

provinces. Close on its heels, however, came our own Prince Edward Island National Park, established in 1937. By this time, it had become desirable for each province to have at least one national park and New Brunswick followed suit in 1947 with the creation of Fundy National Park. The groundwork was laid for the establishment of a park even before Newfoundland joined Confederation but it was not until 1957 that Terra Nova National Park was officially established.

During the twenty-five odd years since that time, many new national parks have been created to form a total of twenty-nine across Canada. Each of these parks has been established to preserve a particular example of one of our outstanding natural regions as well as other significant features of our national heritage. Protected by the National Parks Act of 1930, Canada's National Parks are dedicated to the benefit, education and enjoyment of all Canadians - now and in the future.

Our national parks are part of a much larger system which also includes more than seventy national historic parks and sites and nine heritage canals. Together, they form a heritage network, created over the past 100 years, of which we should all be proud. Centennial celebrations will be held all across Canada this year. Here in P.E.I., we extend an invitation to Natural History Society members to help us make 1985 a very special year in the P.E.I. National Park.

BIRD REPORT

Great Blue Heron - 1 at Bonshaw River, Dec. 15 (RS)

- 1 in brook Jan. 9 (TC)

Canada Goose - flock at Hermitage Creek in late Nov. & early Dec. (JS)

- 1 at Indian River feeder Dec. 25 (TC)

- flock flying over Dover in late Dec. (PS)

Mallard - 1-2 at Oyster Bed Bridge Jan. 19 (JM)

Black Duck - flock with Canada Geese at Hermitage Creek in late Nov. and early Dec. (JS)

- 6 in the brook at Clark's in Indian River (TC)

- 100+ by Vernon River bridge, mid-Jan. (RR)

- too many to count! Oyster Bed Bridge, Jan. 19 (JM)

Green-winged Teal - 1 at Oyster Bed Br., Jan. 19 (JM)

Common Goldeneye - more than 100 by bridge in Vernon R., mid-Jan (RR)

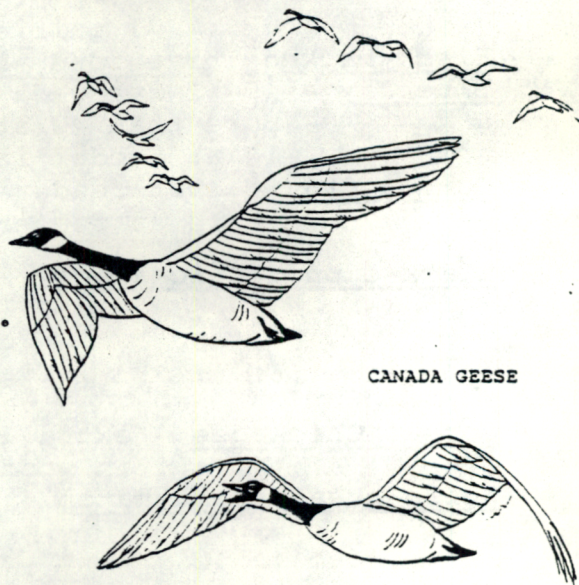
- about 100 at Oyster Bed Br., Jan. 19 (JM)

Barrows Goldeneye - 1-2 males and 2 females at Oyster Bed Br., Jan. 19 (JM)

Merganser - sp. 12-15 in Bonshaw, Jan. 1 (JS)

Common Merganser - 6 in brook at Indian River (TC)

- 15-20 at Oyster Bed Br., Jan 19 (JM)



CANADA GEESE