

redress the imbalances in security and opportunity between the richer and poorer areas of the world", has been released by the Canadian Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (CCIUCN). Copies of the report can be obtained from World Conservation Union - Canada, c/o Canadian Museum of Nature, P.O. Box 3443, Station "D", Ottawa Ontario K1P 6P4 (adapted from Nature Alert 1:1, October 1991).

The Canadian Nature Federation has completed its Water Policy paper. Copies are available for the cost of a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Mail your request to Water Policy, Canadian Nature Federation, 453 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6Z4. (from Nature Alert 1:1, October 1991)

The latest issue of Blue Jay, the Saskatchewan Natural History Society, carried an observation by Robert Nero of a Peregrine Falcon attacking an adult Snow Goose while it was flying. (Blue Jay 49:3, Sept. 1991)

On October 4th, the Bowater Mersey Paper Company Ltd. and the Province of Nova Scotia signed a wetlands conservation agreement for up to 100,000 acres of wetlands in western Nova Scotia. This land will be identified by the Department of Natural Resources under the Eastern Habitat joint Venture. (adapted from Forest Times 13:6 Nov.-Dec. 1991)

The City of Toronto opened two linear parks during the past summer. Belt Line Park, approximately 5.34 kilometers of former railway ROW was opened on June 1st and the Lower Don River Trail was opened on August 16th. (adapted from Toronto Field Naturalist #422, October 1991)

Ontario has established the Forest Bird Monitoring Program (FBMP) to focus on forest-interior songbird species in a variety of forest habitats throughout Ontario. These dawn surveys take place twice during the breeding season in a minimum 60 acre plot. Five listening stations are set up at each site and the volunteers record all birds seen or heard during a ten minute period. (adapted from Seasons, winter 1991)

The \$10-million Atlantic Coastal Action Plan (ACAP) will focus on preparing blueprints for managing coastal resources in 12 river systems in Atlantic Canada. Bedeque and Cardigan Bays have been selected as the two areas on P.E.I. in which land and water users will be brought together to help plan projects to alleviate problems. Innovative low-cost solutions such as composting animal and fish offal or creating greenbelts will be funded. (adapted from Ecoatlantic 23, Fall 1991)

The Federal Government introduced a new bill on November 7th, the Wild Animal and Plant Protection Act, a 12.3 million Green Plan initiative designed to limit trafficking in Canadian and foreign endangered species. (release PR-HQ-091-38).

Congratulations to David Biggar, President of the O'Leary Wildlife Federation, on his receipt of the Canadian Recreational Fisheries Award which recognizes the strong contributions he has made to the enhancement of trout and salmon stocks. The Society nominated Mr. Biggar for the award.

Anne Davidson reported that a Black-throated Blue Warbler came to her hummingbird feeder on September 28, 1991, attempting to get to the syrup. She placed a plastic container of syrup hanging below a planter and the warbler perched on the rim and drank the syrup. The bird made 19 visits in 9 hours. (adapted from the Toronto Field Naturalist #423, Nov. 1991)

THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS OF 1991

by Dan McAskill & Gary Schneider

Beautiful telescope views of a Snowy Owl sitting on top of a sand dune close to the Rustico Island Causeway combined with a hot pot-luck lunch and a wood-fire warmed shelter at Dalvay made the December 15th National park Count a memorable day for many of the participants. A special thanks to Jean Ouellette and Roger Hardy of the Canadian Parks Service who found the Snowy Owl and spent 2 hours warming up the shelter and starting the cooking. In all, the counters and feeder watchers seen 44 species.