

successes there led to his appointment as manager of the Provincial Conservation Strategy and secretary to the P.E.I. Environmental Advisory Council, P.E.I. Department of Environment.

Bruce's conservation work has been recognized by the receipt of four awards. In 1987, Bruce won the Sportsman-Conservationist of the Year Award from the Central Queens Branch, P.E.I. Wildlife Federation. This was followed in 1988 by both the Merit Award of the Atlantic Society of Fish and Wildlife Biologists and the Sportsman-Conservationist of the Year Award by the Prince Edward Island Wildlife Federation. In 1990 he won an Appreciation Award from the O'Leary Branch, P.E.I. Wildlife Federation.

For the past 14 years Bruce has been one of the Island's most active conservationists. He has led many initiatives both inside and outside government which have benefitted all. Thanks Bruce. Thanks also to your wife Linda and your son Ben who have given up time that they could have shared with you so that others could benefit.

NEWS FROM ABOUT

The Nordic Ski Association on the Island will be installing a bird feeder at the Nordic Ski Touring Centre in Brookvale. This should afford the skiers using this excellent series of family and championship trails a better opportunity to see the birds which frequent the fields and forest through which the trails wind. The Association will also be erecting nest boxes along the trails to increase the number of potential nesting sites in the younger white spruce stands which have few natural cavities. (from Doug Murray, December, 1990)

Researchers at the University of Toronto are working with algae to determine whether certain species might be useful in trapping pollutants in water. They are working under a \$79,000 Environment Canada contract to identify under what conditions and which species of algae are the best producers of fibrils, microscopic extensions of the algae that act as a microscopic drift-net. As the surface of the algal cell and the fibrils are negatively charged it might be feasible to trap positively charged pollutants. (March, 1990 R&D Bulletin)

The Fish and Wildlife Division staff hosted a workshop on steel shot in November. This workshop provided those in attendance with the best information available on the positive and negative implications of switching from lead based shotshells to steel based shotshells. As lead poisoning of waterfowl, particularly Ring-neck Ducks, has been found in certain ponds and still waters where these birds can ingest lead, this workshop is of interest to all conservationists. (information from Al Godfrey)

There are more than 30,000 species of spiders in the world (perhaps as many as 90,000), of which only a dozen or so are harmful to humans, and then only in self defense. There are no spiders known to be the vectors in the transmission of disease to humans or livestock. Spiders help to control disease in humans by preying upon trillions of mosquitos, flies and other critters which plague us and our domestic animals and plants. (from Nature Study 44:1 Sept/90)

The 29 refineries in Canada process approximately 1.5 million barrels of crude oil daily. On a national basis, the refineries complied with the monthly pollution release limits more than 94% of the time, with the daily limits more than 99% of the time, and with the storm water limits 92% of the time. These numbers indicate an 80%+ reduction of contaminants between 1972 and 1987 according to the Minister of Environment's Press Release. While these mark a