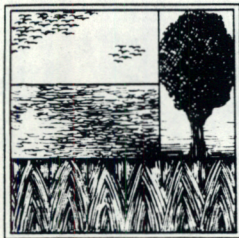


west of the Albany interchange (Rte 1A) at 8:30 a.m.

STURGEON PRIORITY SQUARE: In Sturgeon there are birds as well as fish. Your job is to look around the salt marshes, seacoast farms and woodland and record bird breeding behaviour. Meet trip leader Geoff Hogan at Alliston, junction of Peters Rd. and the Commercial Rd. (Rtes 324 and 4) at 8:30 a.m.

HERMANVILLE PRIORITY SQUARE: The Hermanville square stretches north of Harmony Junction to the Gulf, with many varied habitats including the Townsend Woodlot and Big Pond. Meet trip leader Gerald MacDonald at the tracks at Harmony Junction on the Souris Line Rd (Rte 305) at 8:30 a.m.



ISLAND NATURE TRUST



The third annual fundraising dinner was the best yet with about 300 people in attendance and over \$17,000 profit. The highlight was a goose and duck calling demonstration by Lorne Yeo. There was a lot of interest in the auction, particularly in four original works by Lindee Climo and a salmon fishing trip to Gaspe.

Presentations were made by staff or directors of the Trust to the following:

- The "Tourism and Nature - Opportunities for the Future" conference
- The Transportation Task Force of the provincial Progressive Conservative Party
- Treasury Board's pre-budget hearings
- The proposed new federal Environmental Protection Act
- The 20 Year Forestry Plan Hearings

Four community schools experienced a large attendance at the Trust's course on "The Wild Side of the Isle". This is the third year for the course. Topics ranged from archaeology to nature photography. Additionally, speakers were provided for "variety" courses at other schools.

The scenic roads protection continues on, but at a slower pace now that the four workers hired under CEIC funding have finished. Recommendations on candidate roads and regulations will be made shortly to the Hon. Gilbert Clements, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

The Trust will be participating in joint sponsorship of a display for Environment Week on the new Provincial Conservation Strategy. Other sponsors are the Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island and the Prince Edward Island Wildlife Federation. Funding is provided by Environment Canada.

- Diane Griffin

The conservation strategy for PEI recently approved by the legislature takes a look at a broad range of concerns. Here are some of the highlights:

- long-term fish and wildlife management plans should be drafted for each of the major watersheds; that the province develop an integrated, science-based program of environmental and resource education programs appropriate to Prince Edward island; the PEI Environmental Protection Act should be revised to include the necessity of a permit for the alteration of a stream or water body and water quality control standards for the discharge of effluents into a water body; the development of a system of rustic roads and trails, and scenic lookouts and observation towers at wildlife sites at key locations throughout the province; the need for better soil management; the establishment of a conservation centre to promote and coordinate habitat restoration and resource development initiatives; support for enhancement programs for trout and salmon.