

SPRINGTIME

by Sean Curley

When the air is sweet and the snow is clear
 Springtime comes every year.
 The leaping frog and the budding tree
 Springtime comes to you and me.
 The singing bird and the swimming fish
 Who's caught and cooked on a family dish.
 The green grass and the bright blue sky
 The tiny moth and the butterfly.
 While the farmers farm and the air turns warm
 Baby birds are laid and born.
 The hopping rabbit and the squirrel in the tree
 The blooming flower and the buzzing bee
 The red fox and the grey owl
 And the black and white skunk who starts to prowl.
 There are so many things to hear and see
 Springtime comes to you and me.

SOCIETY LOSES LONG TERM MEMBERS

Members of the Society were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of two of its founding members and a long term member.

Margaret E. Mallett, one of the Society's founding members, served as the Secretary Treasurer of the Society for its first 17 years and was author for the Society's 20 year history in 1989. Margaret was very active with the field events of the Society and her wonderful photographs thrilled those fortunate enough to see them. Active until the last few years, Margaret died at age 84 on December 30th at Sunset Lodge.

Ruth I. Ross was a Society founding member, conducted the first meeting of the new Society on November 13, 1969, and was the inaugural lunch committee convenor. Margaret dedicated the Society's history in part to her for the key role she played in bringing the Society to life.

Nora Longworth graced many events of the Society and added a special spirit to many of the birding events, particularly the Bain Birdathon.

The Society expresses its condolences to the family's of these special members. They will be missed.

FEEDERWATCH NORTH

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During the winter of 1994-95, 52 feeder watchers in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland participated in Long Point Bird Observatory and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch. The average number of birds seen at feeders during the winter of 1994-95 are shown on the right.

MARITIMES

| Species Name | Pct. feeders visited | Mean # per feeder | Mean # where present |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Black-capped Chickadee | 98.11 | 2.69 | 3.76 |
| Blue Jay | 96.23 | 1.66 | 3.54 |
| Dark-eyed Junco | 88.68 | 1.34 | 5.09 |
| American Goldfinch | 84.91 | 2.60 | 9.63 |
| American Crow | 79.25 | 0.77 | 2.92 |
| Purple Finch | 69.81 | 0.23 | 2.90 |
| Evening Grosbeak | 64.15 | 0.59 | 8.10 |
| Downy Woodpecker | 64.15 | 0.24 | 1.31 |
| Pine Siskin | 56.60 | 0.21 | 4.49 |
| European Starling | 54.72 | 0.41 | 7.67 |