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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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\* APRIL MEETING. The April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6 at 8 p.m. \*  
\* in the Provincial Health Building. Because of the rescheduling of the \*  
\* March meeting to March 9, due to weather, Dr. Lawson Drake will speak at the \*  
\* April meeting on 'Butterflies of P.E.I.'. Andy Dean will give a slide \*  
\* presentation on the 'South Shore of Nova Scotia' at the March meeting. \*

\* MAY MEETING. The last meeting of the season will be held at 8 p.m. on Tue., \*  
\* May 4 in the usual location. Program will feature a showing of members' \*  
\* slides submitted to the Nature Slide Contest, followed by the presentation \*  
\* of prizes to the winners. Traditionally this is one of the best attended \*  
\* meetings of the year, so make a special effort to come. You'll not be \*  
\* disappointed: the slides are always of excellent quality. \*

\* FIRST ANNUAL GREAT AMPHIBIAN HUNT. Each spring on some mild rainy April \*  
\* night, unbeknownst to most of us, amphibians emerge from their winter \*  
\* hibernation quarters and migrate to nearby ponds to mate. On such a night \*  
\* they are often highly visible crawling across rain-slick roads. This year \*  
\* we are hoping to catch them in the act! If you would like to come along \*  
\* leave your name and phone number with Geoff Hogan at 892-4121 (170). Then, \*  
\* when the right night comes, you will receive a call and we will head out to \*  
\* prowl the back roads and pond edges. Be sure to dress very warmly, wear \*  
\* rain gear and rubber boots, and bring along a flashlight, dip-nets and \*  
\* amphibian field guides if you have them. \*

\* INDIAN RIVER AND CAPE TRYON. Each spring the National Wildlife Area at \*  
\* Indian River is one of the best spots in the province to find the greatest \*  
\* variety of migrating and nesting duck species. Meet at the YMCA in Ch'town \*  
\* at 9 a.m. or at the Indian River Sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Sat., May 15. In \*  
\* the afternoon we will proceed to Cape Tryon to observe Great and Double- \*  
\* crested cormorants nesting on the high cliffs of the cape. Dress warmly. \*  
\* Bring a lunch and binoculars. Field trip leader is Geoff Hogan (892-4121, \*  
\* ext. 170). \*

\* FRANCIS BAIN BIRDATHON. The fifth annual Francis Bain Birdathon will be held \*  
\* on Sat. May 29. All birds recorded during the 24 hours of the day are \*  
\* eligible to be counted. Also please note any additional species observed \*  
\* during the 3 days before and after the Birdathon day. Contact the organizer \*  
\* Geoff Hogan at 892-4121 (170) for information on available counting areas, \*  
\* so that counters will be well distributed across the whole province. Last \*  
\* year our total number of species fell to 97, so let's try hard to improve \*  
\* this year. A pot-luck supper is planned to conclude the day. Anyone able \*  
\* to volunteer his or her home for the supper should contact the organizer. \*

\* WATCH FOR NEWS OF OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS \*

\* ENVIRONMENT WEEK - approximately the third week of May. \*

\* FILM NIGHT - nature films for the whole family \*

\* BONSHAW HILLS - hike and trail clean-up \*

\* ISLAND NATURE TRUST - annual meeting on May 20. \*

\* ARBOR DAY - plant a tree on Friday, May 21. \*

\* BIRDS AND BREAKFAST - at P.E.I. National Park in late May. \*

\* VALLEYFIELD WOODLOT - spring in the woods in early June. \*

\* TYNE VALLEY - annual 'up-west' trip in mid-June. \*

\* GREAT BLUE HERON CENSUS - late June and early July. \*