

THE BIRDS RETURN - 1976

Bird migration is early this year - keeping on schedule with our early spring. At our April meeting several members contributed early arrival dated at the request of John Wright. The earliest dates of arrival are given below:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Date first seen</u>	<u>Observer</u>	<u>Place</u>
Canada Goose (13)	3 March	Earle Hickey	West River Causeway
Robin	21 March	U.P.E.I. students	-
Common Grackle	17 March	Lorna, Grace Wonna-	Sherwood
Red-winged Blackbird	24 March	cott & family Bruce MacLean	Milton
Brown-headed Cowbird	26 March	Bruce MacLean	Milton
Song Sparrow	31 March	Bruce MacLean	Milton
Belted Kingfisher	6 April	John Wright	Orwell
Horned Lark	25 March	John Wright	Mt. Mellick
Killdeer	31 March	John Wright	Head of Montague
Fox Sparrow	21 April	Bruce MacLean	Milton
(Mrs. West, West Royalty, reports fox sparrows at her feeder all winter)			
Ruby Crowned Kinglet	21 April	Bruce MacLean	Milton
Common Flicker	21 April	Bruce MacLean &	Milton
		Earle Hickey	Mt. Stewart
Wilson's Snipe	18 April	Bruce MacLean	Milton
Sparrow Hawk	18 April	Bruce MacLean	Milton

ENVIRONMENT WEEK - 1976

Environment Week on Prince Edward Island is slated for May 14th to May 22nd, starting with Arbor Day and ending with Clean-up Day. The Natural History Society is sponsoring a number of activities including a series of natural history walks for the general public. The schedule has been finalized as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Friday, May 14	Arbor Day - no scheduled walk	
Saturday, May 15 10:00 A.M.	Sand Dune Nature Trail Meet: Basin Head Fisheries Museum, Kingsboro	(Elizabeth MacArthur)
Monday, May 17 7:00 P.M.	Evening Walk - DeRoche Point Meet: at 6:30 P.M., U.P.E.I. Visitors Parking Lot	(Ian MacQuarrie)
Tuesday, May 18 2:00 P.M.	Old Princetown Road Meet: Devil's Punchbowl Provincial Park	(Margaret Mallett)
Wednesday, May 19 7:00 A.M.	Morning Bird Walk Meet: Rustico Island Day Use Area, National Park	(Simon Lunn)
	6:30 P.M. Evening Walk - Bonshaw Hills Trail Meet: West River Bridge	(Bob Perry)
Thursday, May 20 10:00 A.M.	Warren Grove Woodlot and Pond Meet: old Warren Grove School	(John Hughes & Leslie Taylor)
Friday, May 21 7:30 A.M.	Morning Bird Walk Meet: parking lot, Moores Sanctuary, Milltown Cross	(John Wright)

RESULTS OF NATURE SLIDE COMPETITION

The entries in the Society's nature slide competition were shown at the April meeting by Mr. Wendell MacKay. Mr. Roland Taylor, who had acted as the judge, was present to comment on each slide. Later several members said that they had learned some good ideas from Mr. Taylor's remarks. Next year's competition should be better still.

Here are the results: (1) Mary Beth Harris - "Change and Decay"; (2) Diane Griffin - "In Search of Nectar"; (3) Helen Duffy - "One out and Two to go"; (4) Mary Beth Harris - "Touch of Autumn". Honourable Mentions also went to Mary Beth Harris, Helen Duffy, Diane Griffin and Margaret Mallett.