

Harris; Hilda Hilchey; David & Dude Holman; Ben Hoteling; Sandra Hume; Connie Ings; Gordon Jackson; Evelyn Jenkins; Ken Jenkins; Barb and Sonny Johnson; Marnie Johnson; Lila Jones; Mary Kickham; Alfred Laybolt; Louise Leeco; Keith Lewis; Gene Lund; Gerald MacDonald; Kenny A. MacDonald; Margaret MacDonald; Hillard MacKinnon; Alan & Faye MacPhee; Virginia MacSwain; Margaret Mair; Gisele Martin; Dan McAskill; Janice, Arlene & Paul McGuigan; Linda Munroe; Gene Mutch; Carol & Wilfred Nicholson; Dwaine Oakley; Melva O'Connor-Rafuse; Roberta Palmer; Brenda Penak, Bruce Pigot; Cef, Wendy & Kate Pobjoy; Clem Reid; Ivan & Freda Reid; Ruth Richman; Maurice Roy; Ron Russell; June Sanderson; Gary Schneider; Anne Stewart; D.G. Stewart; John Stewart; Linda Thomas; Reg & Jean Thompson; Reg & Jill Thompson; Carole Townsend; Liz Townsend; Medeleine Venart; Dorota Wadowska; John Warren; Jean Watts; Blair Wood, Winston and Marguerite Wood; Pat & Ann Wootton; and Glenda Wright.

LEG BANDED GULL ALERT:

Kouchibouguac National Park wardens have requested our assistance to look for any of 47 Herring Gulls or 1 Great Black-backed Gulls on which they placed a red plastic leg band on the right leg. This leg banding study is an effort to ascertain the winter distribution of these gulls who were live trapped and banded at Tern Island. The hypothesis they are testing is that these birds are remaining near the colony in winter by feeding on smelt fishery by-catches which fishers throw on the ice surface. Please report any sightings of these birds, their location and the date seen to Benoit Richard at Kouchibouguac National Park, Kouchibouguac, NB EOA 2A0 or telephone 506-876-2443.



BIRD SPECIMENS WANTED:

The Macphail Woods Ecological Forestry Project staff wish to obtain road kill and window kill bird specimens to augment their teaching collections. If you find such a specimen, please contact Gary Schneider so that it can be properly preserved and prepared for their collection. Gary can be contacted at 583-3068.

NEW MARINE PLANT:

by Jim Jenkins

A specimen of seaweed was brought into the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last fall for identification. It was dark green, springy like Jell-O, looked like a finger sponge, bushy in appearance, and about ten inches in height. The staff searched their minds and their reference texts.

The culprit was identified as *Codium fragile*, a green marine seaweed. *Codium* has a variety of common names such as "Sputnik weed" since it was found just after the launching of the sputnik satellite, deadman's fingers, spaghetti grass, and green fleece. It was introduced, we believe, from Europe to the Eastern United States, around Long Island, in 1957. It may have been a passenger on the many freighters plying the oceans. Since then, *Codium* has spread along the coast, reaching Nova Scotia a few years ago. Unknown to local people, it was found just over a year ago, along the Nova Scotia coast, near Pictou. This was the first recording in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.