

## ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR:

*Note: All Society presentations and field trips are open to the public.*

**YN = young naturalists encouraged to attend or participate**

- Dec. 1 to Feb. 28, 2002** - Eric Marcum has invited all birders to contribute their sightings to the Island Naturalist to be compiled into a complete list of winter birds.
- Dec. 14** - A new Christmas Bird Count is being organized by Vernon Laux for East Point. You can contact Vernon at 508-693-8070 in Martha's Vineyard or at his North Lake home on Dec. 12 at 902-~~696-9960~~. For those participants venturing a distance, he has some space to offer a place to sleep and food. *357-2770*
- Dec. 15** - P.E.I. National Park Audubon Christmas Bird Count. There will be a pot-luck at lunch at the Dalvay Interpretive Centre. Field counters must pay a \$5 registration fee while feeder watchers within the count area can participate free of charge. Contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at [nhspei@isn.net](mailto:nhspei@isn.net) for information or to register.
- Dec. 16** - The Montague Christmas Bird Count. This is an unregistered CBC and is therefore free of charge for participants. Contact Gary Schneider at 659-2081 or E-mail at [garyschneider@pie.sympatico.ca](mailto:garyschneider@pie.sympatico.ca) for information to register.
- Dec. 29** - P.E.I. National Park Audubon Christmas Bird Count. There will be a pot-luck after the event for participants. Field counters must pay a \$5 registration fee while feeder watchers within the count area can participate free of charge. Contact Dan McAskill at 569-4351 or E-mail at [nhspei@isn.net](mailto:nhspei@isn.net) for information to register.
- Jan. 8** - Jim Jenkins will be the quest speaker at the Natural History Society's Annual General Meeting with the presentation "Tuna Flights: A Story of Migration". The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown.
- Jan. 13** - A Natural History Society birding outing led by Eric Marcum starting from the Farm Centre on University Ave. at 8:00 am. This is an all day trip by car pool so please bring a lunch. It will be rescheduled if the weather is inclement.
- Feb. 5** - Glenn Roberts will be the quest speaker at the Natural History Society's Annual General Meeting with a presentation on astronomy. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Farm Centre on University Avenue in Charlottetown. A field trip to view the stars and other night sky phenomena will be arranged for later in the week for those who wish it. Registration will be after the talk.
- Feb. 15 to 18** - A good way to beat the winter blues - participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Its free and anyone with access to a computer can enter their results on-line at [http://birdsource.cornell.edu/gbbc/toc\\_page.html](http://birdsource.cornell.edu/gbbc/toc_page.html)
- Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, & Jun. 4** - Natural History Society meetings starting at 7:30 pm. Guest speakers to be announced in next newsletter.
- Apr. 19** - Island Nature Trust's Annual Fund Raising Dinner & Auction at the Delta Prince Edward. Contact 566-9150 for tickets or to donate auction or raffle items.



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Rare rush found at Greenwich (page 6)