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Mr. Harry Martin of Cartwright, Labrador was named the first recipient of the Quebec-Labrador Foundation's "Caring for the Earth Award". This award recognizes his efforts as both a conservation officer and for his volunteer work to help restore depleted populations of Eider Ducks, Atlantic salmon, Peregrine Falcons, and other species.

#### **NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED:**

The Natural History Society sends hearty congratulations to the following individuals and organizations that have recently published educational books on the Island's natural history:

- o Gary Schneider, Katherine Poole, Liz Dacombe, and Ruth Richman on the publication of *More Native Trees and Shrubs*. This publication covers 11 species and the establishment of community nurseries. It is available from the Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project.
- o The Island Nature Trust for *Life at the Edge* written by Kate MacQuarrie and illustrated by P. John Burden celebrates life on the edge of the sea.
- o Gwenda Wells for *Island Ecotrails* a resource guide for Community based ecological planning and action along the Prince Edward Island Confederation Trail. This book was co-published by Island Nature Trust and Island Trails.

#### **BIRD SPECIMENS WANTED:**

The Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island has obtained a permit to salvage specimens for educational purpose. They need your help in putting the collection of particular specimens together. Should you have a window strike kill or find a freshly killed bird, please contact Gary Schneider at 902-583-3068 to see if its one of the ones they require. Potential specimens should be placed in a plastic bag which is then sealed and placed in a second plastic bag. Print in pencil on a piece of paper: the date; time; community where it was found; your name, address, and phone number plus the cause of death if known. Place the data sheet in the outside bag then seal it and place the package in a freezer.

Mounting birds or preparing study skins is expensive and ECOPEI could use your assistance in contributing funds for the development of the mounts and skins. Tax creditable receipts will be issued for all donations. Please identify donations for use in this project.

#### **BUMPER CROP OF CONES:**

J. Dan McAskill

This year, white spruce trees have taken on a decidedly brown appearance that has caused many people to wonder if the trees are in trouble. Fortunately, the brown appearance is the result of a bumper crop of cones and not due to an insect outbreak or a disease.

Each of our native trees species follows a regular cycle of good and