

A Canadian Ornithological Group??

Glen Fox from Ottawa has proposed the formation of a Canadian Ornithological Group which would be composed of professional ornithologists, students and serious amateur birders. This group could establish better communication between ornithologists in Canada and make recommendations to policy makers and granting agencies. At this stage they would not produce a journal. If the ornithology group became part of the Wildlife Biology Section of the Canadian Society of Zoologists it would have an official status and an official publication outlet, the Canadian Journal of Zoology. Presently some provincial groups (e.g., Quebec and Ontario) are organized and meet annually to present papers. This has developed a good feeling for who is doing what in these two provinces.

Mr. Fox would like to establish a mailing list of all those interested in supporting such an organization. His list of names for the Mairtimes is particularly impoverished and therefore those of you who would like to become members are urged to write to him indicating your interest. Your name will be placed on a permanent mailing list and you will be notified of all future developments.

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First Annual Outing of the Prince Edward Island
Natural History Society

"By the kindness of Hon. Mr. Bentley, the Rocky Point Sailboat was placed at the disposal of the society for today. As extended notice as possible having been given about eighteen people assembled for the outing including, the President, Mrs. and Miss Laird, the Secretary, Mr. Francis Bain, Mr. John Newson and Miss Newson, Mr. W. Brown and Miss Brown, Mrs. S.T. MacDonald and Miss _____, Professor Shuttleworth, Miss C. McNeill, Miss Weeks.

Sail was set direct for St. Peters Island, where landed, the party lunched and afterward subdivided into small parties each going whither tastes led.

Unhappily a sudden squall came up during the progress of which, all the party boarded the boat except for Mr. Bain and Watson and Mr. Bain's son, who were left upon the Island while the boat returned to Charlottetown, where it landed its passengers at about eight o'clock.

By the kindness of one of the farmers of St. Peters Island, Messers Bain and Watson and the boy were driven across the bar and landed on the mainland driving from the landing place to Rocky Point (where Mr. Watson was then living and) whence Mr. Bain and his son moved to their home across the West River.

All the party gathered bunches of the Rabbit-foot Clover (Trifolium arvense) and among the many fossils discovered was one beautiful base of the shaft of the Calamasfigas which Mr. Bain carried home through all the vicissitudes of the afternoon."

"L.W.W. Sec'y"
Lawrence Watson
Wednesday, August 13, 1890.

Second Annual Excursion

"It was August 22nd, 1891, the Natural History Society took its annual outing. The intention was to visit Governor's Island, but a high wind prevailing prevented this. After considerable delay at Pownal wharf, the company consisted of the President and Executive Com. and about a dozen members and friends, left in the Rocky Pt. ferry boat and landed in the cove near Block-house Point - where they enjoyed their lunch under the ancestral spruce shadows. Then several hours were spent in studying the Botany and Geology of the