

ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

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

Society meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.

YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate

- Feb.** - The Public Forest Council is hosting public meetings, hosting an internet comment line, and inviting written presentations/letters to allow Islander's and other interested people to provide their comments on a **new forest policy for Prince Edward Island**. The discussion paper is online at www.gov.pe.ca/go/forestpolicy or contact the Council at 902-368-6450.
- Feb. 8 & 15** - The Public Forest Council will be hosting public meetings to allow Islander's and other interested people to provide their comments on a **new forest policy for Prince Edward Island**. The meetings will run from 7 to 9 pm. On the 8th, the public meeting will be at the Fortune Community Hall while the 15th will be at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- Feb. 16 - Eagles of PEI**, a narrated slide show by Jackie Waddell at 7:00 PM at the Confederation Centre Library with a storm date of Feb. 23.
- Feb. 18 to 21** - The **Great Backyard Bird Count** allows backyard birding enthusiasts to submit their sightings of birds seen in their backyards. Contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society at <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/> or contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or Dwaine Oakley at 569-1815
- Mar. 1** - Randy Dibblee will be the Society's guest speaker with the presentation - **The Wylie Coyote, Sights and Sounds**. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- Mar. 16 - Owls: Whoop Prowls for Owls** presented by Gary Schneider at 7:00 PM at the Confederation Centre Library with a storm date of March 23.
- Apr. 5** - Rick Hawkins will be the Society's guest speaker with the presentation - **Finding Frogs in the P.E.I. National Park**. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
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- Apr. 10 to 16** - National Wildlife Week
- Apr. 15** - Island Nature Trust 21st Annual Fund Raising Dinner at the Delta Prince Edward. To order tickets, call the Trust at 892-7513 or 566-9150
- Apr. 20 - Nature Trails and Scenic Heritage Roads**, a narrated slide show by Jackie Waddell at 7:00 PM at the Confederation Centre Library.
- May 1 to 7** - National Forest Week with the slogan Canada's Forests - A Fine Balance.
- May 3** - Donna Giberson will be the Society's guest speaker with the presentation **Canoes, Bugs, and the Arctic - A Collector's Story**. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- May 14** - This year, International Migratory Bird Day is promoting the theme of "Clear the Way! Reducing Bird Deaths from Collisions. For further info contact <http://birds.fws.gov/imbd/>
- May 28 - Bain Bird Count**. Please submit your lists of sightings to Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or via E-mail to nhspei@isn.net
- Jun. 1 to 7** - Environment Week with the slogan Taking Action for Our Environment
- Jun. 5** - World Environment Day
- Jun. 7** - Pierre D'Aoust will be the Society's guest speaker with the presentation - **Marine Mammals on P.E.I.** The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.

CALL FOR OTHER CRITICAL ISSUES & COMMENTS - A NEW FOREST POLICY:

Forests impact both our quality of life and economy. The forest policy consultations now underway will lead our forest management programs for many years to come. If you feel a critical issue was missed or wish to have your say, please provide your comments (see first item in the Environmental Calendar). So far, the critical issues identified are: public land; forests on unploughed lands, quality of life, education and training, plantations and planting, and forest products.