channel on Jul 1 (VJ), 1 flying along coastal beach off lagoons at Borden on Sept. 7 (DRM); **Northern Gannet** - 5 at Dalvay beach on Jun. 3 (SCS), 35 at East Point on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 25 at East Point on Jun. 11 (KO); **Double-crested Cormorant** - 75 on nests at Orby Head on Jun. 8 (KO) & 348 on Jul. 3 (IC); **Great Cormorant** - 1 to 2 at Orby Head on Jun. 8 (KO), 3 at East Point on Jun. 11 (KO), 1 at Canoe Cove on Sep. 10 (GCy), 7 off Red Point Prov Park on Sept. 11 (GCy); **Great Blue Heron** - Great Blue Heron carrying sticks toward a Morell poplar grove in June (BS), 25 at
Covehead Harbour on Jun. 17 (JL), 18 at Tracadie Bay on Jun. 28 (LBG) & 9 on Jul. 16 (DRM), 15 at Kildare River on Jul. 11 (BK), 35 at Summerside West on Aug. 26 (LS);

Great Egret - 2 at Malpeque marsh on Jun. 5 (DRM), 1 at Tracadie Bay on Jun. 28 (LBG), on Jul. 3 (AM), on Jul. 16 (BH, DRM), on Jul. 17 (VB), on Jul. 19 (BK), on Jul. 21 (SCS), 1 at Piquid River on Aug. 31 (MS), 1 on Sept. 3 (DLM) and 1 on Sept. 5 (RP);

Green Heron - 1 photographed flying at Stanhope Cape on Jun. 17 (RP);

Black Vulture - 1 at Rollo Bay on Sept. 6 (JD via SAB, DO);

Turkey Vulture - 1 photographed feeding on roadside carcass in Richmond on Jun. 13 (KR), 1 photographed at Miminegash Pond on Jul. 2 (RPa), 1 at Souris West on Aug. 14 (DRM);

Owls - lots of reports during summer across Island, 1 at Rolling’s Pond on Sept. 9 (DRM), 1 at Grand Pre Point Road on Sept. 10 (VD), 1 on North Rustico nest & 1 at on Sept. 13 (JDM);

Bald Eagle - 12 at outlet to Long Pond PEINP on Jun. 16 (NC), 51 on beach, dunes, & trees on Jun. 17 (NC), immure attacked and ate a crow at Nine Mile Creek gold course on Sept. 3 (VD);

Northern Harrier - male at Greenwich on Jun. 10 (JDM), female at Anglo Rustico on Jun. 10 (RP), 1 at Tracadie Harbour (Beach Road) on Jun. 17 (JS), 1 at Confed Trail Glenroy on Jun. 25 (JtH), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 5 (FdB), 1 at St. Ann’s on Jun. 10 (J&JG), 1 at New Glasgow pond on Jul. 20 (TB), 2 males at North Carleton on Jul. 21 (BK, BAM), 1 at Cable Head on Jul. 21 (PE), 1 at Little Harbour on Aug. 1 (RP), 1 at Alberton on Aug. 1 (SB), 1 at West Cape on Aug. 4 (R&RR), 1 at Whitlock’s Pond on Aug. 13 (JDS), 2 at North Cape on Aug. 20 (VBuc), 1 at North Lake on Aug. 22 (LS);

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1 at Strang Road on Jul. 28 (DRM), 1 at East Lake on Aug. 19 (BAM), 1 at Malpeque Hbr on Aug. 29 (KMi), 1 at Chelton Road on Sept. 6 (RP);

Northern Goshawk - immature at Selkirk Con Fed Trail on Jun. 3 (JGM), 2 issuing alarm calls in hemlock grove at Bonshaw Provincial Park on Jul. 2 (PFe), 1 at Hopefield on Jul. 16 (BK, BAM), 1 at Windon on Aug. 21 (BAM);

Red-tailed Hawk - 1 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK), 1 at Cornwall on Jun. 3 (K&RP), 1 at Borden on Jun. 17 (BJ), 1 at York along Confed Trail on Jun. 25 (JtR), 1 at Meadowbank on Jul. 1 (NS), 1 at Bonshaw Provincial Park on Jul. 2 (PFe), 1 at Stratford along TCH on Jul. 20 (BAM), 1 at South Melville on Jul. 20 (RA), 1 at Anderson Road on Jul. 20 (BAM, BK), 1 at Clyde River on Jul. 20 (NS), 1 at Cherry Valley & 1 at Lower Montague on Aug. 2 (AMac), 1 at Corran Ban on Aug. 7 (BG), 1 at Kensington on Aug. 8 (JDM);

Great Horned Owl - 1 at Barry Rd Five Houses on Jun. 29 (RC), 1 at Hardy Mill Road on Jul. 17 (JtR), 1 at Allisary Creek on Sept. 13 (BAM);

Snowy Owl - 1 photographed on Black Bush on Jun. 17 (JMacL), 1 eating crabs at Tracadie Harbour (Beach Road) on Jun. 17 (JS);

Barred Owl - 1 at Macphails Woods on Jun. 2 (FdB, BAM); Long-eared Owl - 1 heard at Dromore on Sept. 21 (DCS, RC, JDM);

Belted Kingfisher - 1 at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 1 (BAM), 1 at East Lake on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 5 at New Glasgow pond on Jul. 20 (TB), 3 at East Lake on Aug. 19 (BAM);

Downy Woodpecker - 1 at Richmond & 1 at Tignish on Jun. 12 (DEJ), 1 at Stanhope on Sept. 1 (DEJ);

Hairy Woodpecker - periodically at Donagh in Jun. (JDM), 2 at Desable on Jun. 13 (DEJ), 2 at Martinvale on Jun. 15 (RC), 3 at Stanhope on Sept. 1 (DEJ);

American Three-toed Woodpecker - 1 at Cape Egmont on Sept. 1 (WGH);

Black-backed Woodpecker - 1 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK), female at Selkirk on Jun. 10 (JDM), 1 at St. Georges on Aug. 8 (JDS);

Northern Flicker - 1 at Greenwich on Jun. 1 (SCS), 1 at Tignish on Jun. 12 (DEJ), 2 at Winsloe South on Aug. 31 (DEJ), 4 at Stanhope on Sept. 1 (DEJ);

Pileated Woodpecker - 2 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), 1 heard at Reeve’s Estates on Sept. 22 (DO, NM);

American Kestrel - 2 at Afton Road on Jun. 3 (SCS), 1 at New Glasgow on Jun. 10 (DEJ), 1 fledgling found abandoned on ground at Alexandra on Jul. 19 (DSt), 1 at Bothwell on Jul. 19 (RA), 1 at Brackley Beach on Aug. 1 (ICa), 1 at Bothwell beach on Aug. 2 (RP), 1 at Nail Pond on Aug. 4 (R&RR), 1 at Glenroy on Aug. 22 (JDM), 1 at Donagh Road in Johnston’s River between mid Aug. & Aug. 30 (JDM), 2 at North Lake on Aug. 22 (LS), 1 at East Point on Sept. 8 (SCS);

Merlin - 1 at Dalvay beach on Jun. 3 (SCS), 1 at East Point on Jun. 10 (KO), 1 at St. Peter’s Bay on Jul. 28 (AM, MD), 1 flying over marsh and lagoon at Borden on Jul. 21 (DO, JDM), 1 at Sherbrooke on Aug. 2 (BAM), 1 at Stanhope on Aug. 2 (GH), 1 at West Cape on Aug. 4 (R&RR), 1 at Covehead Harbour on Aug. 12 (Ala), 1 with kill at Sherwood on Aug. 24 (RP), 1 at Home Cross Road on Sept. 8 (VB);

Perigee Falcon - carrying small mammal at Greenwich on Jun. 15 (SB&MK), 1 hunting Red-wing Blackbirds in DUC marsh by Farmer’s Market in Charlottetown on Jun. 19 (BK), 1 at Holland Cove on Jul. 30 (VD), 1 at East Point on Aug. 22 (LS) & 1 on Sept. 8 (SCS), 1 at Argyle Shore on Aug. 26 (DW), 1 at Murray Harbour North on Aug. 28 (DH); Olive-sided Flycatcher - 1 at New Harmony on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 2 during BBS North Cape to Alberton Route on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Martinvale on Jun. 15 (RC), 1 at Greenwich on Jun. 26 (JDU), 1 at Mooney Road in Windon on Aug. 12 (BAM);

Eastern Wood Peewee - 1 at Tea Hill Trails on Jun. 4 & Jul. 6 (FdB), 1 during BBS North Cape to Alberton Route on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Dromore on Jun. 9 (RP), 1 at Home Cross Road on Jun. 10 (VB) & Aug. 25, 2 at Macphail Woods on Jun. 16 (MAM), 1 at Cardigan Head on Jun. 17 (KMcK), 4 at Ashton & Barry Rd Five Houses on Jun. 29 (RC), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 5 (FdB), 1 at Jack’s Road on Jul. 11 (RC), 1 at Afton Road on Aug. 12 (BAM), 2 at Jack’s Road on Aug. 12 (RR), 1 at Georgetown Royalty on Aug. 26 (SCS);

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 1 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK) & 1 on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB), 4 at East Lake on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM) & 1 on Jun. 5 (SCS), at Kingsboro NCC Forest Reserve on Jun. 5 (DO), 1 at St. Georges on Jun. 7 (JDS), 1 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), 1 at Strang Road on Jun. 9 (DRM), 1 at Georgetown Royalty on Sept. 8 (SCS); Alder Flycatcher -
Leucistic American Robin at Bedford on Jun. 8
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Blooming Point on Jun. 12 (BAM), 1 very vocal at PEINP on Jul. 16 (DRM), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jul. 5 (FdB), 1 along Confed Trail near Morell on Jul. 18 (JtR), 1 at New Glasgow pond on Jul. 20 (TB), family of 4 at Strang Road on Jul. 28 (DRM), 1 at Deroche Pond on Aug. 7 (BAM); **Northern Mockingbird** - 1 at Monticello bayberry bushes on Jun. 23 (JGM), 1 at Nine Mile Creek on Jul. 31 (VD); **European Starling** - good numbers being seen this breeding season with flocks of 100 to 300 immatures being seen in some areas (JDM); **Bohemian Waxwing** - 1 at Mount Mellick Marsh on Jul. 7 (MAM);
Cedar Waxwing - 18 at Parkdale on Jun. 3 (BPM), 12 at Cornwall on Jun. 3 (K&R), 6 at East Point on Jun. 5 (SCS), 8 at South Melville eating ash flowers on Jun. 7 (RA), 8 at Greenwich on Jun. 15 (SB&M); House Sparrow - 8 at Kensington on Jun. 11 (JDM), 1 at East Point on Aug. 31 (BR); American Pipit - 6 at Cameron’s Island on Sept. 21 (IC, VM, ZM); Purple Finch - 2 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), pair most days at Donagh in Jun. (JMD), 2 at Winsloe on Jun. 15 (DEJ), 4 at Anderson on Jul. 11 (RP); White-winged Crossbill - 15 at Burton on Jul. 7 (RG); Pine Siskin - 5 at Winsloe South on May 25 (DEJ), 3 at Greenwich on Jun. 15 (SB&M); American Goldfinch - heard and seen regularly this summer (JDM); Chipping Sparrow - 1 at Hermanville on Jun. 10 (KO), 2 at Greenwich on Jun. 10 (JDM), 1 at Cardigan head on Jun. 17 (KM, 1 at Damley on Jun. 19 (JC); Dark-eyed Junco - very low numbers being heard or see roadside this summer in most areas (JDM); White-crowned Sparrow - 1 at East Lake on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM); White-throated Sparrow - daily at Donagh in Jun. (JDM), 4 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), 6 at Strang Road on Jun. 8 (DRM), 10 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 17 (KM, MAB); Savannah Sparrow - 4 at South Rustico on Jun. 10 (DRM), 2 at Brackley Beach marshes on Jul. 9 (VB), 12 at Anderson Road on Jul. 11 (RP); Nelson’s Sparrow - 1 heard at Stanhope Cape on Jun. 7 (RP), 2 at South Rustico on Jun. 10 (DRM), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 6 at Wharf Road in Pownal & 1 at Cameron Island Point Prim on Jun. 25 (RP), 2 at Cavendish on Jun. 26 (LB), 1 at Indian Head Sandhills on Jul. 5 (BK), 2 photographed at Covehead Wharf on Jul. 5 (Pa), 4 at Wharf Road in Pownal on Jul. 9 & 8 on Jul. 20 (MAM), 3 at Brackley Beach marshes on Jul. 9 (VB), 2 at Borden on Jul. 13 (DRM) & 3 on Aug. 19 (DRM), 4 at Bothwell Mossey Lane on Aug. 4 (RP), 5 at Tracadie Harbour on Aug. 13 (VB), 2 at Chelton on Aug. 19 (DRM), 1 at Aptos Lane marsh in Stratford on Sept. 8 (MAM); Song Sparrow - 4 at Strang Road on Jun. 8 (DRM); Lincoln’s Sparrow - 1 at Anderson Road on Jul. 11 (RP), 1 at Bothwell Mossey Lane on Aug. 4 (RP); Swamp Sparrow - 3 at Strang Road on Jun. 8 (DRM), 4 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 17 (KM, MAB); Bobolink - present at Barbara Green INT Natural Area in Tryon (DD), dozens at Marshfield in early Jun. (GK); on Jun. 3 (GK), 5 at Pigot’s Trail on Jun. 1 (BK, JDM, Bird Course Participants) & 2 on Jun. 5 (BAM) & 6 on Jun. 16 (DEJ) & 19 (multiple broods) on Jul. 20 (BK, BAM), 2 at Tryon Trail on Jun. 8 (DD), at High Bank on Jun. 11 (SPA), 4 at Hampton-Desable on Jun. 13 (DEJ) & 6 on Jun. 5 (JDE); Red-winged Blackbird - 50 roosting at dusk in DUC marsh by Farmer’s Market in Charlottetown on Jun. 19 (BK), few being seen in late summer except near a few corn fields (JDM); Rusty Blackbird - 1+ near Tracadie Harbour on Sep. 21 with a large flock of grackles (RC, JDM); Common Grackle - 20 roosting at dusk in DUC marsh by Farmer’s Market in Charlottetown on Jun. 19 (BK), flock mixed with Brown-headed Cowbirds at Waterville on Aug. 7 (AC), 50+ moving through woodland clearing at Donagh on Aug. 22 (JDM), a small number of cornfields with hundreds clustered in early Sept. but few overall being seen (JDM); Brown-headed Cowbird - 1 at Eldon on Jun. 1 (FD), 1 near Orby head on Jun. 13 (RP), 1 at Cavendish on Jun. 18 (J&JG), 2 at Point Deroche on Jul. 11 (RP), 1 at Home Cross Road on Aug. 25 (VB); Baltimore Oriole - 1 at Eliottvale syrup feeders on Jun. 4 (HP-L), 1 at Marshfield on Jun. 3 (GK), 1 at Green Gables Cavendish on Jun. 28 (J&JG); Ovenbird - 1 at Dromore on Jun. 9 (RP), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB); Northern Waterthrush - 2 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KM), 1 at Mooney Road on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Robinson’s Island on Jun. 25 (J&JG); Black-and-white Warbler - 3 at Camp Tamawaby Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 1 at Stanhope Cape on Jun. 12 (RP), 3 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 2 at Martinvale on Jun. 15 (RC), 3 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 15 (BR); Tennessee Warbler - at Kingsboro NCC Forest Reserve on Jun. 5 (DO); Nashville Warbler - 2 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KM), 2 on Jun. 17 (KM, MAB) 1 at Mount Albion on Jun. 5 (BAM, BK), 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 4 (BR), 1 at Mooney Road on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Avondale west of Ryan Road on Jun. 8 (RC), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 1 at Martinvale on Jun. 15 (RC), 1 at Grey’s Road in Hopefield on Jun. 25 (RP), 2 at Albion (Gay Rd) on Jun. 29 (RC); Mourning Warbler - 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 1 (DRM), 2 at Macphail’s Woods on Jun. 2 (FdB, BAM), 1 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KM) & 3 on Jun. 17 (KM, MAB), 1 at Tea Hill on Jun. 3 (FdB), 2 at New Acadia & 1 at Priest Pond on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 1 at Mill Road in Selkirk on Jun. 4 (SCS), 1 at Mooney Road on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at Dromore on Jun. 10 (RP), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 15 (BR); Common Yellowthroat - 5 at Camp Tamawaby Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 10 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 17 (KM, 17}
American Redstart - 6 at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 1 (BAM), 1 at Richmond on Jun. 12 (DEJ), 10 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB); Cape May Warbler - 1 at Dromore on Jun. 9 (RP), 1 at Monticello on Jun. 12 (JGM), 2 at Camp Tamawabey Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 15 (BR), 2 at Point Deroche on Jul. 11 (RP), 1 at Robinson’s Island on Aug. 24 (LS); Northern Parula - 13 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK), Magnolia Warbler - 17 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK), 4 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB); Bay-breasted Warbler - at Kingsboro NCC Forest Reserve on Jun. 5 (DO), 2 at East Point woodland on Aug. 25 (SCS); Blackburnian Warbler - 1 at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 1 (BAM), 5 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 1 (DRM), 1 at Whitlock’s Pond on Jun. 2 (SCS), 2 at Mill Road in Selkirk on Jun. 4 (SCS), 3 at Camp Tamawabey Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 1 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB), 2 at East Tanantum Road on Aug. 25 (SCS), 1 at Georgetown Royalty on Aug. 26 (SCS); Yellow Warbler - 12 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB), lower number of them at Pigot’s Trail this breeding season (JDM); Chestnut-sided Warbler - 3 at Union Road Confed Trail on May 30 (VB), 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 1 (DRM), 3 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK) & 3 on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB) 4 at Whitlock’s Pond on Jun. 2 (SCS), 1 at Dromore on Jun. 9 (RP), 5 at Camp Tamawabey Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 3 at Albion (Gay Rd) on Jun. 29 (RC); Blackpoll Warbler - 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 1 (DRM), 3 males & 1 female at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM); Black-throated Blue Warbler - 1 at Ashton Rd in Five Houses on Jun. 29 (RC), 1 at Greenwich on Jun. 30 (GM, SH), 1 at Glen Road on Aug. 9 (RR); Palm Warbler - 1 at St. Georges on Jul. 25 (JDS), 2 at Garfield Road on Jul. 28 (RC); Yellow-rumped Warbler - 6 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB); Black-throated Green Warbler - 6 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK) & 3 on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB) carrying nesting material on Jun. 20 (JDM), 3 at Camp Tamawabey Demo Woodlot on Jun. 9 (DRM), 2 at St. Chrysostome WMA on Jun. 13 (FdB); Canada Warbler - 2 at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 1 (BAM), 1 at Avondale on Jun. 2 (DO, NM), 3 at McKenna’s Marsh on Jun. 2 (KMcK) & 5 on Jun. 17 (KMcK, MAB), 1 at New Acadia (St. Charles Rd.) on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 2 at Mooney Road on Jun. 8 (BK), 1 at St. Catherine’s on Jun. 9 (BAM), 1 at Klondyke Road in Kings Co on Jun. 9 (DMur), 1 at Martinvale on Jun. 15 (RC), 1 at Greenwich on Jun. 25 (JDu), 1 at Egmont Bay on Jun. 29 (LBG), 2 at Strang Road on Jul. 28 (DRM), 2 at East Tanantum Road on Aug. 25 (SCS); Wilson’s Warbler - 1 at Hermitage Creek on May 25 (BK), 1 at MacVane’s Creek on Jun. 1 (BAM) & 1 on Jun. 7 (SCS), 2 at New Acadia (St. Charles Rd.) on Jun. 4 (VB, DRM), 1 at Mill Road in Selkirk on Jun. 4 (SCS), 1 at East Point woodland on Aug. 25 (SCS); Scarlet Tanager - 1 at Red Point on Jun. 6 (CG); Northern Cardinal - male at Fox Meadows in Stratford on Jun. 10 (LM), 1 at Stanhope (Seaman’s Lane) on Jun. 17 (JL&BO), 1 along Confed Trail Morell to Midgell on Jun. 17 (JL&BO), male at Chelton on Jul. 12 (DRM); Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 at Winter River Trail on Jun. 1 (DRM), pair periodically at Donagh in Jun. (JDM), 1 at Grant’s Bridge on Jun. 15 (RC), 3 at Hardy Mill Road on Jun. 18 (JrR); Indigo Bunting - male at Hartsville on Jun. 14 (JWa).

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ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public

Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown.

Oct. 1st - The Impact of Free-roaming Cats on Wildlife, Environment, and Human Health - Dr. Dave McRuer will be Nature PEI’s guest speaker. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown. Suitable young naturalist event.
Oct. 3rd - **Nature Conservancy Canada’s Evening Reception** - Dr. Xander Wang of UPEI’s School of Climate Change and Adaptation will offer a special presentation on climate change and how it could affect the Island at this NCC Atlantic Regional Board reception. All are invited. It will be held at the PEI Farm Centre from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. special presenter to discuss.

Oct. 3rd - **All Candidates Forums Debates on the Environment for Federal Election Candidates** - The Nature PEI is amongst 20 organizations concerned with the environment that will be hosting a non-partisan, all-candidate forum in each of the Federal Electoral Ridings on PEI. These forums will allow the candidates to put forward their environmental policies and respond to questions on the environment. The forums will run from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. They forums are as follows: **Malpeque Riding** - Hunter River Community Centre 19816 Route 2 Hunter River; **Charlottetown Riding** - Duffy Amphitheater, University of Prince Edward Island, 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown; **Cardigan Riding** - Kaylee Hall, 2316 Pooles Corner; and **Egmont** - Linkletter Community Centre, 1670 Route 11 Linkletter Road, Linkletter.

Oct. 13th - **Autumn in the Forest** - An Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project interpretive walk focused on plants and animals. Starts at 2:00 pm. Meet at Nature Centre 269 Macphail Park Road, Orwell.


Nov. 5th - **Fifty Years of Protecting PEI’s Natural Areas** - Megan Harris of the Island Nature Trust will be Nature PEI’s guest speaker. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown. Suitable young naturalist event.

Dec. 3rd - **Mammals of PEI and Adjacent Marine Waters** - Rosemary Curley will be Nature PEI’s guest speaker for the Society’s launch of the new book Mammals of PEI and Adjacent Marine Waters co-authored by Pierre-Yves Daoust, Donald F. McAlpine, Kimberly Riehl, and Dan McAskill. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown. Suitable young naturalist event.

Dec. 14th to Jan. 5th - **The Audubon Christmas Bird Counts.** These are held annually across Canada, United States, Latin America and the Caribbean. Nature PEI hosts four of these 24 km diameter count circles:

Dec. 14th (Saturday) - **The East Point Christmas Bird Count** - Please contact Dwaine Oakley at 393-6223 or dwaine.oakley@gmail.com for details and to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 15th (Sunday) - **The Prince Edward Island National Park Christmas Bird Count** - Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 26th (Thursday) - **The Hillsborough Christmas Bird Count** - There will be a pot luck after the event for participants at 6 PM. Please contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Dec. 28th - **The Montague Christmas Bird Count** - Please contact Scott Sinclair via E-mail at scsinclair@pei.sympatico.ca for information or to register. The date may change in the advent of severe weather so please contact your coordinator.

Jan. 7 - **Nature PEI’s Annual General Meeting & Down Under with the Birds** - Diane Griffin and Rosemary Curley will be our guest speakers with their presentation on their trip to Australia. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at Beaconsfield, the Carriage House, corner of West and Kent Street, Charlottetown. Suitable young naturalist event.