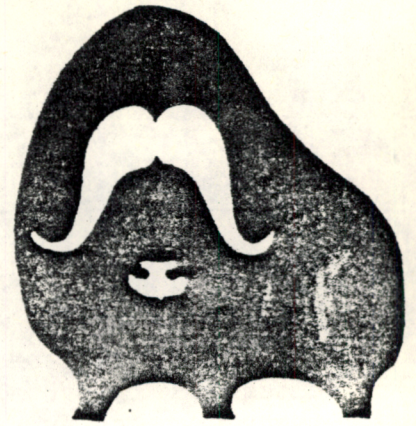


CNF CHOOSES NEW LOGO. The Canadian Nature Federation has selected a new logo - Ovibos the muskox. The design, by Toronto artist and naturalist Eric Nasmith, was chosen from numerous submissions from across Canada. CNF feels Ovibos moschatus is an ideal symbol in many ways. The muskox is a distinctly Canadian animal, but the sketch represents not only the mammal but the philosophy it stands for as well. Here is a special animal with unique habitat requirements, a species whose hard-headed instinct has enabled it to survive in a harsh northern environment. The muskox is also a conservation success story. A combination of climatic change and overhunting by early whalers and Arctic explorers had brought the species to the brink of extinction by the end of the 1800s. Total protection in the early 20th century allowed the muskox to flourish again. Today it is a symbol of naturalists' concern for the future of the north and of their concern for wildlife and habitat in general. CNF will soon begin using the new logo on printed documents and materials. It also has plans to produce gift products and other merchandise featuring Ovibos the muskox.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS. Dates for this year's Christmas Bird Counts have been set to include the period Saturday, December 15th, to Tuesday, January 1st. As usual the Natural History Society will be conducting the two established counts - Hillsborough and Prince Edward Island National Park. Exact dates for these counts will be set at the November meeting of the Society and will be announced in the December Newsletter. Anyone interested in participating in one or both counts should contact the count compiler, Winnie Cairns.

LARGE TURNOUT FOR MUSHROOM WALK. The woods was full of them - mushroom hunters, that is, on the first Sunday afternoon of autumn. The long line of cars parked along the West River Road at St. Catherines caused passing motorists to stop and ask: "What's going on?". About 200 persons spread out along the Bonshaw Hills Trail, some searching for mushrooms, others enjoying a pleasant afternoon walk. On hand to help identify the varied assortment of fungi were Dr. Harold Platt from the Charlottetown Research Station, Dr. Catherine Clough from the Institute of Man and Resources, and Arthur Reddin of the Natural History Society and HOPE. Eight edible varieties were found including Chanterelle, Lactarius, Agaricus, Armillaria, and nine other varieties, some inedible, not recommended or unknown.

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