

Long Point region. The facilities of the Observatory are open to both amateur naturalists and professional biologists. It is a non-profit corporation, financed largely by grants, donations, and membership subscriptions.

LPBO has been instrumental in developing excellent interactive programs to combine the person power of amateur birders with the needs for consistent data for biological research. This has resulted in Project FeederWatch and the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey. The former project uses 8,000 winter bird feeders to compile data on bird population fluctuations throughout the United States and Canada while the latter monitors the Common Loon's reproductive success in relation to lake acidification. In 1989 the loon surveys resulted in the monitoring of 457 waterbodies.

These large scale volunteer programs expand upon the use of volunteers at Long Point for the monitoring and banding of migrating birds using this flyway across Lake Erie and its many other bird related projects. If you would like to support the work of LPBO or find out more about their programs contact the Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario NOE 1M0. To participate in Project FeederWatch send \$12.00, to become a member (separate from the former) send \$20 for regular, \$10 for student, \$15 for retired, \$25 for family, or, if you can afford more, consult LPBO at 519-586-3531 for special categories of support.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

- September 15: NHS Picnic at Jean and Wendell MacKay's home in Stanley Bridge.
- Mid-September: Identify your trees for fall lifting with flagging or markers so that they can be easily identified after the leaves drop. A free copy of Native Trees and Shrubs of P.E.I. is available from the Department of Energy and Forestry at 854-2015 in Wellington, 368-4800 in Charlottetown, or 961-2172 at Southampton.
- September 19: Rails to Trails will meet at the Farm Centre at 7:30 P.M. The talk will involve the growth of cycling and its tourism opportunity.
- September 21 -22: "The Edible Wild" weekend workshop at the Strathgartney Inn will feature Dr. Katherine Clough. For more information on this and the following workshop contact the Island Nature Trust at 566-9150.
- September 25: The Charlottetown Ducks Unlimited fund raising diner will be held at the CP Prince Edward. Tickets are \$45 each and include a years membership in Ducks Unlimited. Its a great evening and conserves wetlands.
- September 25: The Pesticide Registration Review Team will hold a public meeting to hear briefs in Charlottetown. See News from About, page 11.
- September 28 - 29: This second nature weekend will feature "Saltmarshes and Shorelines" and it will be led by Dr. Katherine Clough.
- October 1: Recommended deadline for submitting Nest Record Cards to Canadian Wildlife Service.
- October 2: The Natural History Society's fall meeting program will commence at the Farm Center, University Avenue, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Scott Makepeace will speak and show slides on the forest birds of Prince Edward Island.
- November 6: The Natural History Society's monthly meeting will be held at the Farm Center starting at 7:30 P.M. The speaker will be announced at the next meeting.